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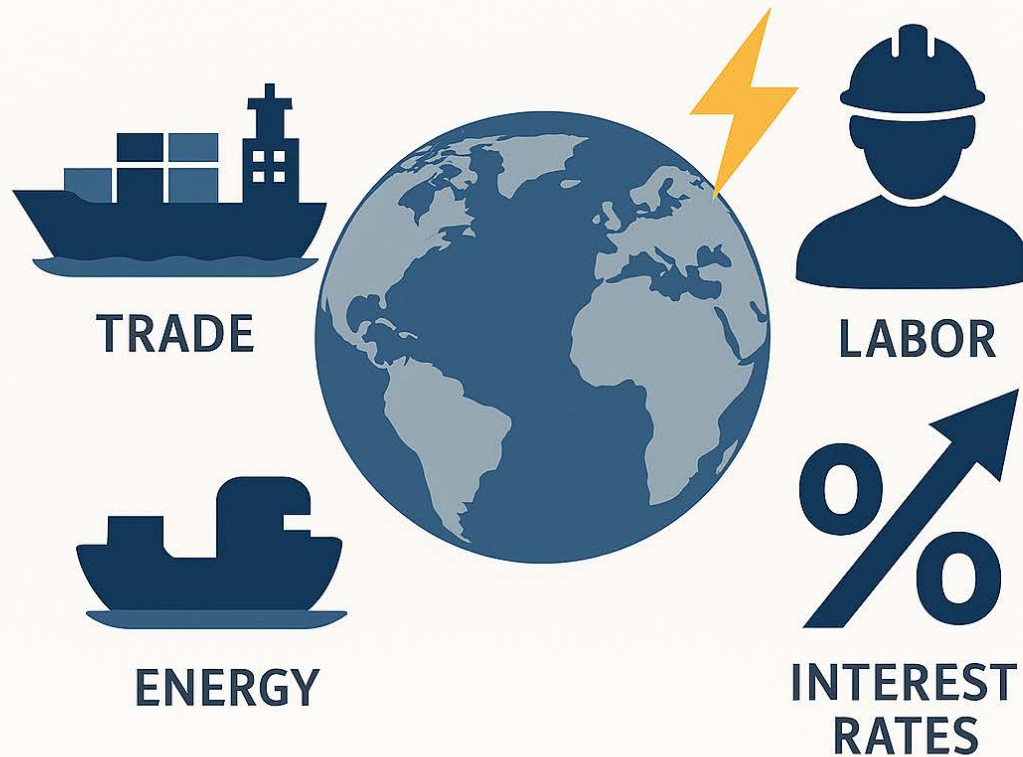
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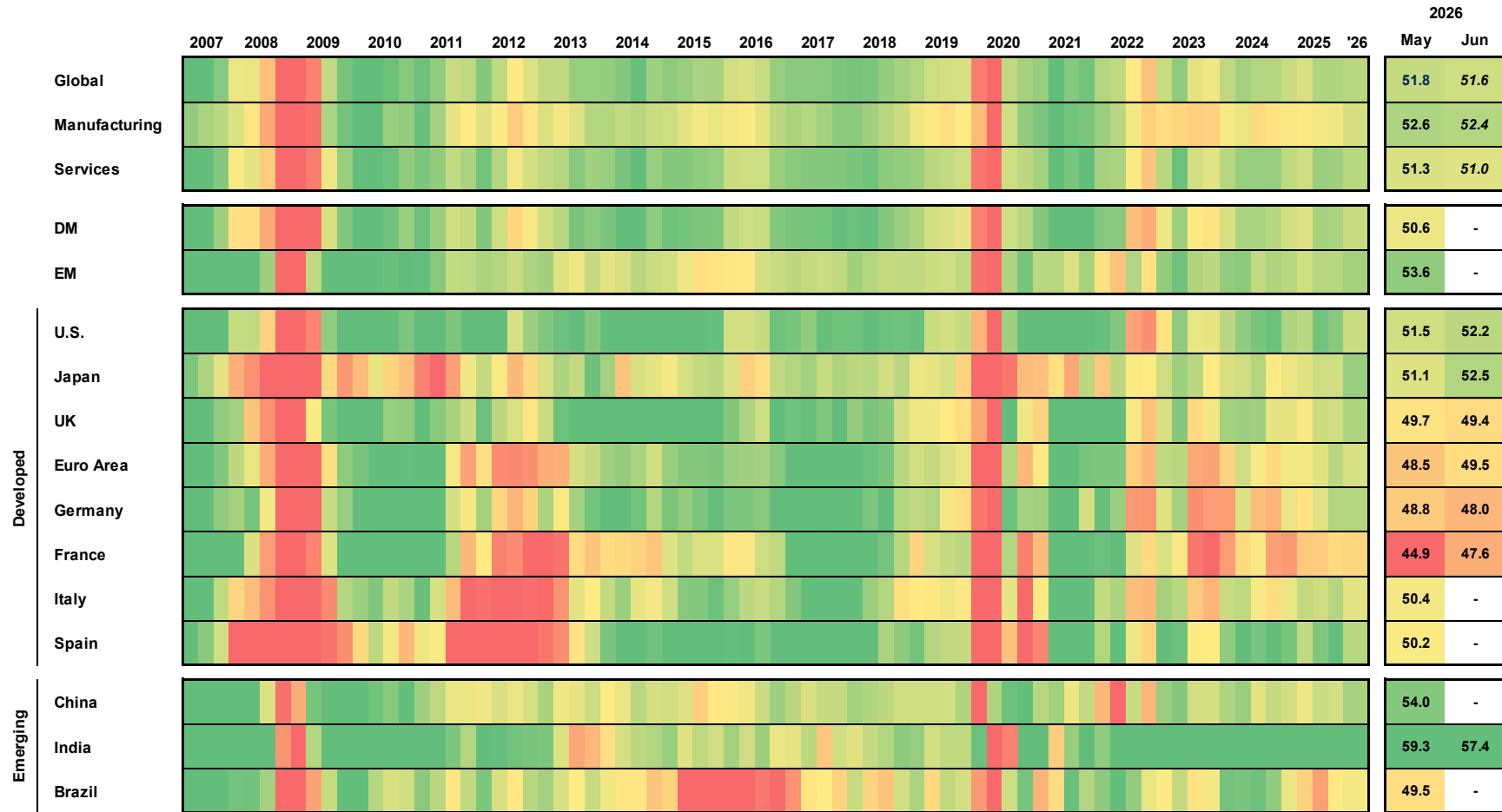
Global economic activity momentum

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Global Composite (manufacturing & services combined) Purchasing Managers' Index, quarterly



Source: J.P. Morgan Economic Research, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Any italicized figures represent estimates by J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The Composite PMI includes both manufacturing and services sub-indices. Heatmap colors are based on PMI relative to the 50 level, which indicates acceleration or deceleration of the sector, for the period shown. Heatmap is based on quarterly averages, except for the two most recent figures, which are single month readings. Data for the U.S. are back-tested and filled in for 2007 to 2009. Data for Japan are back-tested and filled in for the first two quarters of 2007. DM and EM represent developed markets and emerging markets, respectively.

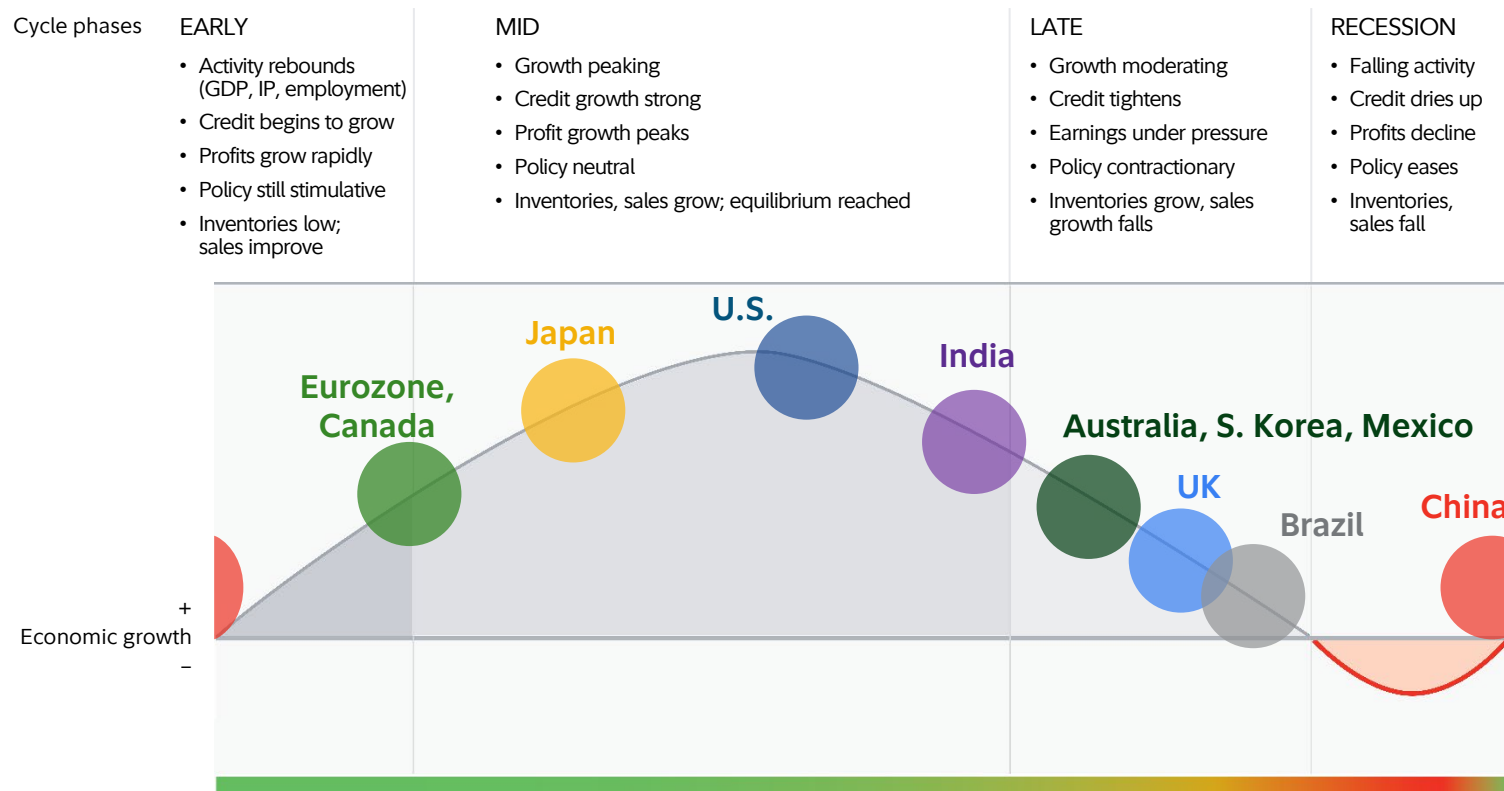
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Global business cycle remains in an unsynchronized expansion

The global economy remains in a solid, albeit unsynchronized, expansion as countries continue to face a range of fiscal, monetary, and geopolitical crosscurrents. The U.S. demonstrated mid-cycle dynamics with solid economic activity over the quarter, including early signs of recovery in the labor market. While domestic activity in China remained subdued, cyclical momentum in most developed-market economies stayed intact even amidst elevated energy prices and supply-chain disruptions.

Business cycle framework

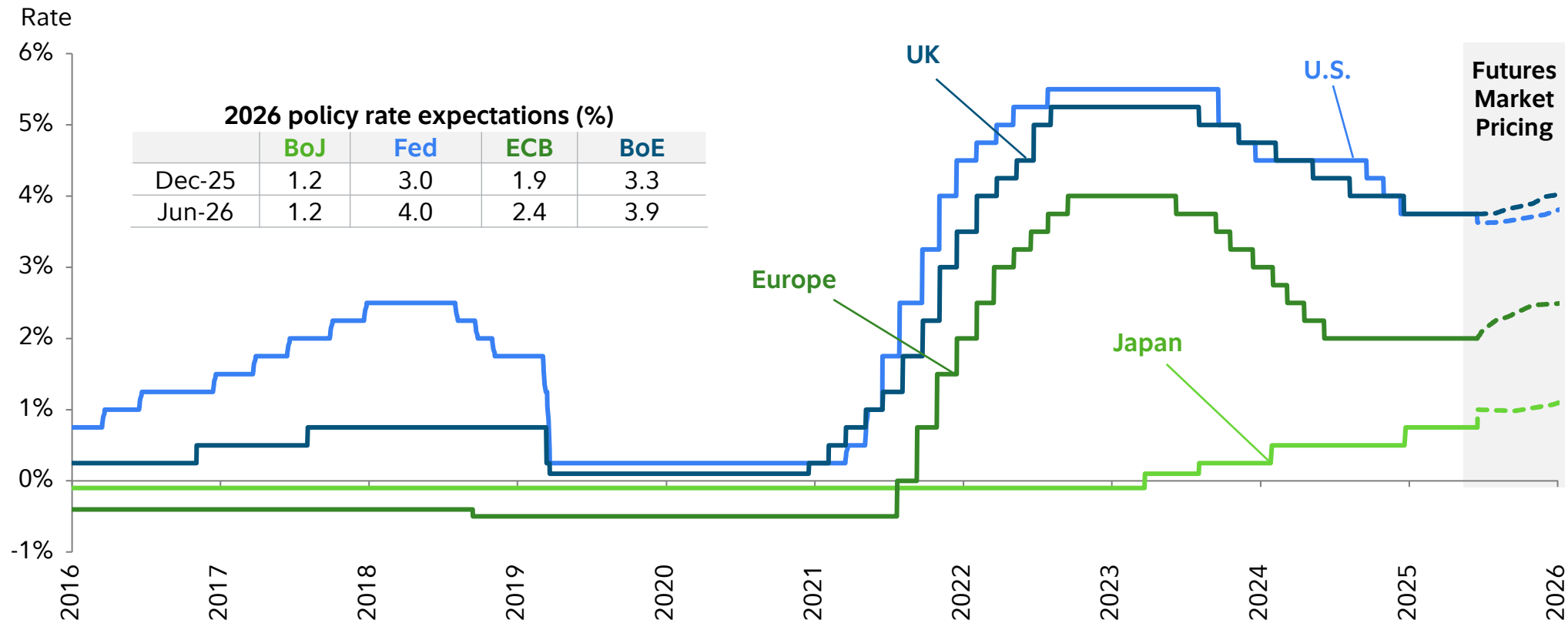


A growth recession is a significant decline in activity relative to a country's long-term economic potential. Note: The diagram above is a hypothetical illustration of the business cycle, the pattern of cyclical fluctuations in an economy over a few years that can influence asset returns over an intermediate-term horizon. There is not always a chronological, linear progression among the phases of the business cycle, and there have been cycles when the economy has skipped a phase or retraced an earlier one. Source: Fidelity Investments (AART), as 6/30/26.

Inflation fears inject a hawkish tone from global central banks

After most developed-market central banks eased monetary policy in recent years, higher oil prices and other stubborn components of core inflation caused central banks to shift more hawkish in efforts to keep inflation tame. As of the end of Q2, markets expect interest-rate hikes during 2026 and into next year. Markets have so far been able to digest the tightening bias from central banks, but if inflation stays elevated, monetary policy markers' reaction to inflation could be a key risk to financial conditions and borrowing rates.

Global short-term policy rates

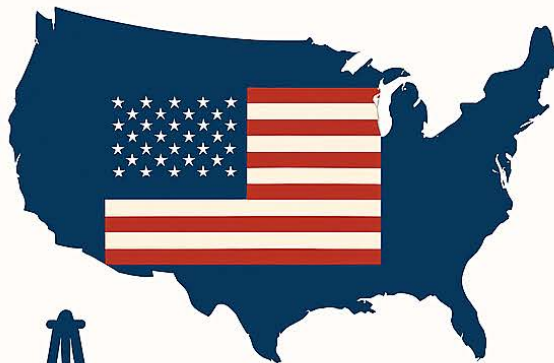




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Labor market dynamics

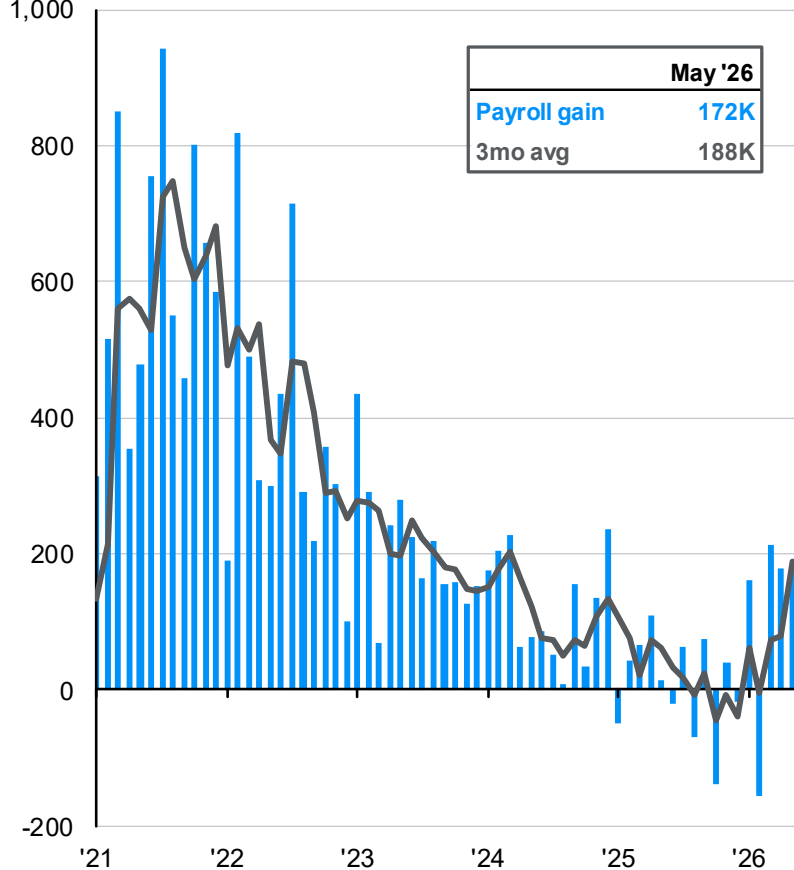
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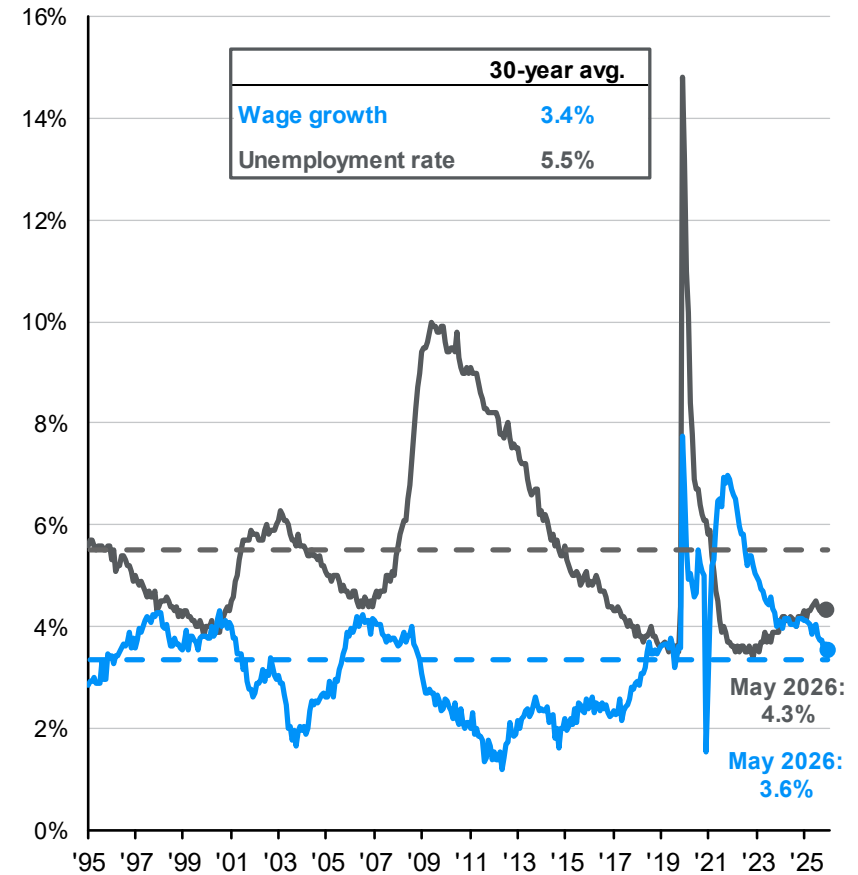
Nonfarm payroll gains

Month-over-month change and 3-month moving average, thousands, SA
1,000



Civilian unemployment rate and annual wage growth

Private production and non-supervisory workers, seasonally adjusted, %



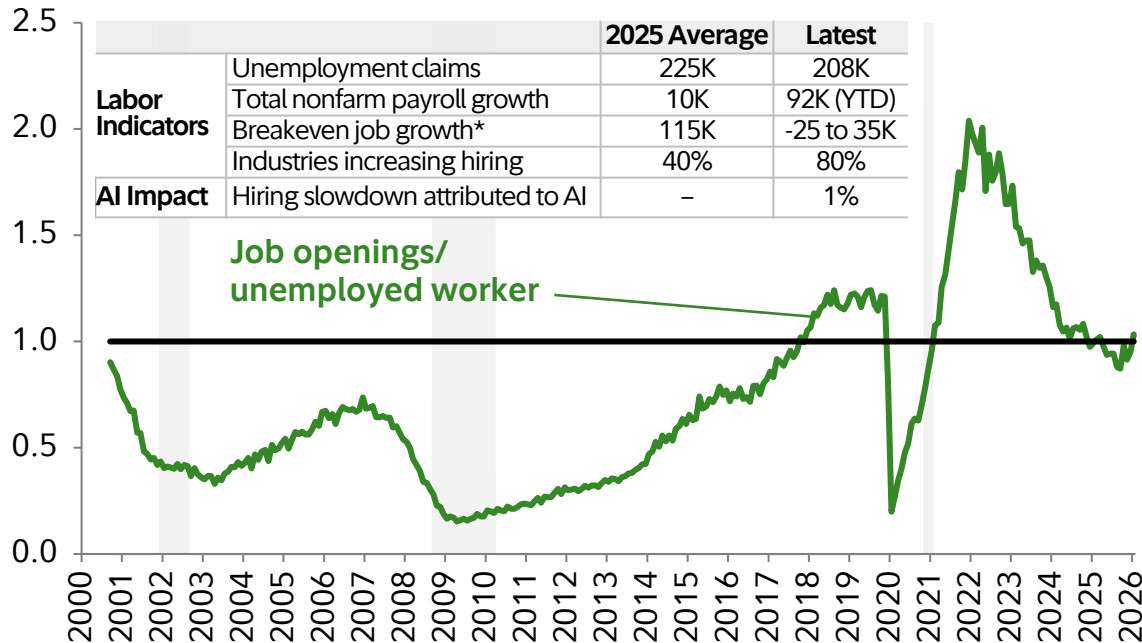
Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Private production and non-supervisory jobs represent just over 80% of total private nonfarm jobs.
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Labor market rebounded on strong demand and tight supply

Last year represented a cooling labor market with an average of around 10,000 payrolls created per month, but broad AI-related layoffs remained low. The first half of 2026 exhibited tightening labor conditions as payroll growth started to expand, signs of broadening emerged across industries, and unemployment claims remained low. Growing demand for labor and a slowing supply of workers from tighter immigration policy and aging demographics kept the unemployment rate subdued, reinforcing the mid-cycle expansion.

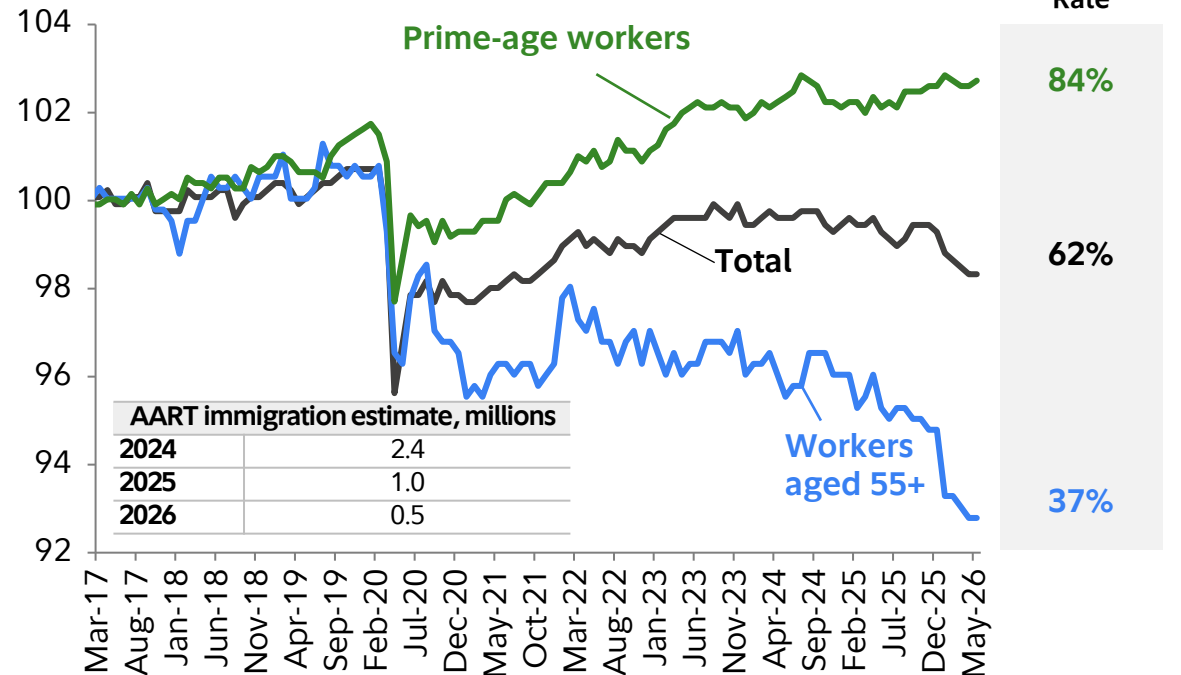
U.S. labor market dynamics

Ratio



Labor force participation

2017 = 100



LEFT: Shading denotes recessions. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, Macrobond, Fidelity Investments (AART) as of 4/30/26. TABLE: Unemployment claims are a 1 month moving average of weekly initial unemployment claims. *Monthly payrolls needed to keep unemployment rate from rising. Breakeven job growth estimates are based on AART proprietary immigration and demographic estimates. Industries increasing hiring shows share of industries from ADP report with positive monthly job growth. Source: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Department of Labor, Hosseini Maasoum, Seyed Mahdi and Lichtinger, Guy, Generative AI as Seniority-Biased Technological Change: Evidence from U.S. Résumé and Job Posting Data (August 31, 2025). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5425555> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5425555>, Macrobond, Fidelity Investments (AART) as of 6/30/26. Breakeven job growth and ADP data are as of 5/31/26. Nonfarm payroll data is as of 6/30/26. RIGHT: Prime age refers to workers aged 25-54. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 5/31/26. TABLE: AART proprietary immigration estimates are calendar year estimates of net immigration. Source: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 6/30/26.



Artificial intelligence: Capabilities and adoption

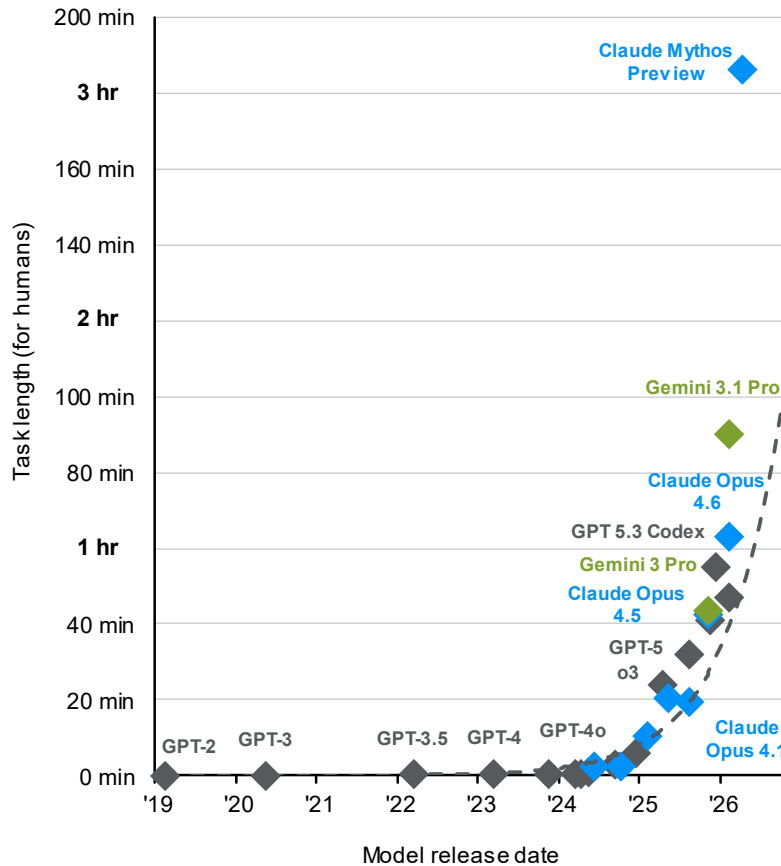
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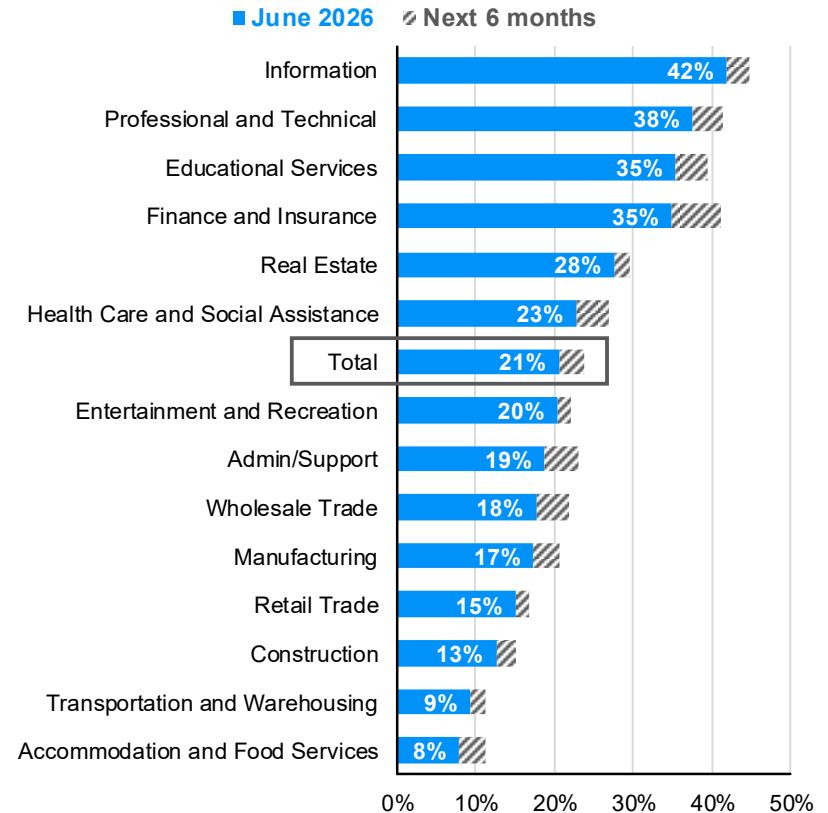
Length of tasks AI agents can autonomously complete

Time to complete tasks at 80% success, by model*



Businesses using AI in any business function

% of all firms reporting use of AI applications



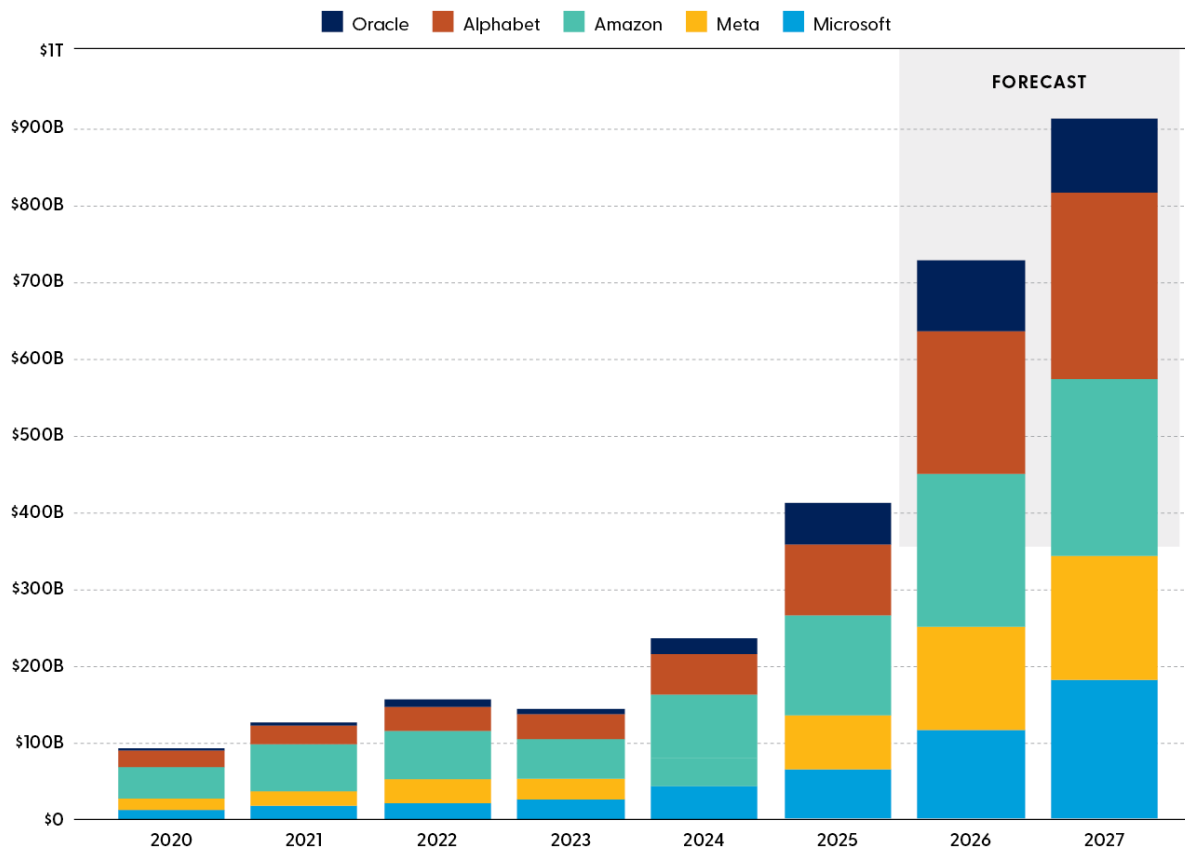
Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) METR, "Measuring AI Ability to complete long tasks"; (Right) Census Business Trends and Outlook Survey.

The length of tasks (measured by how long they take skilled human professionals) that generalist frontier model agents can complete autonomously with 80% reliability has been doubling approximately every 7 months for the last 6 years. *METR looks exclusively at multi-step software engineer, cybersecurity, general reasoning and machine learning tasks that require low or no prior context and are self-contained units of work.

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Hyperscaler Capital Expenditures Continue to Rise

Source: LPL Research, Bloomberg
06/30/26
Oracle's fiscal year ends May 31. All
other companies report on a calendar
year basis. Estimates may not
materialize as predicted and are subject
to change.





Components of GDP growth

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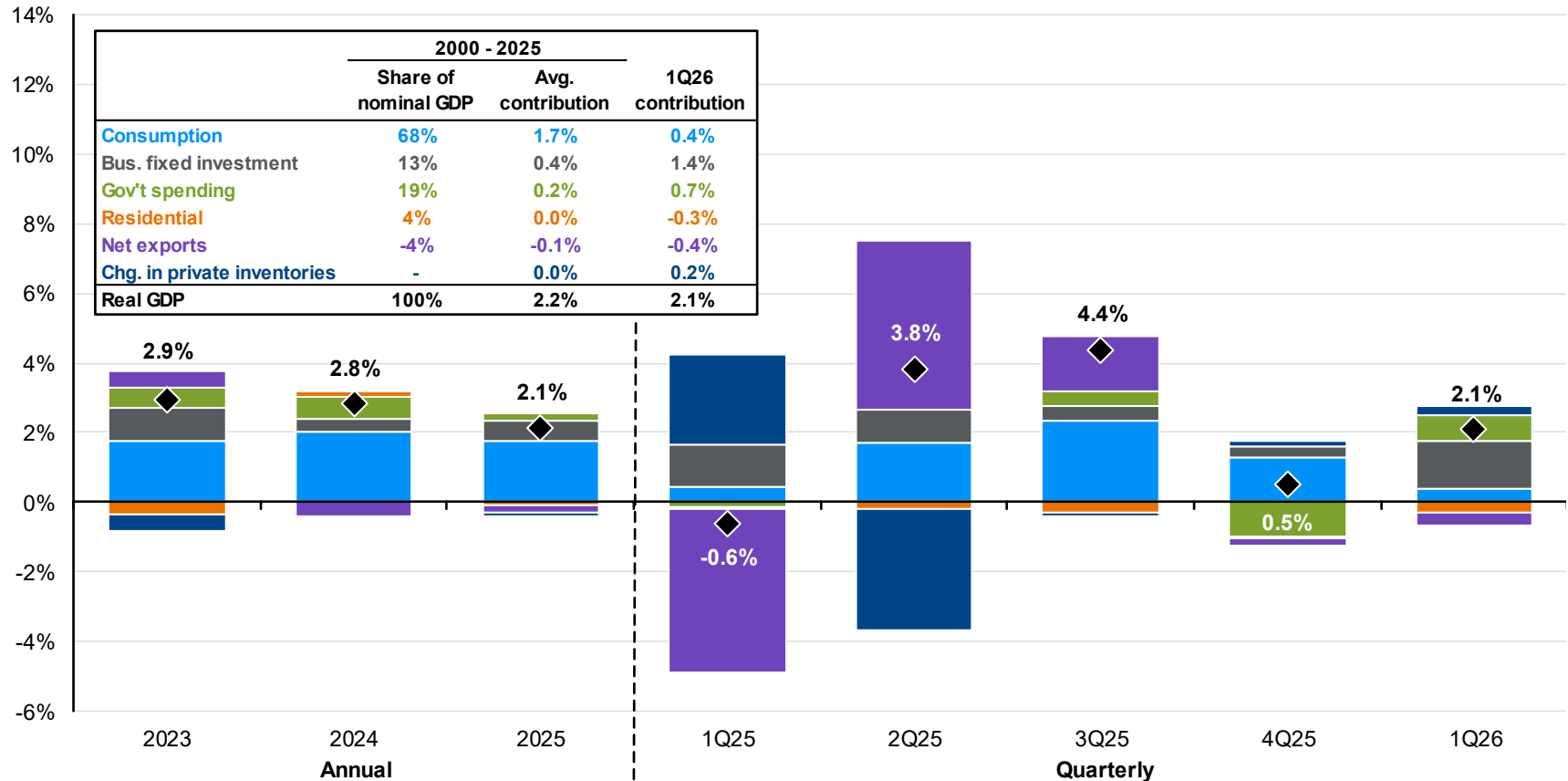
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Economy

Contributors to real GDP growth

Seasonally adjusted annualized rate



Source: BEA, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
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Inflation components

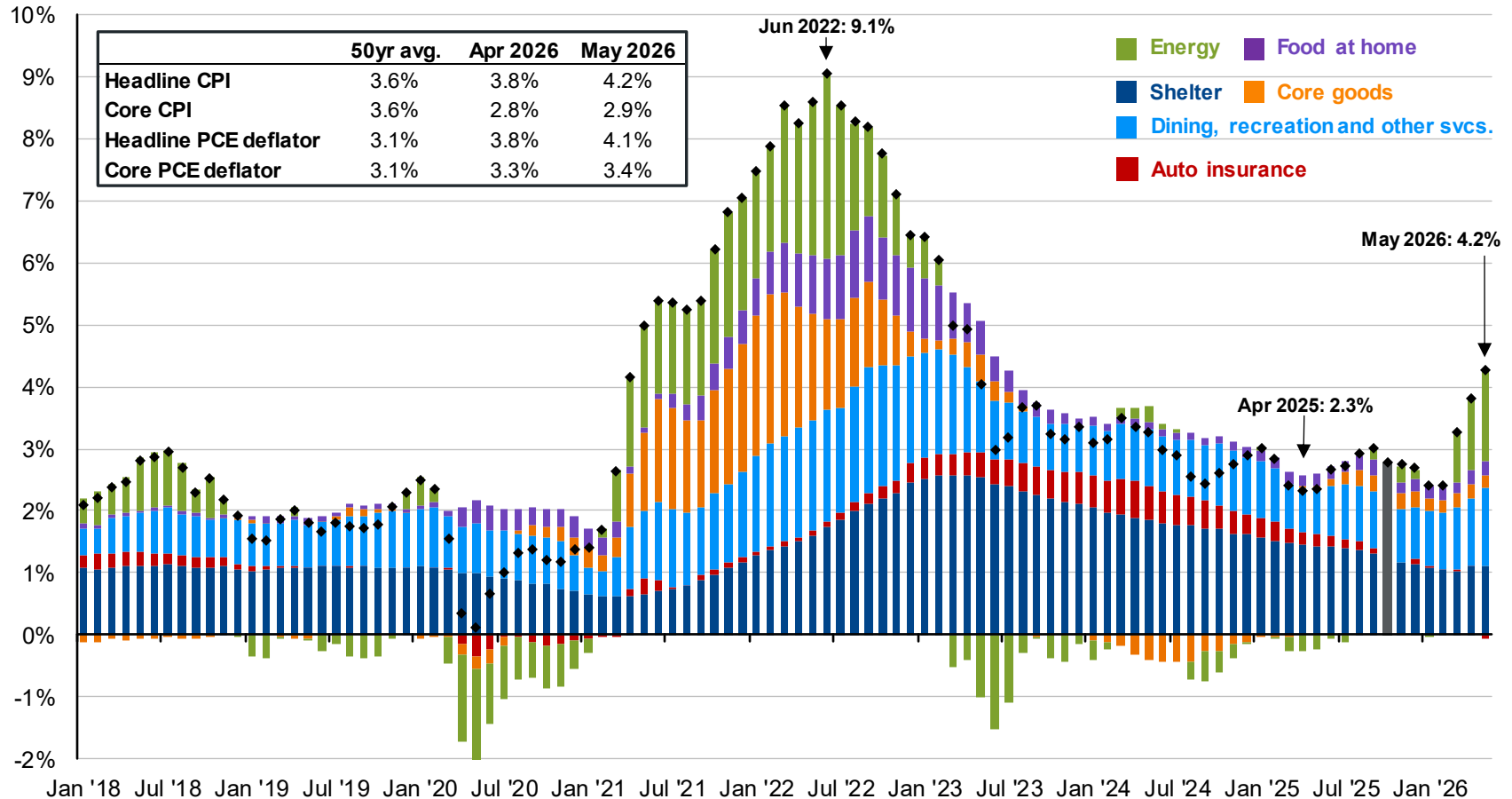
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Contributors to headline CPI inflation

Contribution to year-over-year % change in CPI, non-seasonally adjusted



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Contributions mirror the BLS methodology on Table 7 of the CPI report. Values may not sum to headline CPI figures due to rounding and underlying calculations. "Shelter" includes owners' equivalent rent, rent of primary residence and tenants' and household insurance. "Food at home" includes alcoholic beverages. Headline and core PCE deflator inflation shown are based on seasonally adjusted data due to data availability. Official October 2025 data unavailable due to government shutdown and data shown are J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates.
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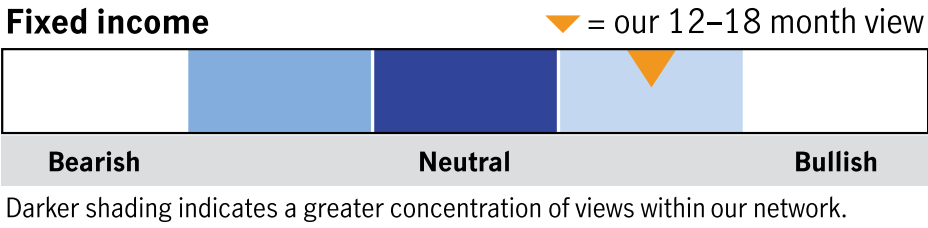


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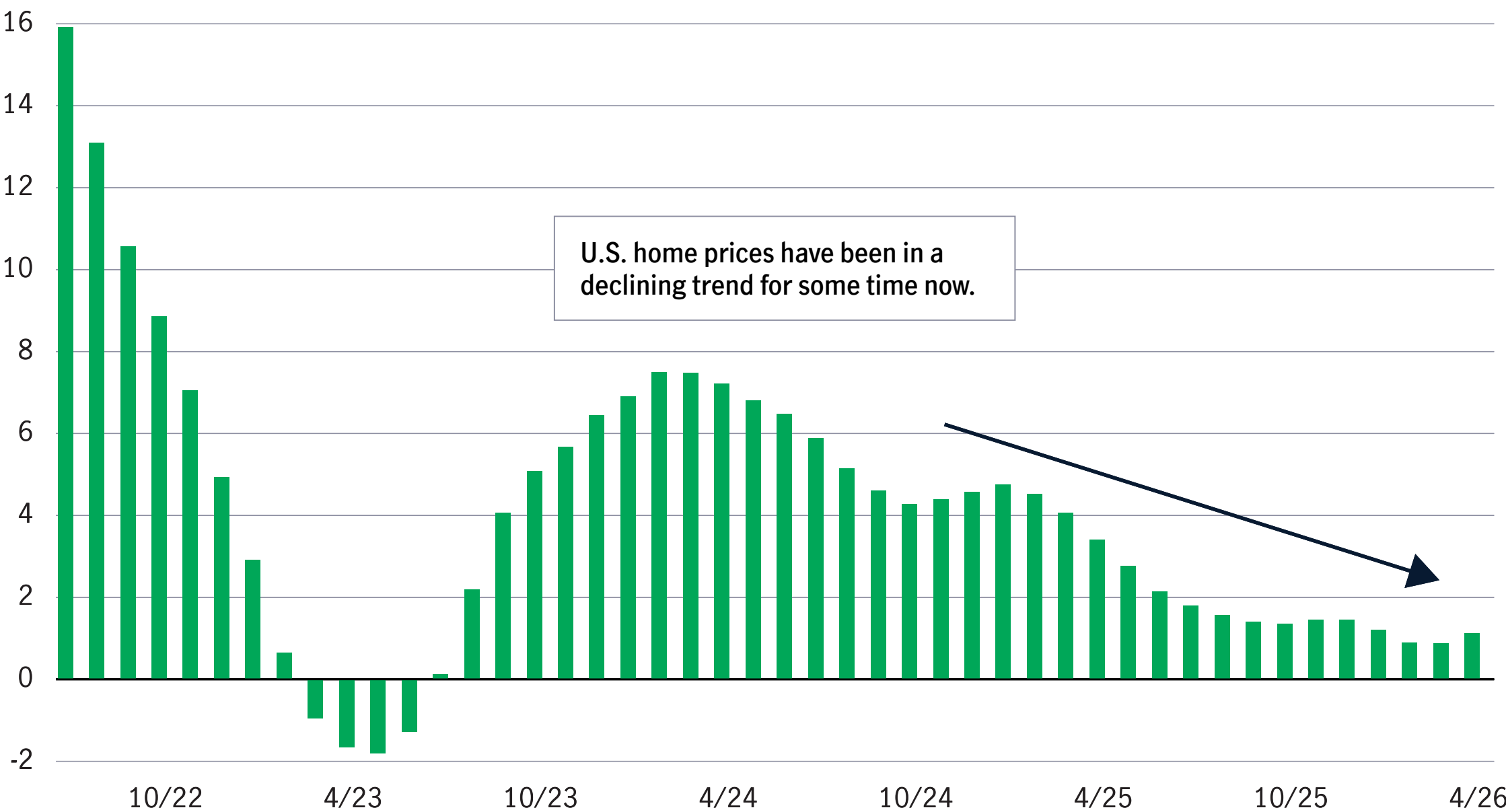
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Inflation gains may be anchored by cooling housing prices



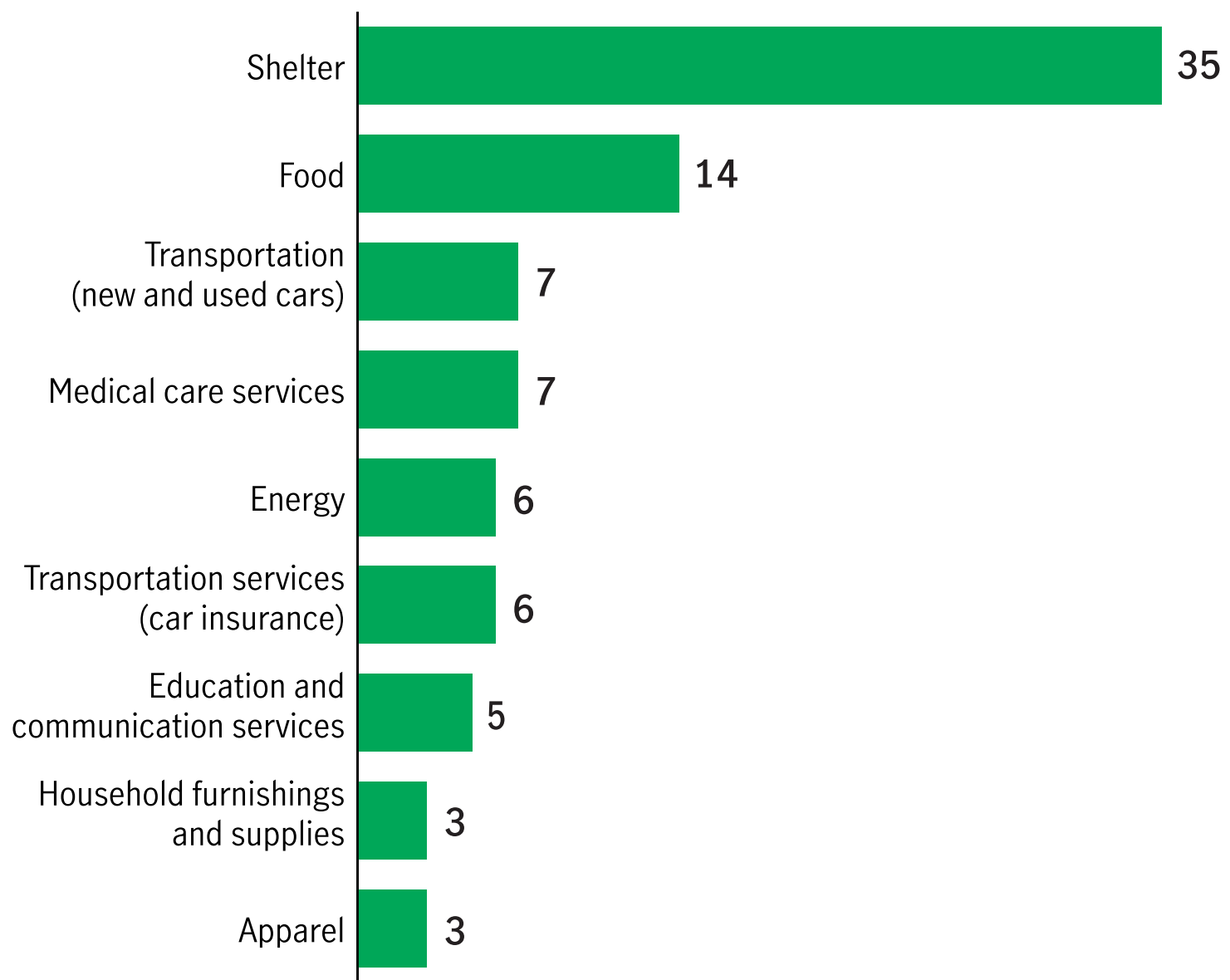
Year-over-year home prices inched up in April after steadily dropping

S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-City Composite Home Price SA Index (%)



Shelter prices account for over a third of U.S. inflation

Weightings of major U.S. CPI components (%)



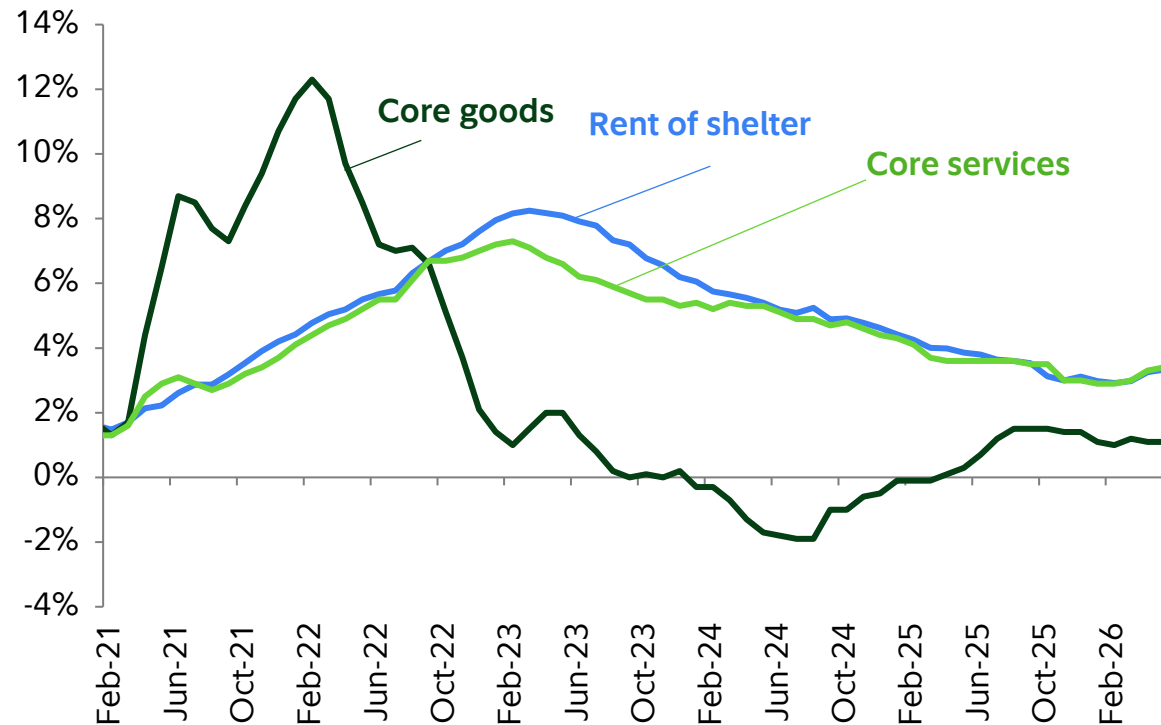
Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of 6/30/26. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-City Composite Home Price SA Index is a monthly index that tracks changes in the prices of residential real estate across 20 major U.S. metropolitan areas. The U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a broad measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Index weightings may be subject to change. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Inflation pressures remain entrenched

Consumer inflation rose in Q2 after the conflict in Iran triggered shipping disruptions and a spike in energy costs. Higher oil prices also passed through into core inflation, which excludes the more volatile food and energy components. After exhibiting a steady multiyear decline, shelter and service costs are showing signs of reacceleration, adding to tariff and Iran-conflict related inflation in core goods. Our inflation outlook is above market expectations and remains well above the Fed's 2% target into 2027.

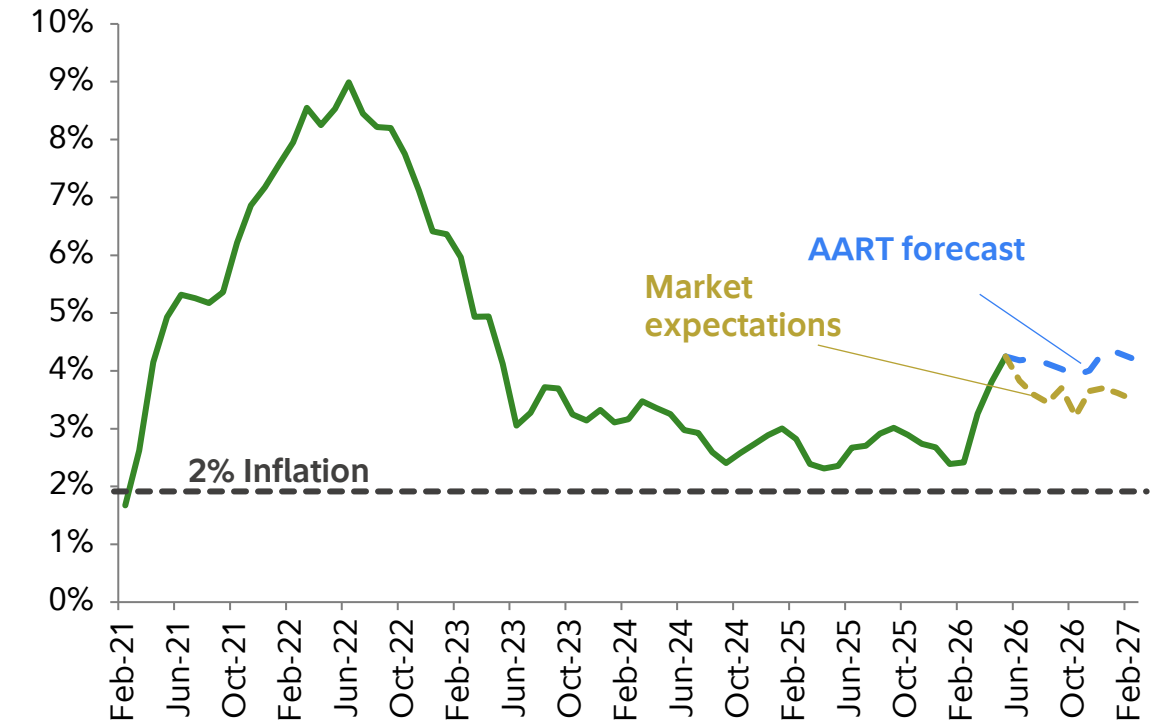
U.S. Core CPI inflation by category

Year-over-year



U.S. CPI inflation

Year-over-year





The K-shaped economy

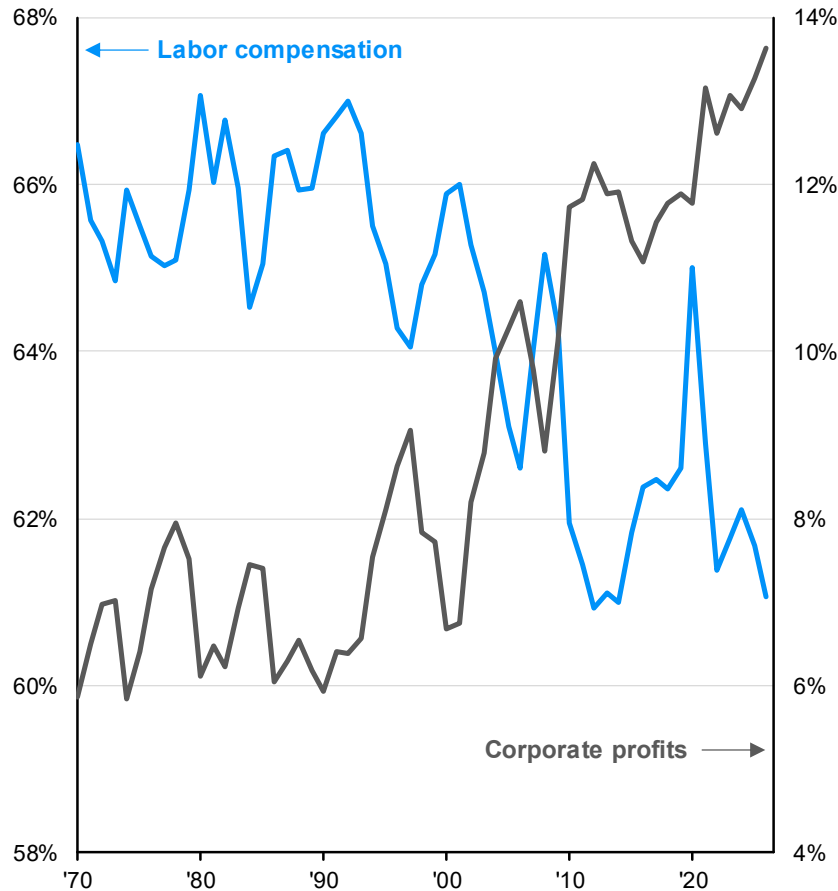
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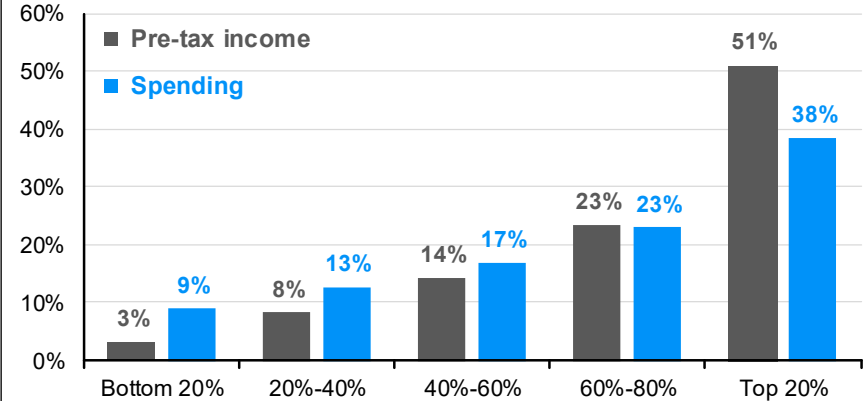
Labor compensation vs. corporate profits

Share of national income, annual and 1Q26



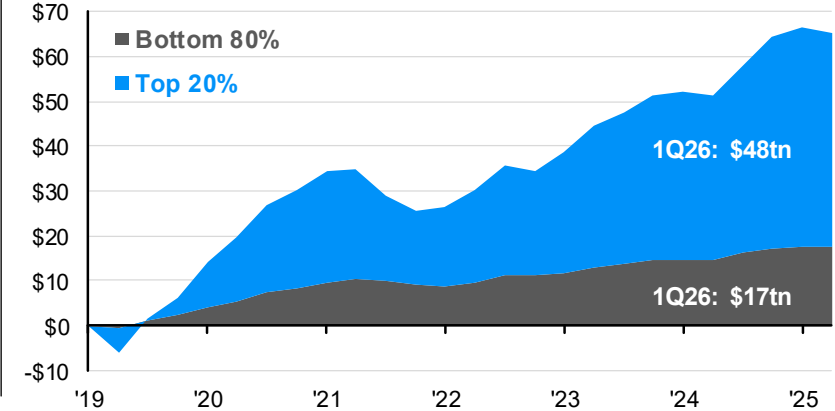
Consumer share of total pre-tax income and spending

By pre-tax income cohort, 2024



Net worth growth by income cohort

Cumulative growth from 4Q19, by pre-tax income cohort, USD trillions



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) BEA; (Top right) BLS; (Bottom right) BEA.

(Left) Labor compensation includes wages and benefits. Corporate profits are calculated after tax and with capital consumption and inventory valuation adjustments. (Top right) Data sourced from the 2024 Consumer Expenditure Survey.

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Consumer finances

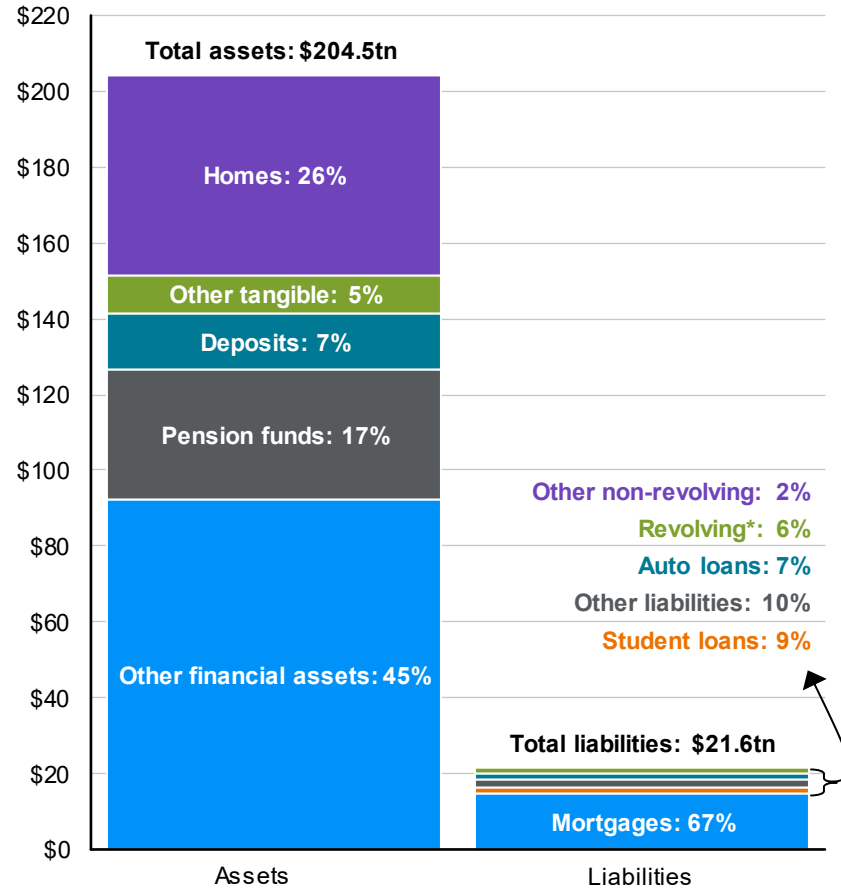
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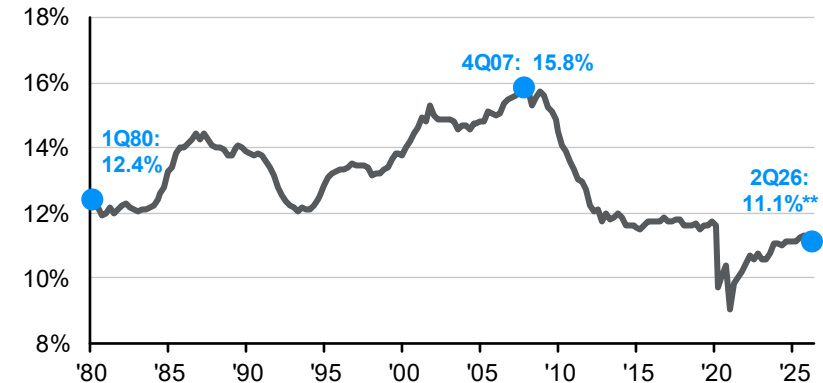
Consumer balance sheet

1Q26, USD trillions, not seasonally adjusted



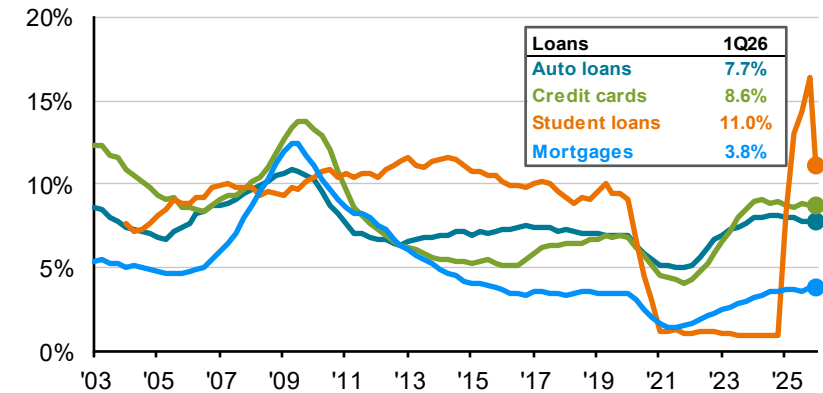
Household debt service ratio

Debt payments as % of disposable personal income, SA



Flows into early delinquencies

% of balance delinquent 30+ days



Source: FactSet, FRB, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom right) BEA.

Data include households and nonprofit organizations. *Revolving includes credit cards. Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. **Periods for which official data are unavailable are J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates. Household debt service ratio data from 1Q80 to 4Q04 are J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates. Due to the moratorium on delinquent student loan payments being reported to credit bureaus, missed federal student loan payments were not reported until 4Q24.

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Consumer confidence and the stock market

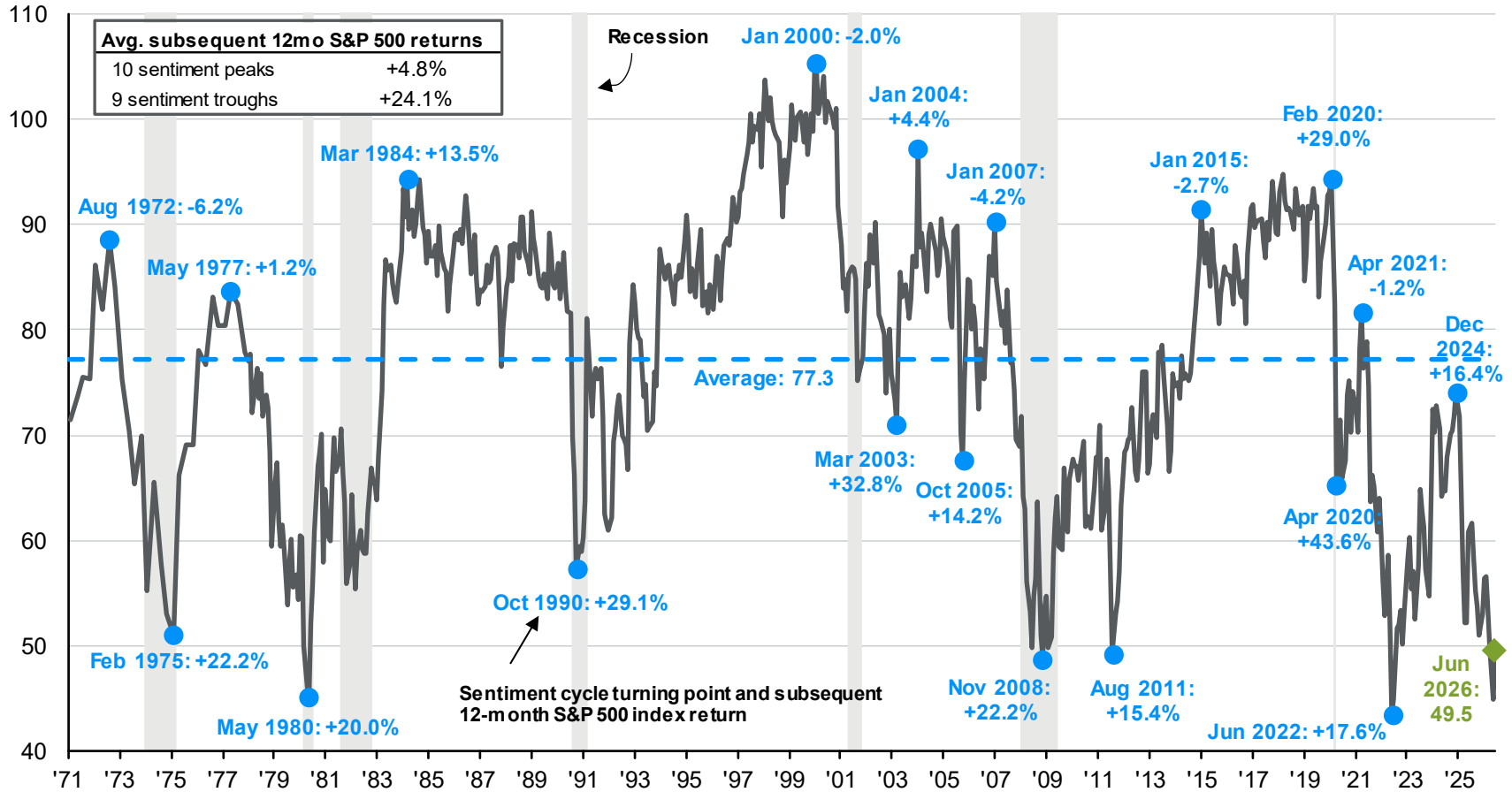
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Economy

Consumer Sentiment Index* and subsequent 12-month S&P 500 returns



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, University of Michigan, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Peak is defined as the highest index value before a series of lower lows, while a trough is defined as the lowest index value before a series of higher highs. Subsequent 12-month S&P 500 returns are price returns only starting from the end of the month and excluding dividends. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. *Data prior to August 2024 adjusted by J.P. Morgan Asset Management to account for methodological changes by the University of Michigan.

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The Fed and interest rates

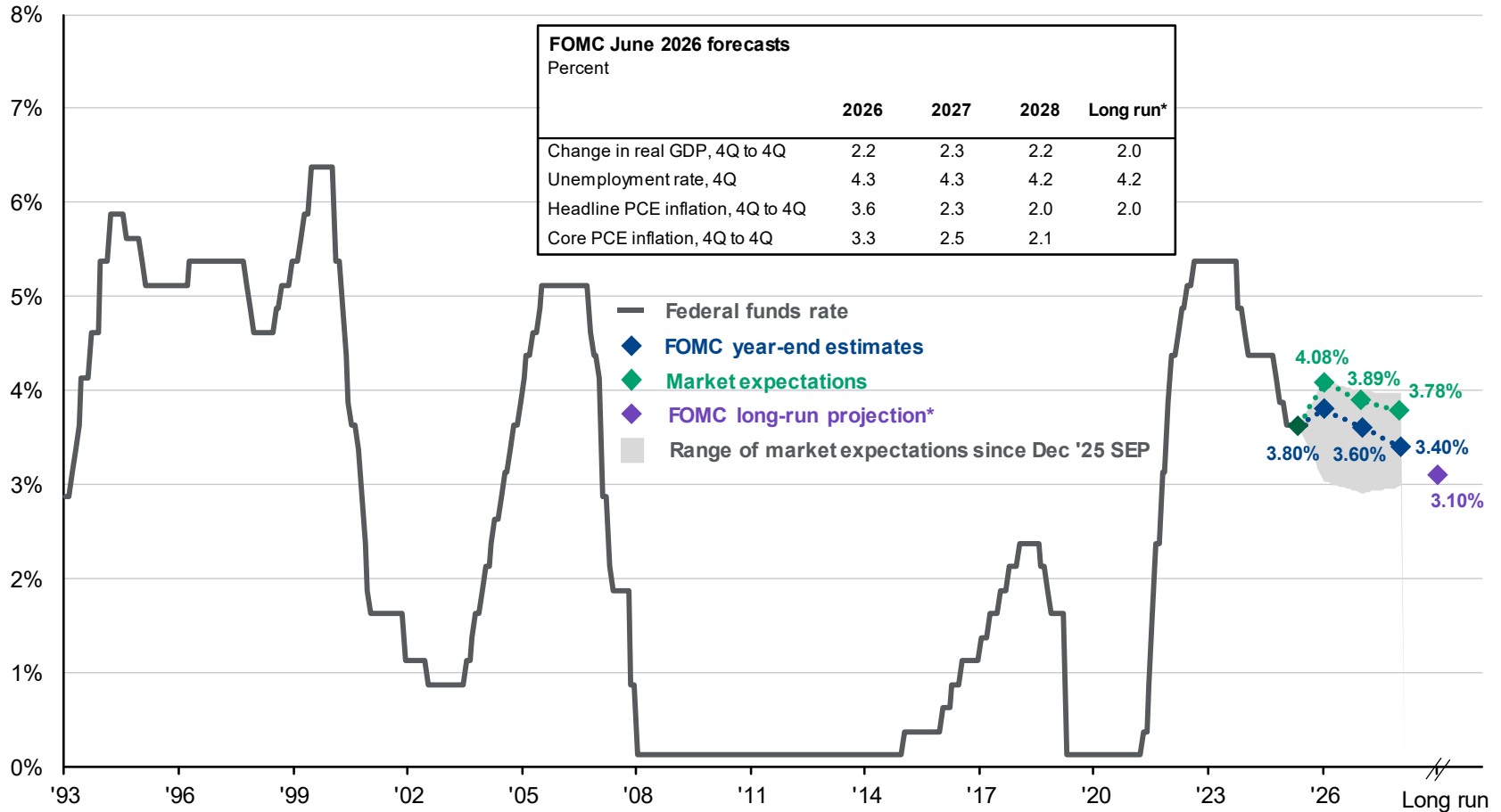
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Federal funds rate expectations

FOMC and market expectations for the federal funds rate



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Market expectations are based off of USD Overnight Index Swaps. *Long-run projections are the rates of growth, unemployment and inflation to which a policymaker expects the economy to converge over the next five to six years in absence of further shocks and under appropriate monetary policy. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

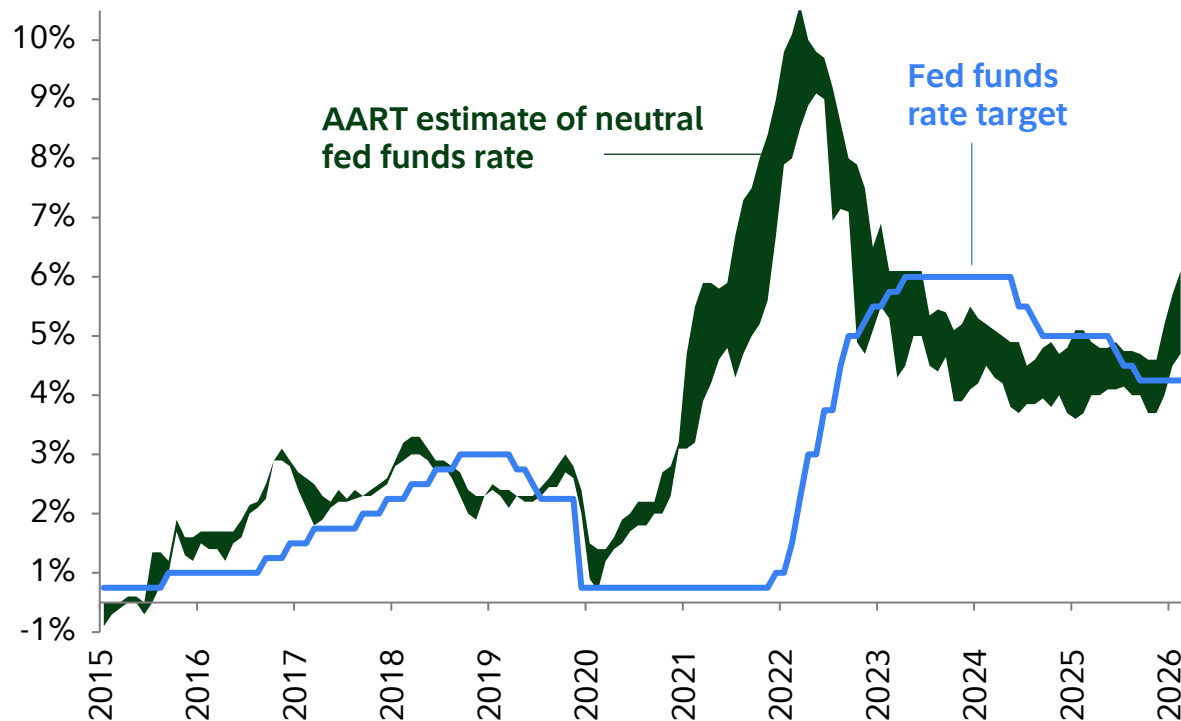
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New leadership and supply shocks complicate Fed policy

The Fed came into 2026 expecting to continue cutting rates amid soft labor markets and falling inflation. Persistent inflation, a recovering labor market, and a hawkish tone from the new Fed Chair shifted market expectations to rate hikes. AART's estimate of neutral fed funds, the policy rate that supports stable inflation, suggests the Fed may need to raise rates to tamp down inflation. However, the outlook for policy is highly uncertain, as there are several reasons why the new Fed Chair could encourage patience before hiking rates.

Fed funds rate

Rate



Fed's considerations for next move

	Hike rates	Hold/cut rates
Inflation	- Above target - Lagged impact of higher oil	- AI disinflationary - Trimmed mean/median CPI/PCE falling - Oil/tariff impacts short-lived
Employment	- Payrolls accelerating - Unemployment rate stable	- Recovery concentrated (leisure/healthcare) - Wage growth decelerating
Other	- Maintain credibility - Easy financial conditions - Policy rate below neutral	- Housing weak - Low-income consumer struggling

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2026 - Q3 Year to Date Relative Performance



Asset class returns

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2011 - 2025

Ann.	Vol.	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Large Cap	Small Cap	REITs	REITs	Small Cap	REITs	REITs	Small Cap	EM Equity	Cash	Large Cap	Small Cap	REITs	Comdty.	Large Cap	Large Cap	EM Equity	EM Equity
14.1%	20.3%	8.3%	19.7%	38.8%	28.0%	2.8%	21.3%	37.8%	1.8%	31.5%	20.0%	41.3%	16.1%	26.3%	25.0%	34.4%	24.0%
Small Cap	EM Equity	Fixed Income	High Yield	Large Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	High Yield	DM Equity	Fixed Income	REITs	EM Equity	Large Cap	Cash	DM Equity	Small Cap	DM Equity	Small Cap
9.5%	17.5%	7.8%	19.6%	32.4%	13.7%	1.4%	14.3%	25.6%	0.0%	28.7%	18.7%	28.7%	1.5%	18.9%	11.5%	31.9%	22.6%
REITs	REITs	High Yield	EM Equity	DM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Large Cap	Large Cap	REITs	Small Cap	Large Cap	Comdty.	High Yield	Small Cap	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	REITs
7.8%	16.4%	3.1%	18.6%	23.3%	6.0%	0.5%	12.0%	21.8%	-4.0%	25.5%	18.4%	27.1%	-12.7%	16.9%	10.0%	17.9%	14.9%
Asset Alloc.	DM Equity	Large Cap	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	Cash	Comdty.	Small Cap	High Yield	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Small Cap	Fixed Income	Asset Alloc.	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	Comdty.
7.3%	15.7%	2.1%	17.9%	14.9%	5.2%	0.0%	11.8%	14.6%	-4.1%	22.7%	10.6%	14.8%	-13.0%	14.1%	9.2%	15.8%	14.4%
DM Equity	Comdty.	Cash	Small Cap	High Yield	Small Cap	DM Equity	EM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	Asset Alloc.	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	High Yield	EM Equity	Comdty.	Large Cap
7.1%	15.4%	0.1%	16.3%	7.3%	4.9%	-0.4%	11.6%	14.6%	-4.4%	19.5%	8.3%	13.5%	-13.9%	14.0%	8.1%	15.8%	10.2%
High Yield	Large Cap	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	REITs	Cash	Asset Alloc.	REITs	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	EM Equity	Fixed Income	DM Equity	DM Equity	REITs	Comdty.	Small Cap	DM Equity
5.7%	14.7%	-0.7%	16.0%	2.9%	0.0%	-2.0%	8.6%	10.4%	-5.8%	18.9%	7.5%	11.8%	-14.0%	11.4%	5.4%	12.8%	9.8%
EM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Small Cap	Asset Alloc.	Cash	High Yield	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	REITs	Small Cap	High Yield	High Yield	High Yield	Large Cap	EM Equity	Cash	High Yield	Asset Alloc.
4.2%	10.1%	-4.2%	12.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	8.3%	8.7%	-11.0%	12.6%	7.0%	1.0%	-18.1%	10.3%	5.3%	12.1%	9.3%
Fixed Income	High Yield	DM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	EM Equity	Small Cap	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Comdty.	Fixed Income	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	Fixed Income	REITs	Fixed Income	High Yield
2.4%	9.1%	-11.7%	4.2%	-2.0%	-1.8%	-4.4%	2.6%	3.5%	-11.2%	8.7%	0.5%	0.0%	-19.7%	5.5%	4.9%	7.3%	2.1%
Cash	Fixed Income	Comdty.	Cash	EM Equity	DM Equity	EM Equity	DM Equity	Comdty.	DM Equity	Comdty.	Comdty.	Fixed Income	Small Cap	Cash	DM Equity	Cash	Cash
1.5%	4.6%	-13.3%	0.1%	-2.3%	-4.5%	-14.6%	1.5%	1.7%	-13.4%	7.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-20.4%	5.1%	4.3%	4.3%	1.8%
Comdty.	Cash	EM Equity	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	Cash	REITs	EM Equity	REITs	Comdty.	Fixed Income	REITs	Fixed Income
-1.1%	0.9%	-18.2%	-1.1%	-9.5%	-17.0%	-24.7%	0.3%	0.8%	-14.2%	2.2%	-5.1%	-2.2%	-24.9%	-7.9%	1.3%	2.3%	0.6%

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Large Cap: S&P 500; Small Cap: Russell 2000; EM Equity: MSCI EME; DM Equity: MSCI EAFE; Comdty: Bloomberg Commodity Index; High Yield: Bloomberg Global HY Index; Fixed Income: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate; REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index; Cash: Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio is for illustrative purposes only and assumes annual rebalancing with the following weights: 25% in the S&P 500, 10% in the Russell 2000, 15% in the MSCI EAFE, 5% in the MSCI EME, 25% in the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate, 5% in the Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury, 5% in the Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, 5% in the Bloomberg Commodity Index and 5% in the NAREIT Equity REIT Index. Annualized (Ann.) return and volatility (Vol.) represent the period from 12/31/2010 to 12/31/2025. Please see the disclosure page at the end for index definitions. All data represent total return for stated period. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
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Risk investing and the power of compounding

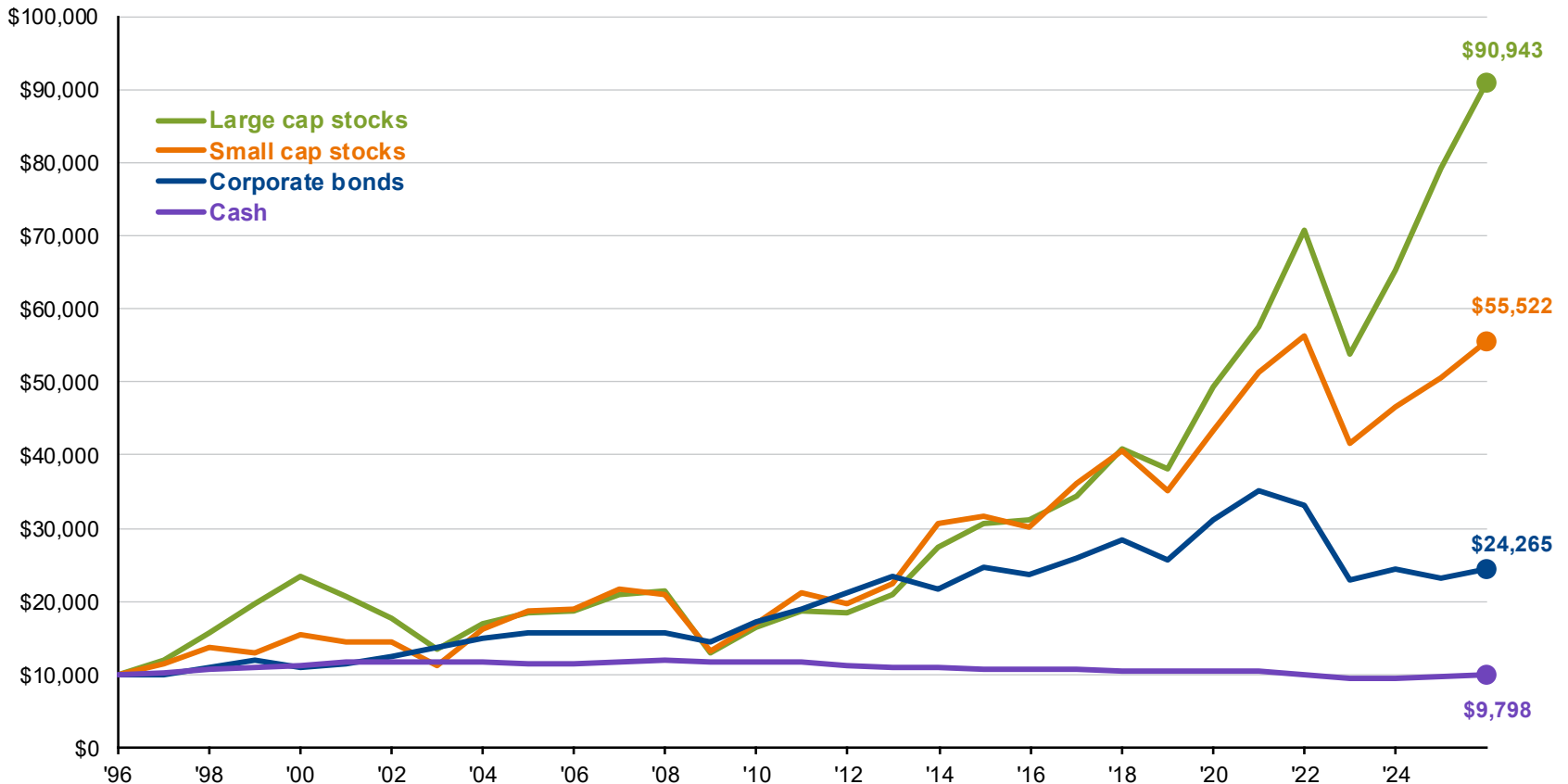
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Change in purchasing power by investment in major asset class

Growth of \$10,000, adjusted for inflation, 1996 - 2025, annual returns



Source: Bloomberg, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Ibbotson, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Large cap stocks: S&P 500 TR Index; Small cap stocks: Russell 2000 TR Index; Corporate bonds: Bloomberg Long U.S. Corporate Index; Cash: Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Bills Index. All returns are inflation-adjusted total returns, using annual average headline CPI inflation.

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Annual returns and intra-year declines

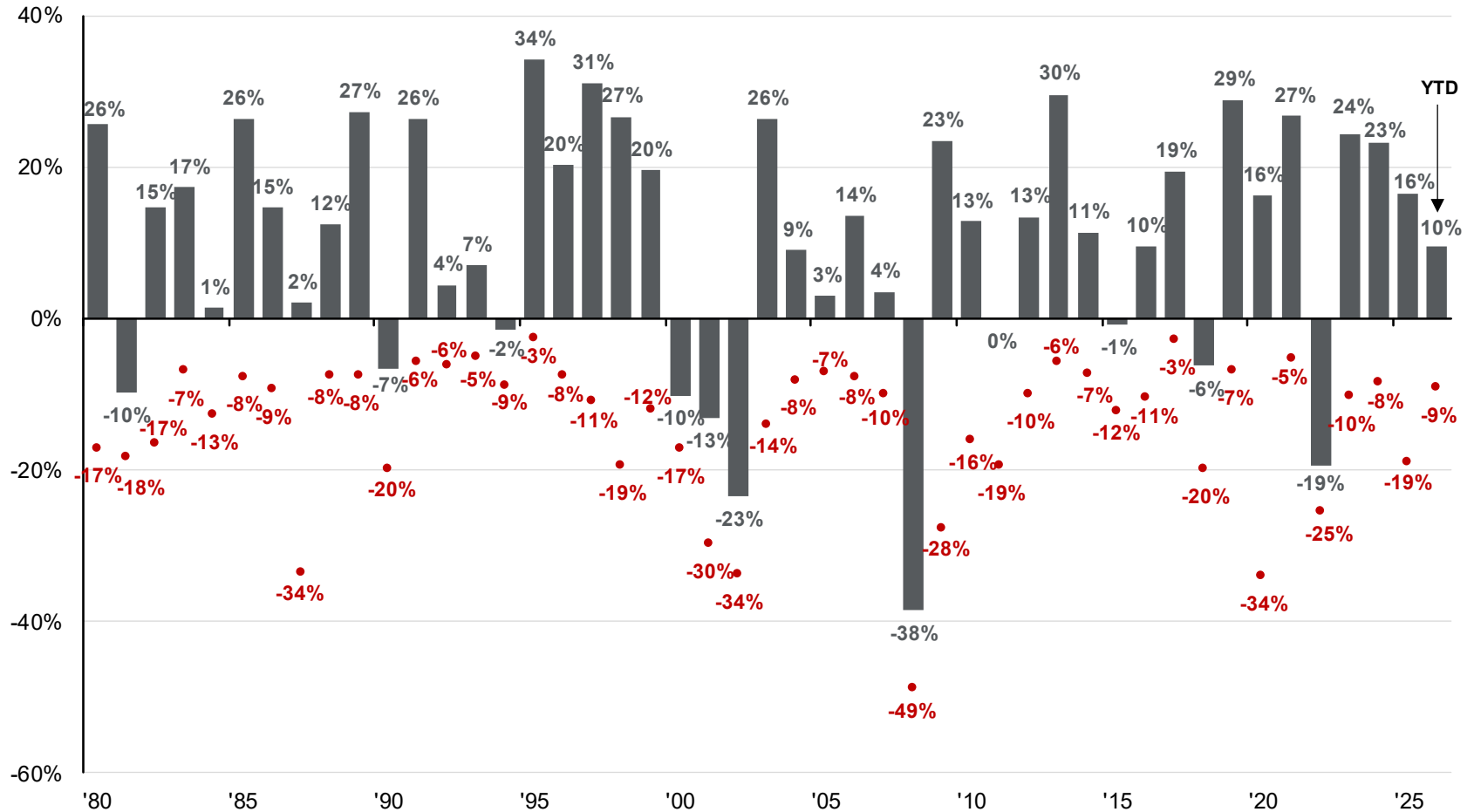
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S&P 500 intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.2%, annual returns were positive in 35 of 46 years



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refers to the largest peak-to-trough decline during the year. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2025, over which the average annual return was 10.7%. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Returns and valuations by style

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10-year annualized

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	11.5%	15.5%	18.6%
Mid	10.6%	12.0%	13.0%
Small	10.9%	11.6%	12.0%

YTD

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	16.3%	10.2%	5.3%
Mid	17.6%	15.3%	7.3%
Small	23.0%	22.6%	22.2%

Since previous peak (January 2022)

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	58.2%	66.9%	67.2%
Mid	46.3%	43.0%	32.6%
Small	44.9%	41.8%	37.3%

Since market low (October 2022)

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	91.7%	121.0%	145.1%
Mid	82.3%	87.2%	91.4%
Small	82.3%	88.9%	94.9%

Forward P/E vs. 20-year avg. P/E

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	17.4 / 14.1	20.4 / 16.4	25.3 / 20.1
Mid	15.3 / 14.6	17.6 / 16.5	30.8 / 21.5
Small	17.2 / 16.9	26.4 / 23.3	53.5 / 31.9

Forward P/E as % of 20-year avg. P/E

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	123.2%	124.9%	126.0%
Mid	104.4%	106.5%	143.4%
Small	101.9%	113.5%	168.0%

Source: FactSet, FTSE Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

All calculations are cumulative total return, including dividends reinvested for the stated period. Since previous peak represents the period from 1/3/2022 to the present. Since market low represents the period from 10/12/2022 to the present. For all time periods, total return is based on Russell style indices except for the large blend category, which is based on the S&P 500 index. Forward P/E ratio is the most recent S&P 500 index price divided by consensus analyst estimates for earnings in the next 12 months, provided by FactSet. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Sources of earnings growth and profit margins

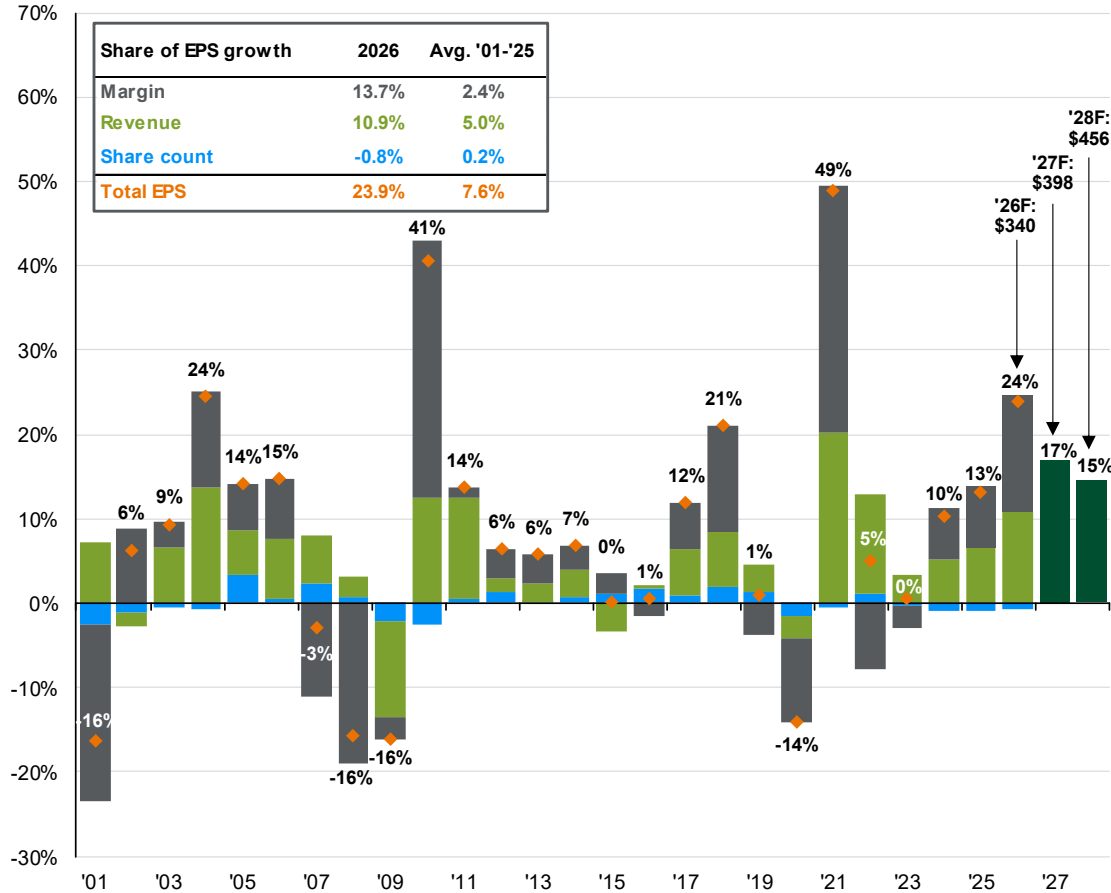
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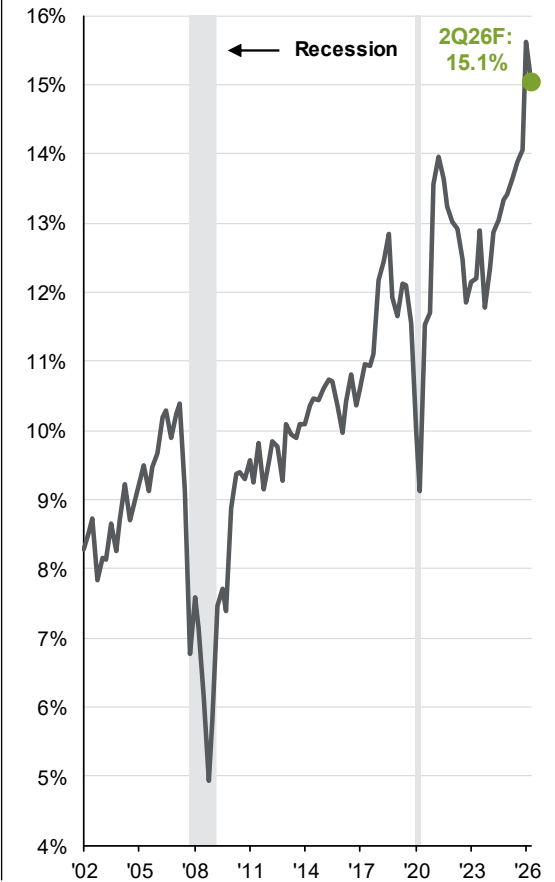
S&P 500 EPS growth

Year-over-year growth broken into changes in revenue, profit margin and share count



S&P 500 profit margins

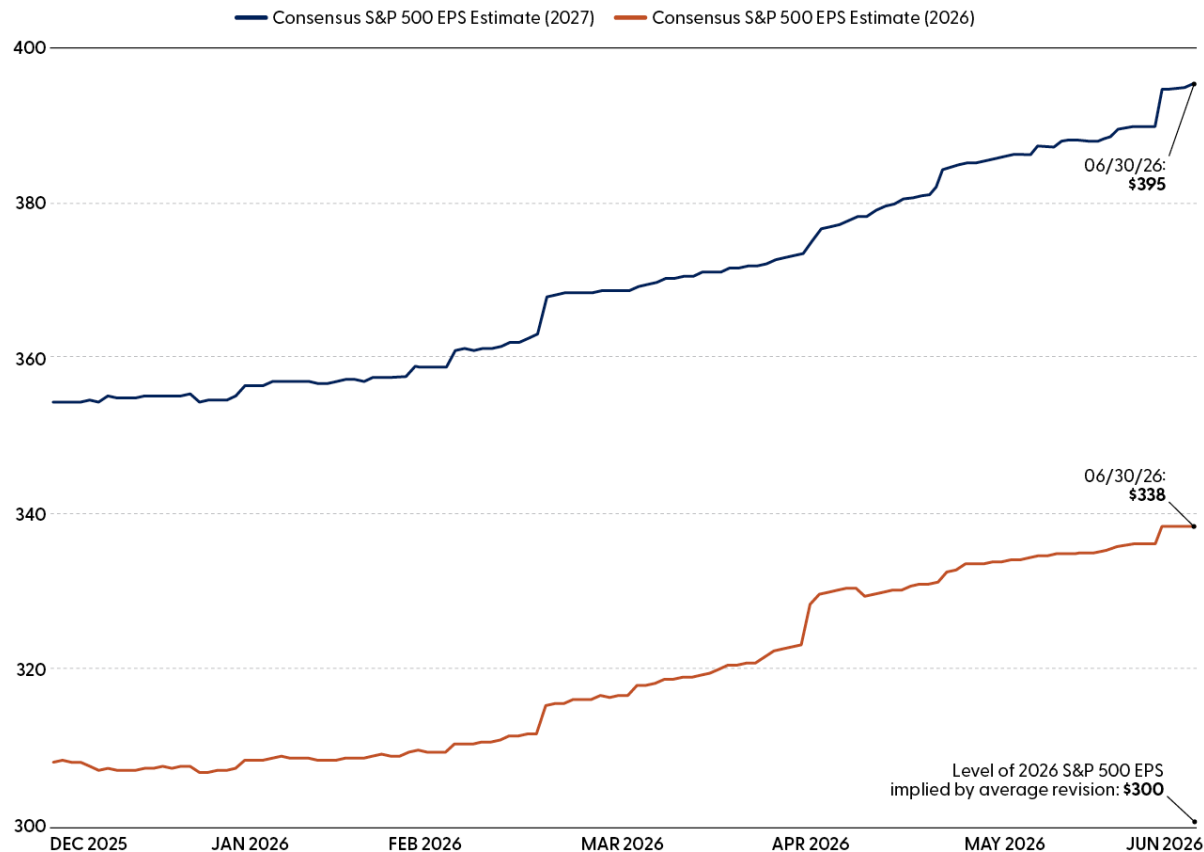
Quarterly earnings/sales



Source: Compustat, FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Historical EPS values are based on annual earnings per share. Forecasts for 2026, 2027 and 2028 reflect consensus analyst expectations, provided by FactSet. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
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Rare and Steady Increase in Earnings Estimates

Source: LPL Research, FactSet
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S&P 500: Index concentration

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P/E of top 10 and remaining companies in S&P 500

Next 12 months



Weight of the top 10 companies in the S&P 500

% of market capitalization, % of last 12 months earnings



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Forward P/E ratio is the most recent price divided by consensus estimates for earnings in the next 12 months, provided by IBES since January 1996 and FactSet since January 2022. The remaining stocks represent the rest of the 490 companies in the S&P 500, and their P/E ratio is calculated by backing out the nominal earnings and market cap of the top 10 from that of the S&P 500.

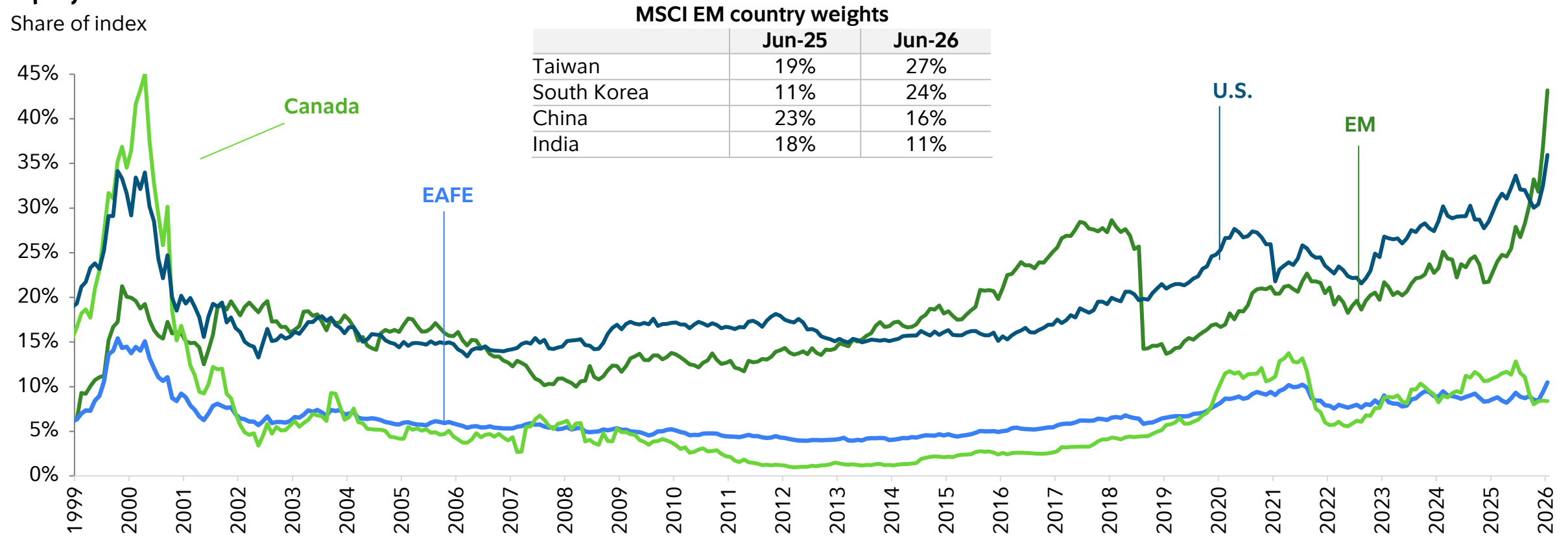
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Tech concentration rose, especially in emerging markets

AI-related companies have demonstrated the strongest performance worldwide in recent years, increasing global market exposure to the technology sector. Over the last year, technology exposure in emerging markets catapulted from 23% to 43%, driven by Taiwan and South Korea, which now account for more than half of the MSCI EM market capitalization. Strong performance from the tech sector draws comparisons to the high-flying markets in the late 1990s/early 2000s, another period of rising market concentration.

Equity market IT concentration

Share of index





Magnificent 7: Performance, earnings and dispersion

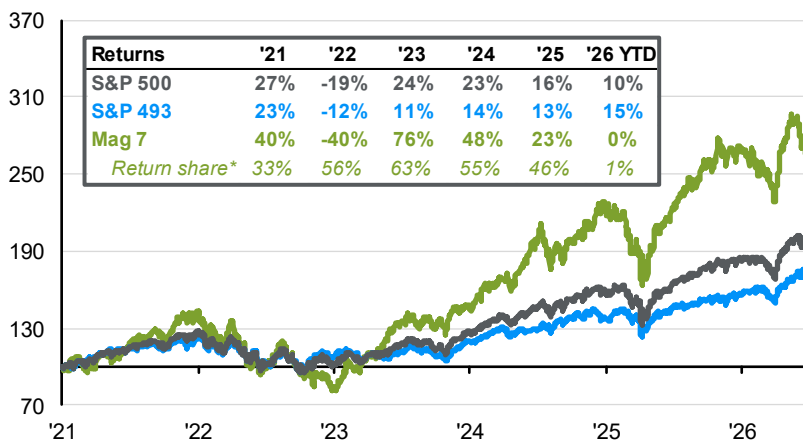
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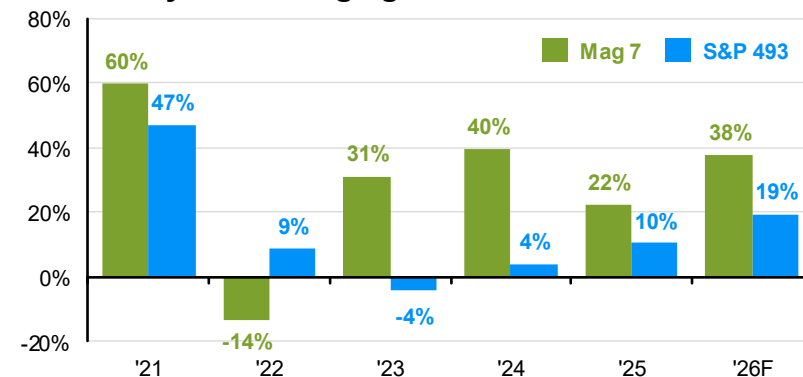
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Magnificent 7 performance in the S&P 500

Indexed to 100 on 1/1/2021, price return

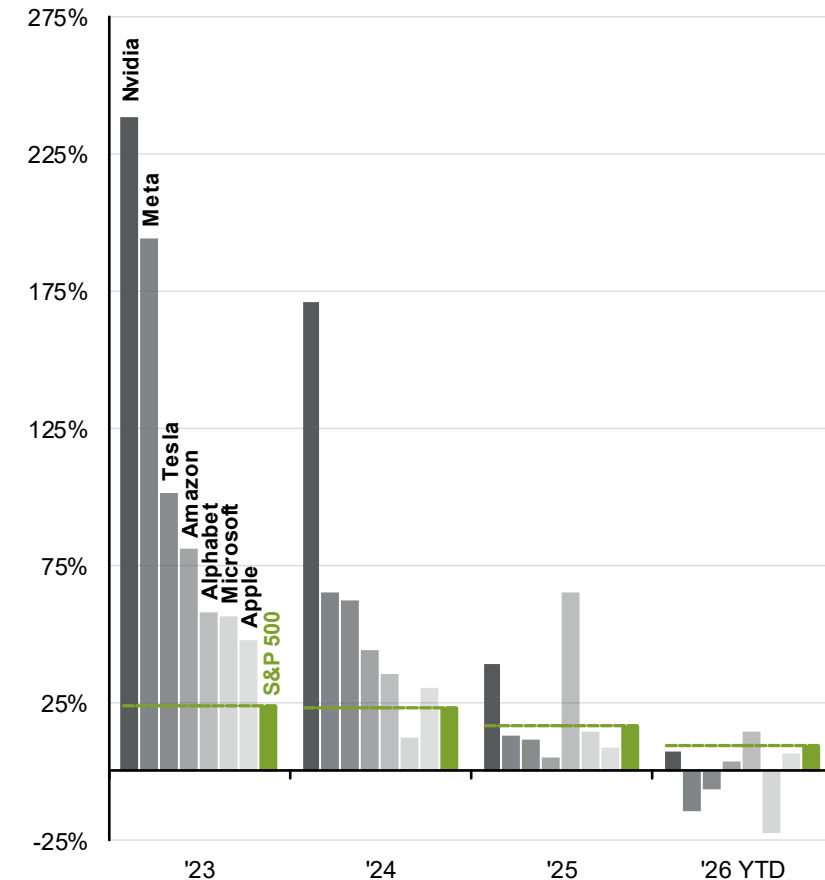


Year-over-year earnings growth



Magnificent 7 performance dispersion

Price return



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Magnificent 7 (Mag 7) includes AAPL, AMZN, GOOGL/GOOG, META, MSFT, NVDA and TSLA. The S&P 500 ex-Mag 7 (S&P 493) is calculated by backing out a weighted average Mag 7 price return from the S&P 500 price return. *Return share represents the Mag 7's contribution to the index return. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Our unique approach

Our insight

U.S. equity

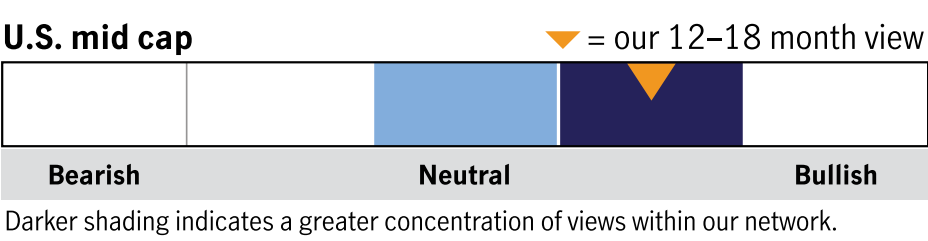
International equity

Fixed income

Our top portfolio ideas

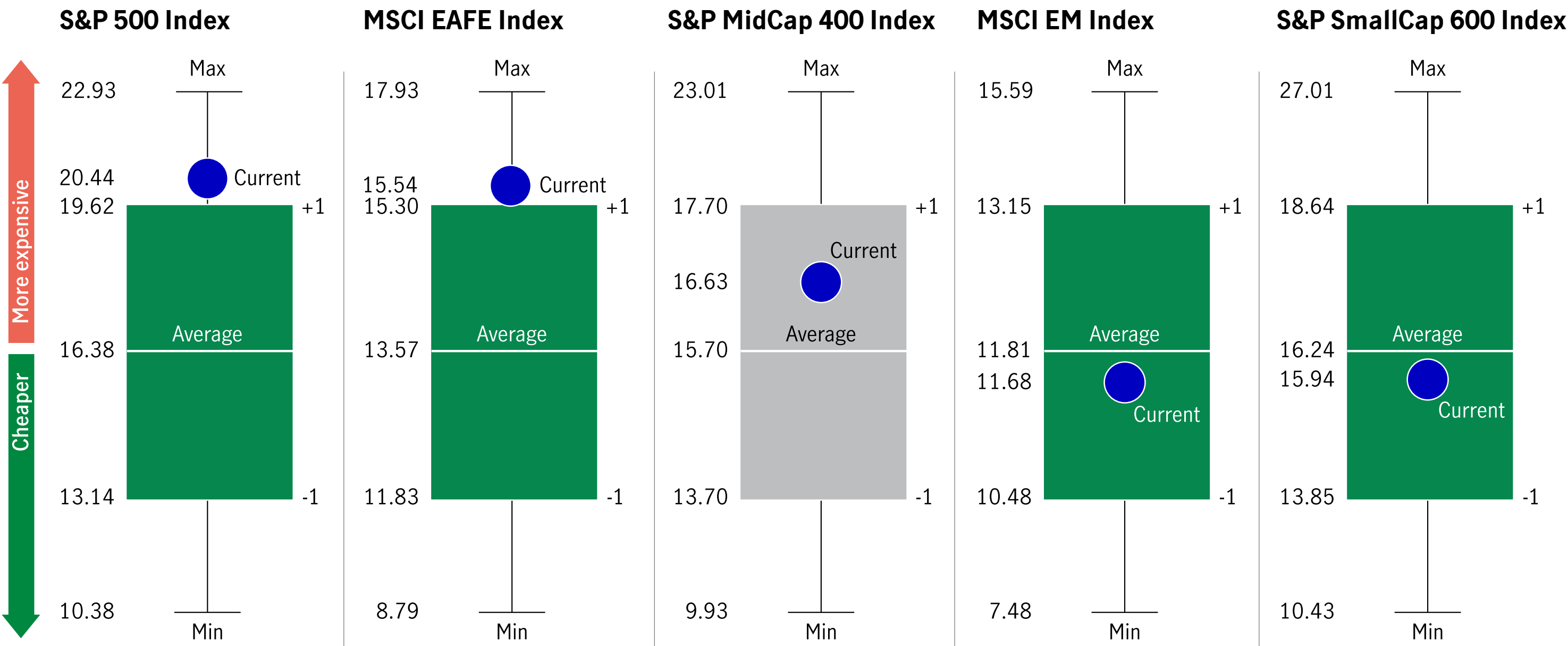
Our investment strategists

U.S. mid- and small-cap stocks may offer attractive value and strong earnings potential



While large-cap indexes still look expensive, mid- and small-cap stocks may offer better value

Current forward P/E ratios vs. 20-year averages



Mid-cap stocks are expected to deliver solid earnings growth

EPS growth estimates, YoY (%)

	2026
MSCI EM Index	39.20
S&P 500 Index	23.90
S&P MidCap 400 Index	15.40
MSCI EAFE Index	14.10
S&P SmallCap 600 Index	12.00

Source: FactSet, S&P Global, MSCI, as of 6/30/26. Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is a valuation metric that measures the ratio of a company's stock price to its earnings per share. Earnings per share (EPS) is one measure of a company's profitability, calculated by dividing the company's net income by its total number of outstanding shares of stock. The S&P 500 Index tracks the performance of 500 of the largest publicly traded companies in the United States. The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index tracks the performance of large- and mid-cap EM stocks. The MSCI Europe, Australasia, and Far East (EAFE) Index tracks the performance of large- and mid-cap stocks of companies in those regions. The S&P MidCap 400 Index tracks the performance of 400 mid-cap companies in the United States. The S&P SmallCap 600 Index tracks the performance of 600 small-cap companies in the United States.

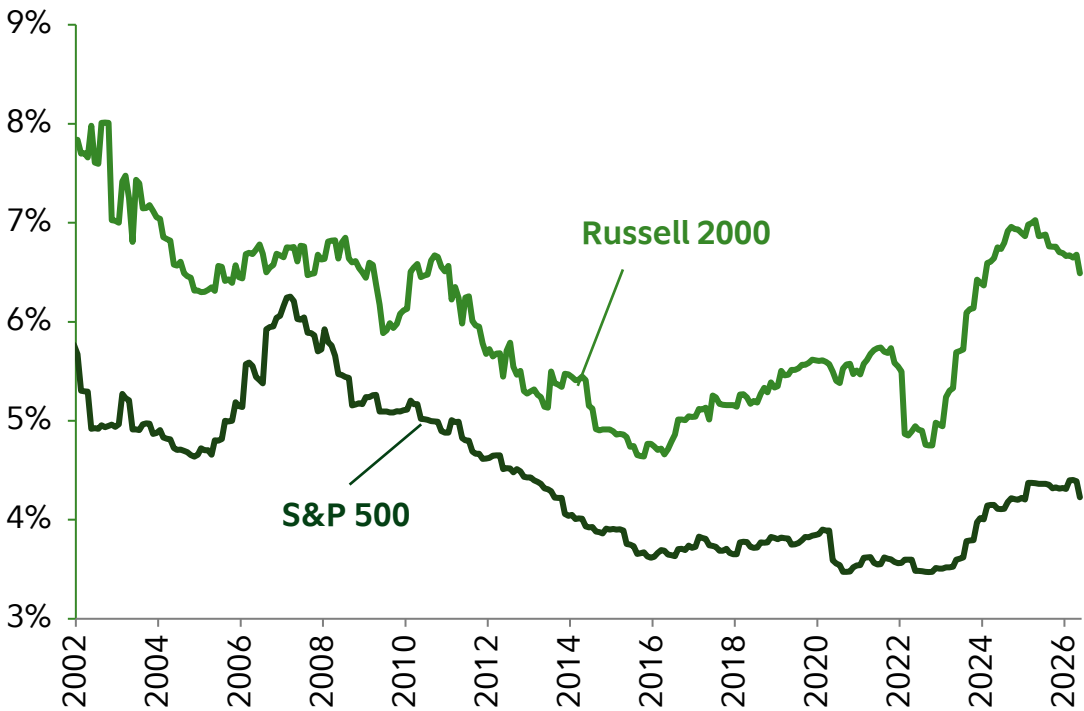
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Will small cap broadening continue?

Relative to large corporations, smaller companies have been more sensitive to higher interest rates in recent years because of their shorter-term liabilities and greater need for refinancing. Rate cuts in recent years have helped reduce the interest-rate expense of smaller companies, many of which have had ample time to adjust to a higher cost of financing. From a business cycle perspective, the largest outperformance of small caps tends to be during the early cycle when growth is accelerating.

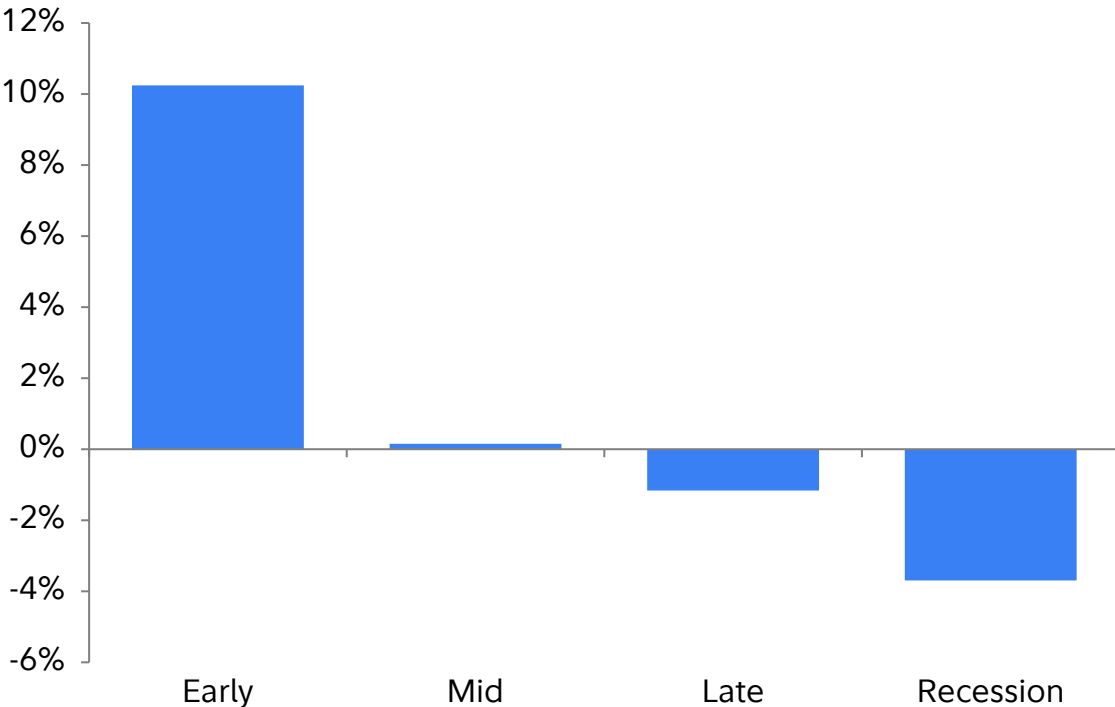
U.S. large and small cap interest expense

Net interest expense/total debt



U.S. small cap performance by business cycle phase (1950–2020)

Relative returns vs. large caps (annualized)



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Updated S&P 500 Earnings and Fair Value Targets

Year-end Fair Value S&P 500 Target Range	7,650 – 7,750
2026 S&P 500 EPS Forecast	\$320
2027 S&P 500 EPS Forecast	\$350

Source: LPL Research
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International developed equities and the U.S. dollar

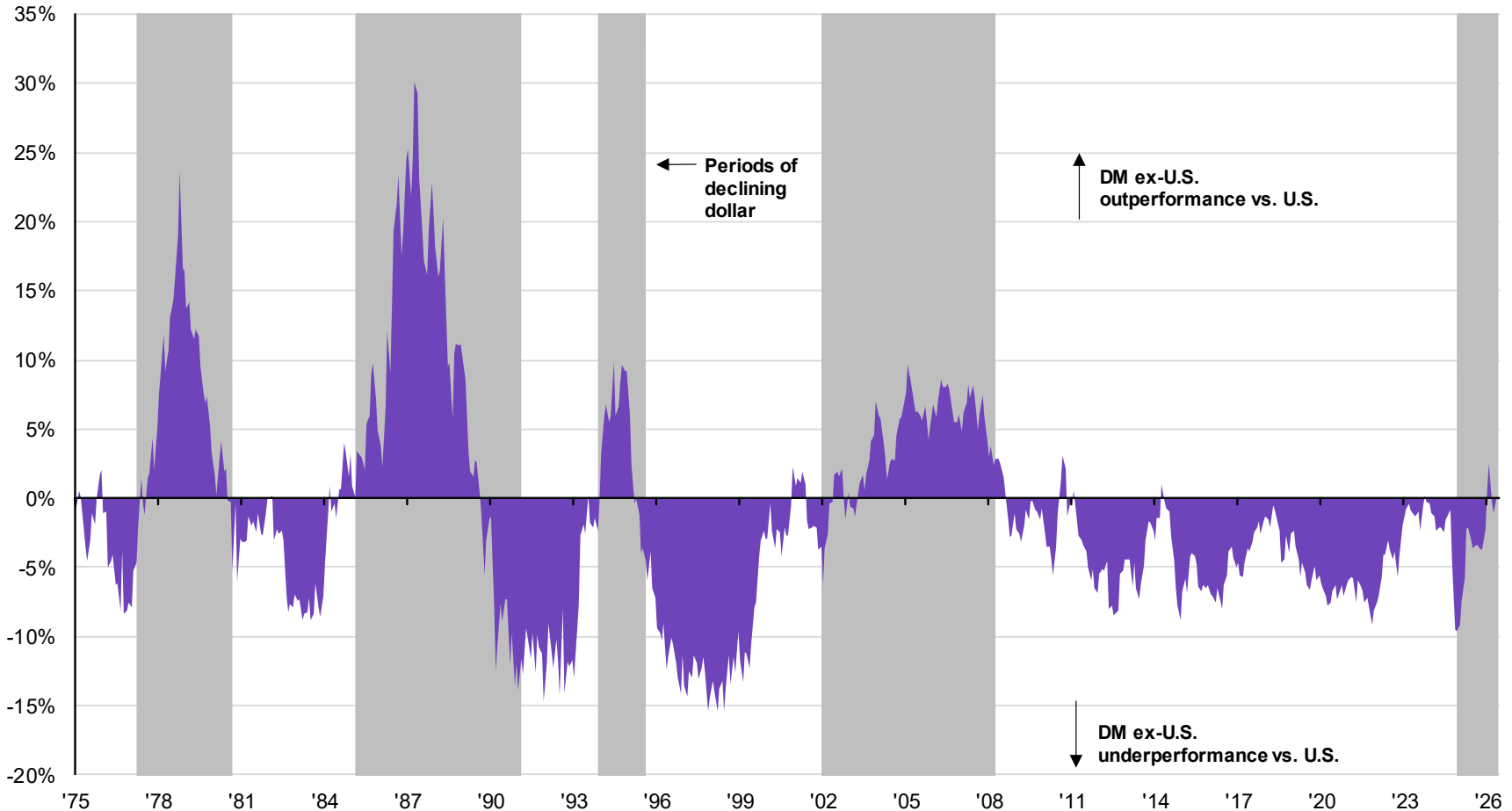
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Cycles of DM ex-U.S. outperformance and USD

International developed out/underperformance vs. U.S., MSCI EAFE, MSCI USA, DXY Index, total return, rolling 2-year ann.



Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

MSCI EAFE Index: A benchmark tracking large- and mid-cap stocks in developed markets across Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Dollar drivers

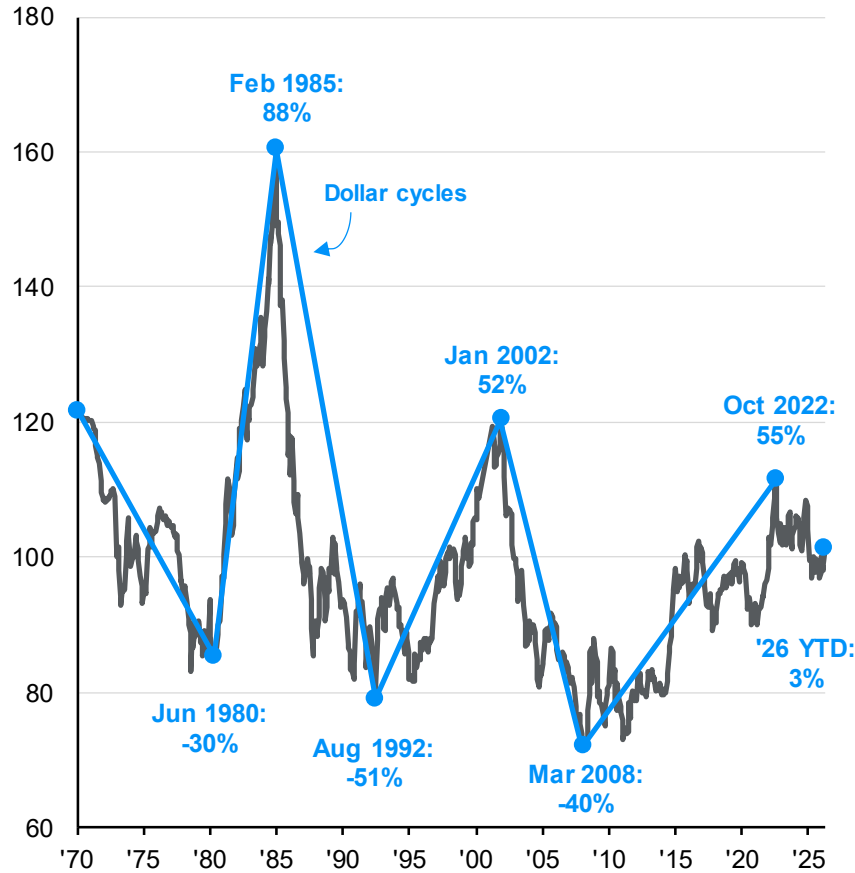
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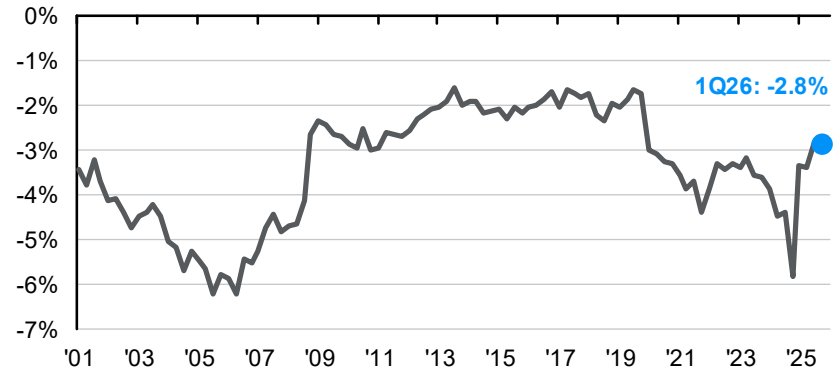
The U.S. dollar

DXY Index, level



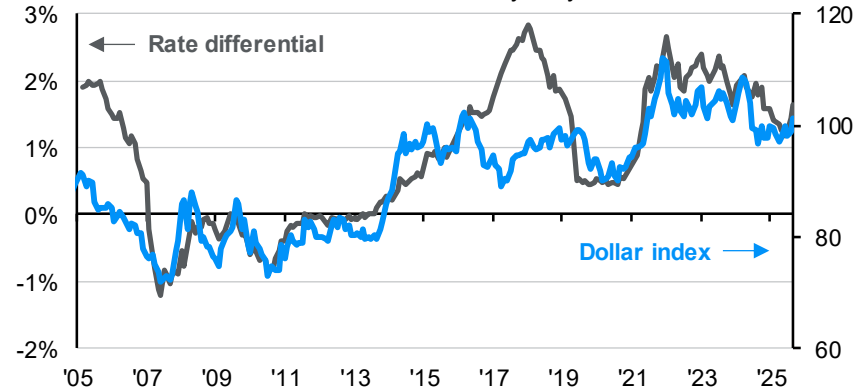
The U.S. trade balance

Current account balance, % of GDP



Developed market interest rate differentials and the dollar

Difference between U.S. and international 2-year yields*



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) ICE; (Top right) BEA; (Bottom right) BIS.

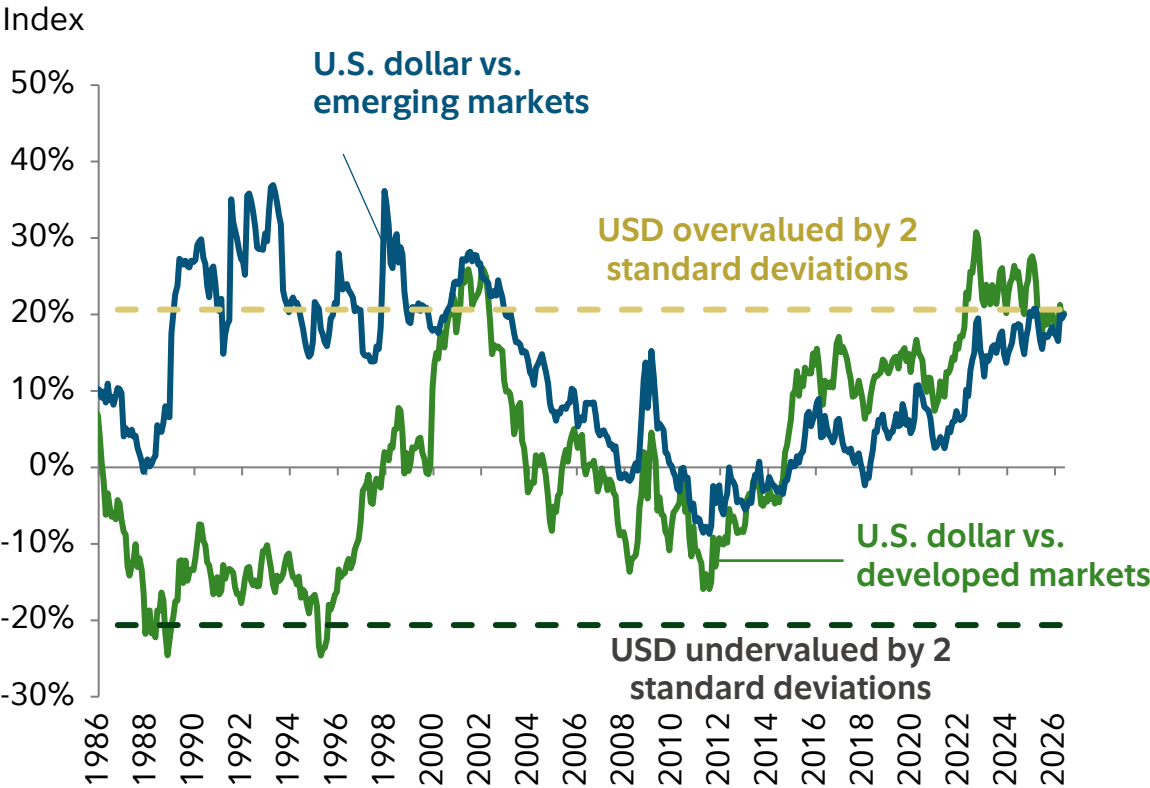
Currencies in the DXY Index are: British pound, Canadian dollar, euro, Japanese yen, Swedish krona and Swiss franc. *Interest rate differential is the difference between the 2-year U.S. Treasury yield and a basket of the 2-year yields of each major trading partner (Australia, Canada, eurozone, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and UK). Weights in the basket are calculated using the 2-year average of total government bonds outstanding in each region.

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Dollar still expensive, a positive for non-U.S. assets

The U.S. dollar ticked higher in Q2 after depreciating from its 2025 peak. We continue to believe the greenback remains overvalued relative to both developed and emerging-market (EM) currencies, and that this tends to offer a reliable long-term signal for a weaker dollar. Historically, a weaker dollar has been a tailwind for the relative returns of DM and EM equities (versus U.S. stocks). We believe owning assets denominated in foreign currencies is an important component of portfolio diversification for U.S. investors.

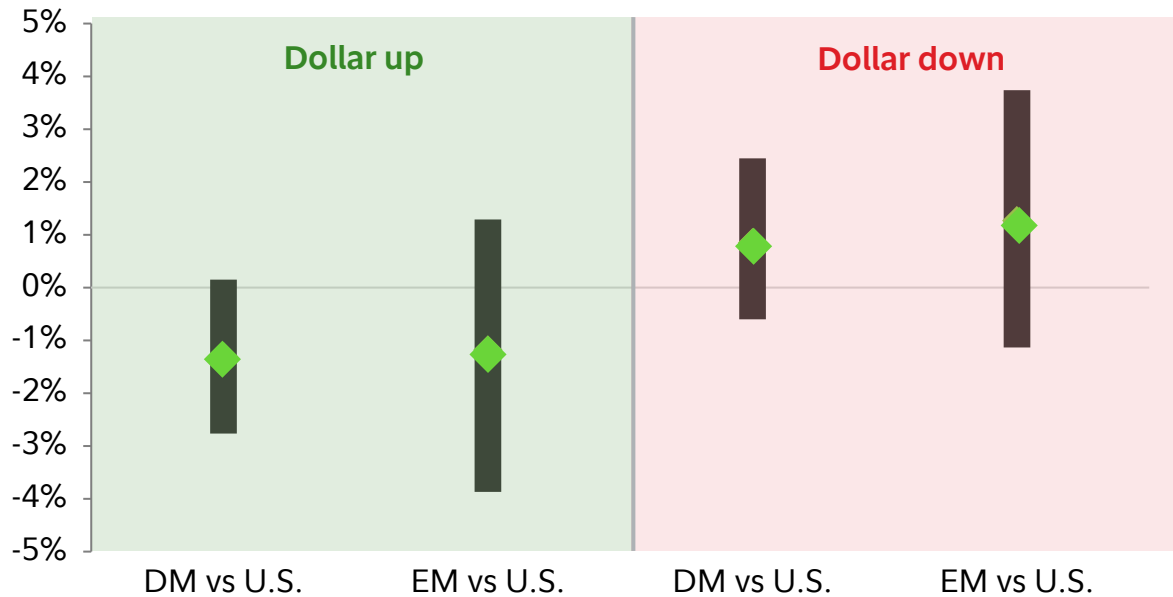
U.S. dollar valuations (1986–2026)



Relative regional equity performance by U.S. dollar changes, 2003–2026

◆ Median ■ 25th–75th percentile range

Monthly return



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Global equity themes

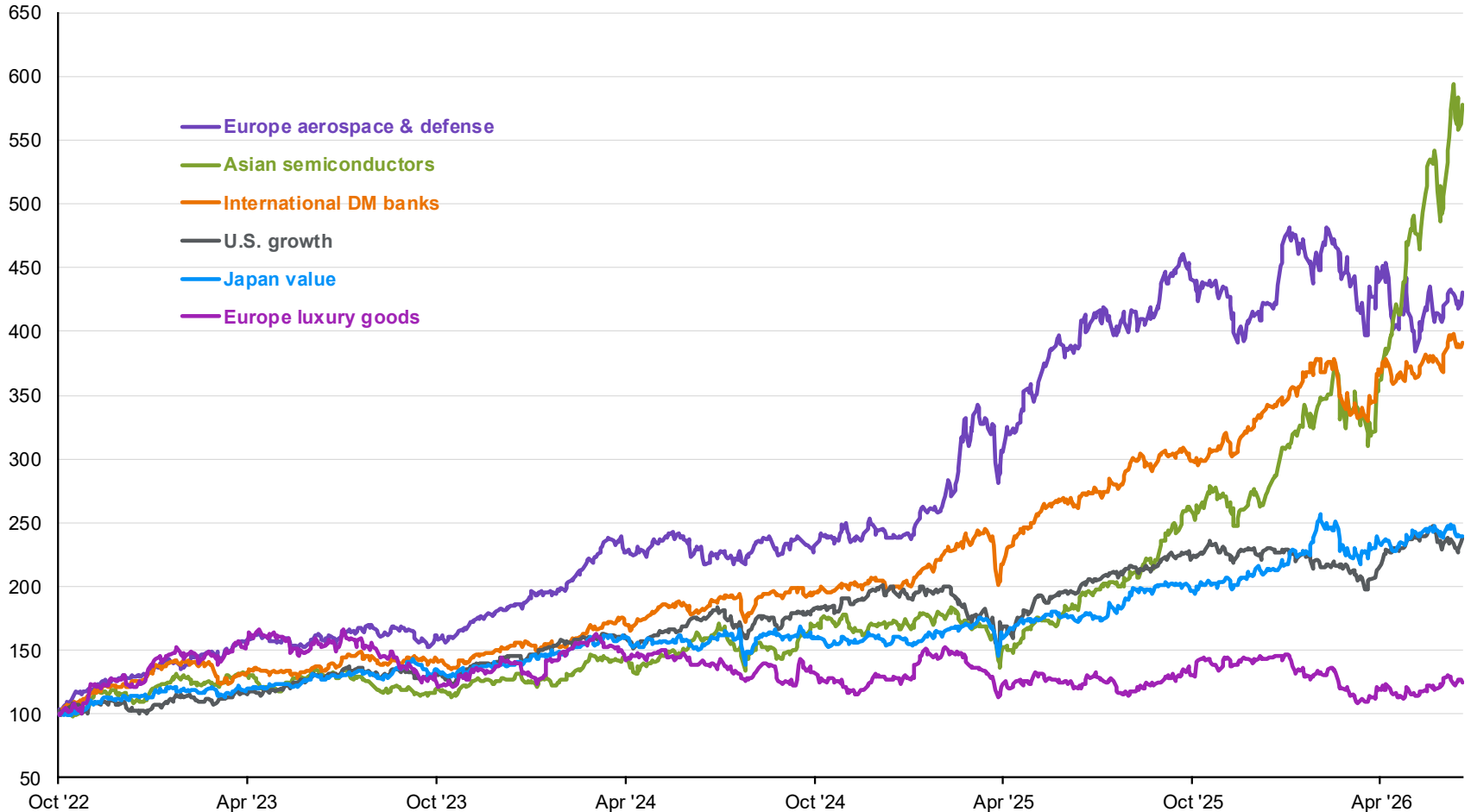
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Major global investment themes

Oct 12, 2022 = 100, total return, USD



Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

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Global equity earnings

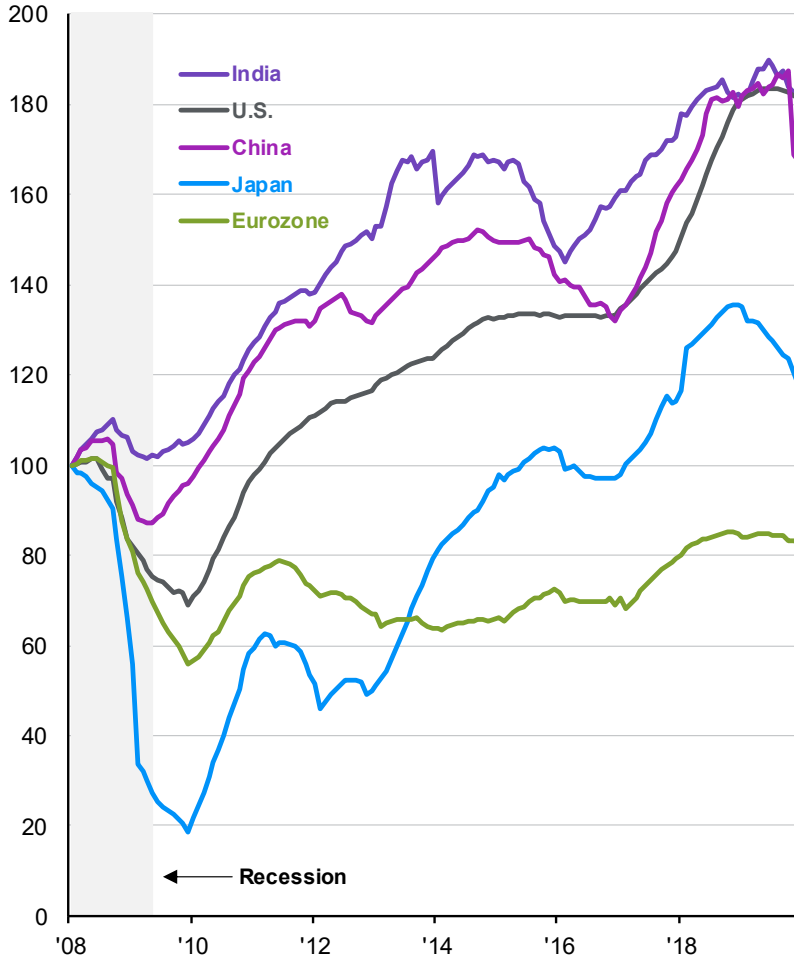
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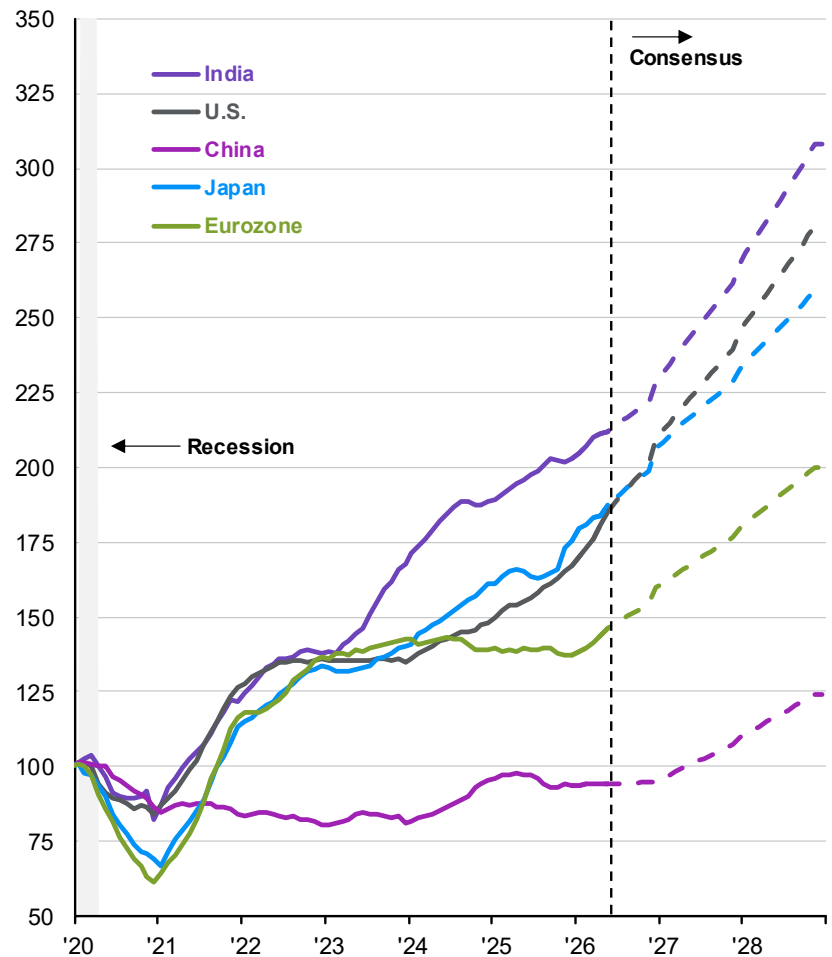
Earnings growth: GFC to pre-pandemic

Jan 2008 = 100, last 12 months, local currency, monthly



Earnings growth: Pandemic to present/consensus estimates

Jan 2020 = 100, last 12 months, local currency, monthly



Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Countries are represented by their respective MSCI country index except for the U.S., which is represented by the S&P 500. GFC = Global Financial Crisis.
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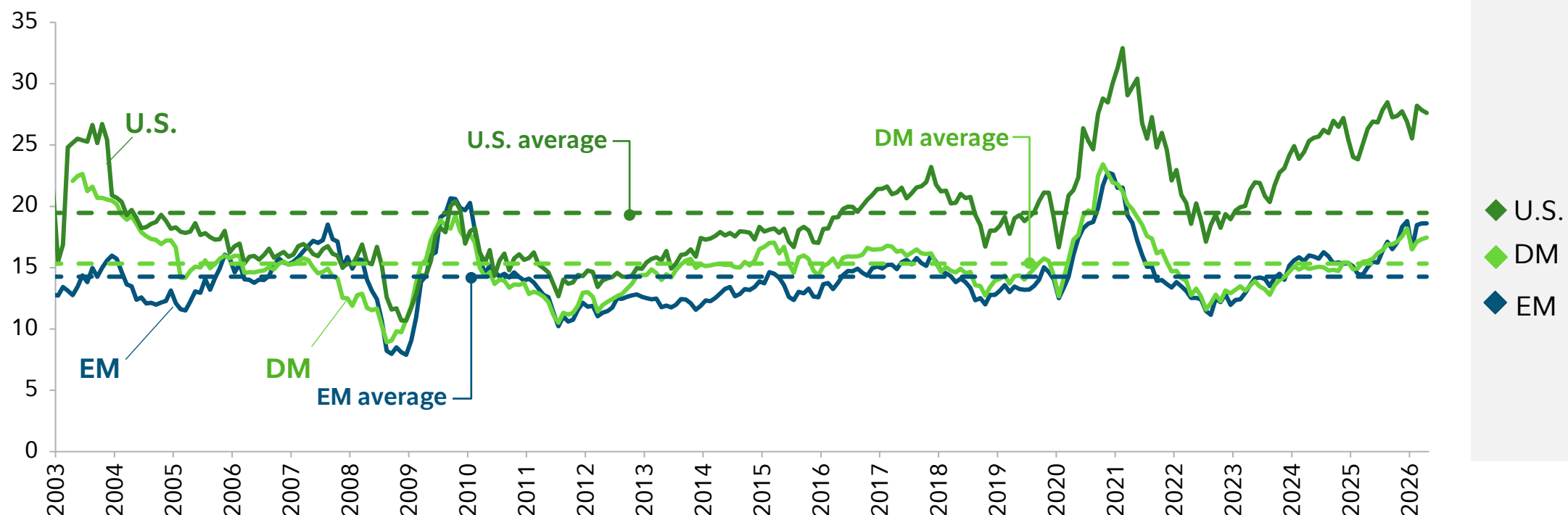
Non-U.S. equity valuations are still relatively attractive

Equity valuations have risen across regions over the last three years. The market expects a reversion in valuations across all major regions, with forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios for the U.S. well above non-US markets. The U.S. P/E ratio remained well above its long-term average, making non-U.S. equity valuations appear relatively attractive.

Global stock market P/E ratios

◆ Forward

Ratio



Past performance is no guarantee of future results. DM: Non-U.S. developed markets. EM: Emerging markets. Chart includes trailing 12-month P/Es. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All indexes are unmanaged. See Appendix for important index information. Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio (or multiple): Stock price divided by earnings per share, which indicates how much investors are paying for a company's earnings power. Long-term average P/E includes data from 12/31/04 to 12/31/25. Indexes: DM—MSCI EAFE Index; EM—MSCI Emerging Markets Index; U.S.—S&P 500. Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P., Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 6/30/26.

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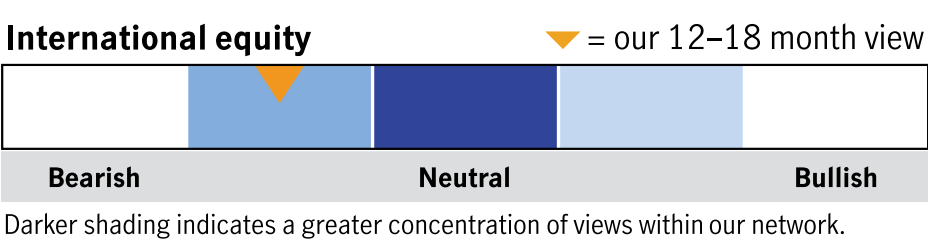


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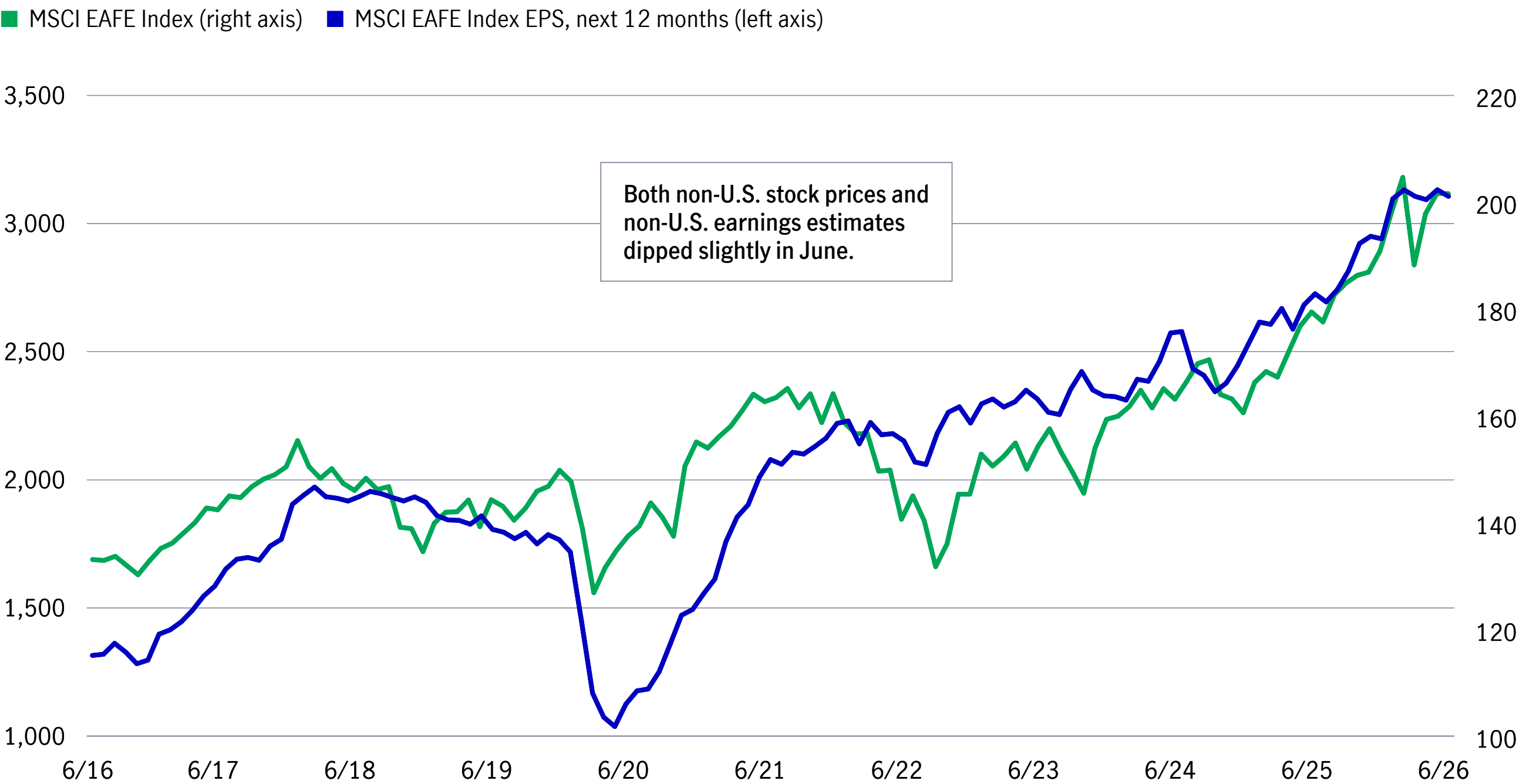


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Non-U.S. earnings growth estimates and stock prices have typically moved together over time



Non-U.S. developed markets earnings growth remains firmly in positive territory



EPS growth estimates, YoY (%)	2026
Energy	66.14
Information technology	54.87
Materials	25.70
Consumer discretionary	16.64
MSCI EAFE	14.14
Consumer staples	12.42
Industrials	11.50
Financials	8.07
Utilities	4.55
Healthcare	2.38
Real estate	1.51
Communication services	-11.83

Source: FactSet, as of 6/30/26. Earnings per share (EPS) is a measure of how much profit a company has generated calculated by dividing the company's net income by its total number of outstanding shares. YoY refers to year over year. The MSCI Europe, Australasia, and Far East (EAFE) Index tracks the performance of large- and mid-cap stocks of companies in those regions. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. No forecasts are guaranteed. Past performance does not guarantee future results.



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Tariffs on U.S. imports

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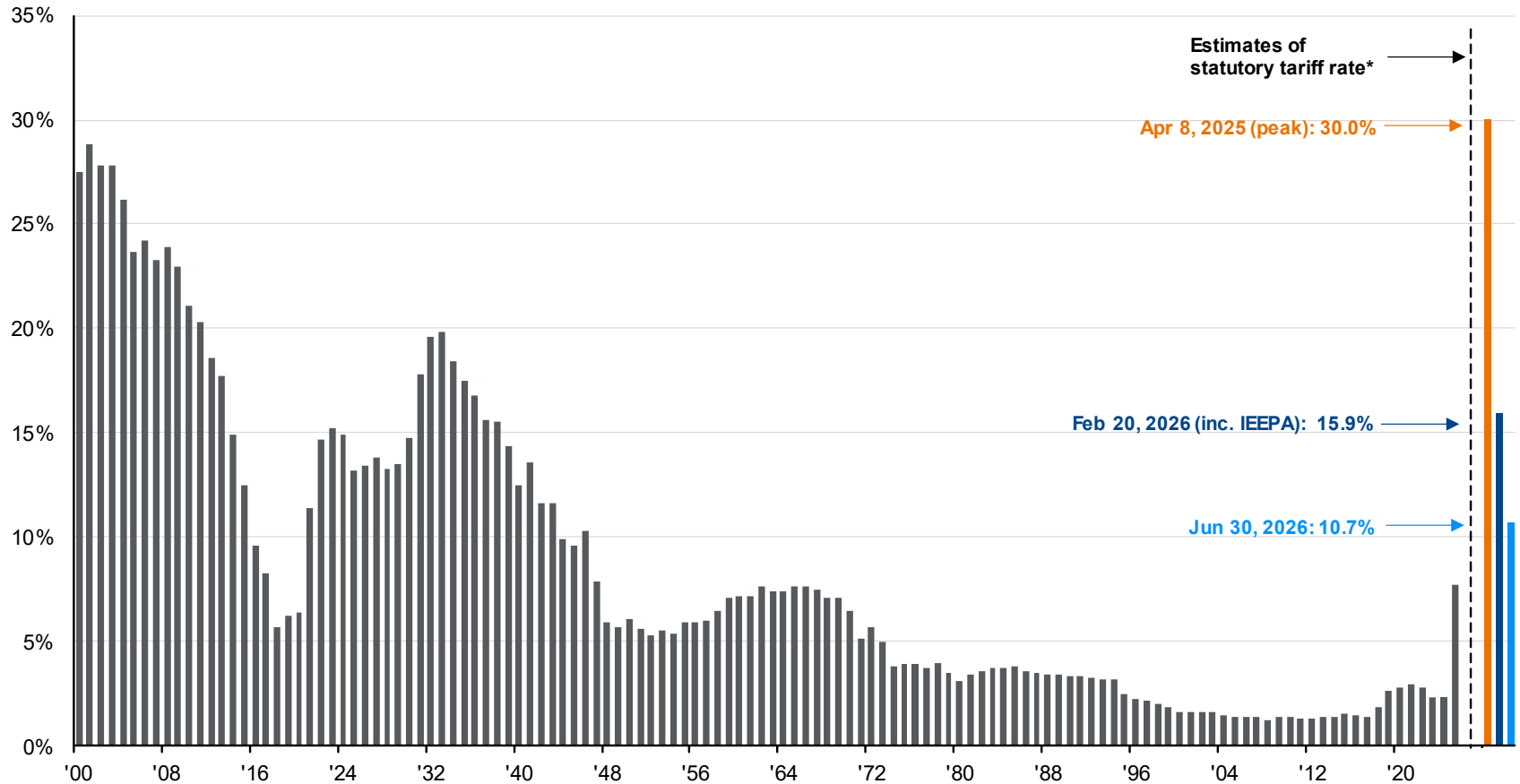
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Economy

Average tariff rate on U.S. goods imports for consumption

Duties collected / value of total goods imports for consumption, 1900 - 2026



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. International Trade Commission, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

For illustrative purposes only. The estimated weighted average statutory U.S. tariff rate includes all tariffs that are currently in effect, not announced. Imports for consumption: goods brought into a country for direct use or sale in the domestic market. *Figures are based on 2024 import levels and assume no change in demand due to tariff increases. Tariff revenue shown are figures from the Monthly Treasury Statement. Import figures included in the table are from the U.S. Census Bureau. Estimates, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

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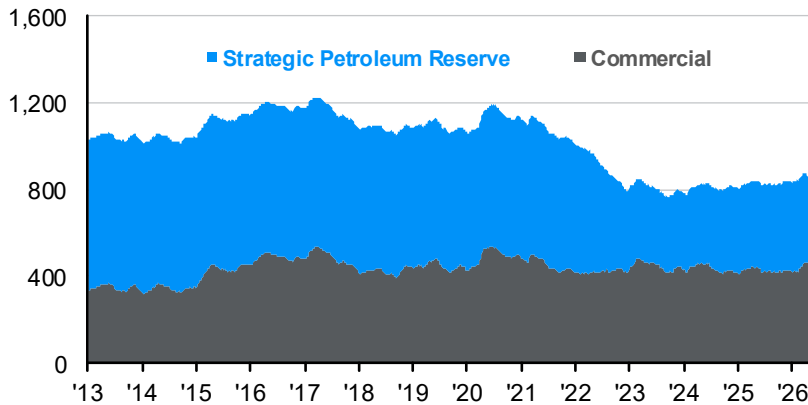
Change in production and consumption of liquid fuels

Production, consumption and inventories, millions of barrels per day

Production	'23	'24	'25*	'26*	'27*	'23-'27
U.S.	22.0	22.8	23.6	24.2	25.0	13.9%
OPEC	28.5	28.4	29.3	23.1	29.3	2.8%
Russia	10.9	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.7	-2.4%
Global	102.5	103.1	106.1	99.0	109.3	6.7%
Consumption						
U.S.	20.3	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.7	2.2%
China	16.0	16.4	16.6	16.4	16.9	5.9%
India	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.1	13.2%
Global	101.4	102.8	104.0	102.9	105.3	3.8%
Inventory Change						
	1.0	0.3	2.1	-3.9	4.0	

U.S. crude oil inventories

Million barrels



Price of oil

WTI crude, nominal prices, USD/barrel



Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom left) EIA.

*Forecasts are from the April 2026 EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook and start in 2025. Liquid fuels include crude oil, natural gas, biodiesel and fuel ethanol. WTI crude prices are continuous contract NYM prices in USD.

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Oil and the U.S. economy

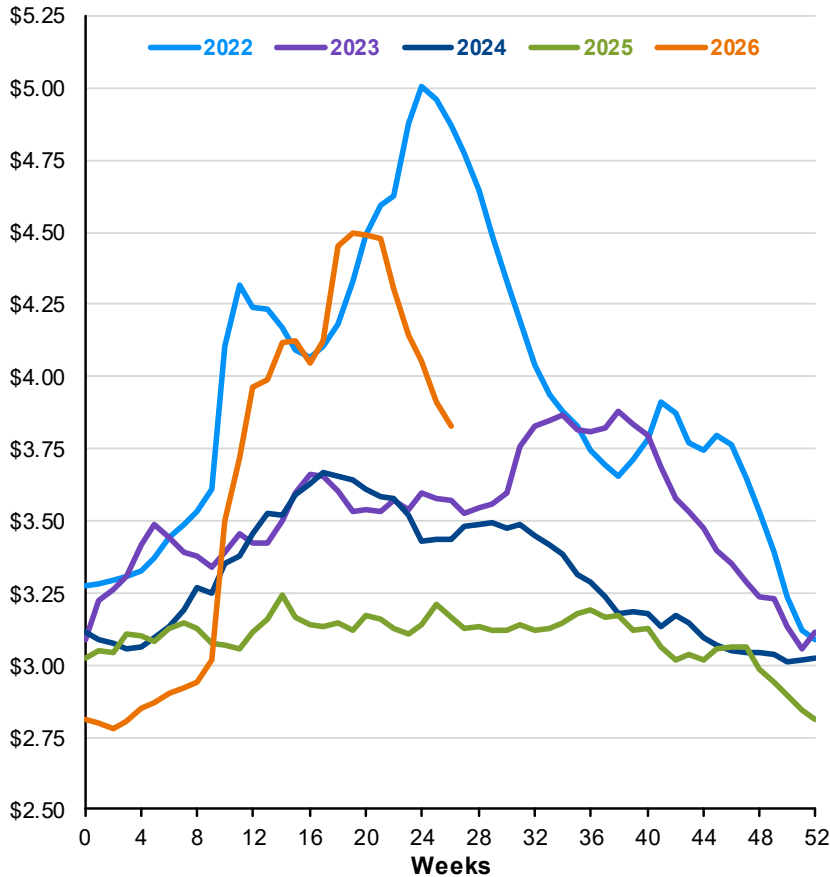
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Retail gasoline prices

All regular formulations, USD per gallon, weekly



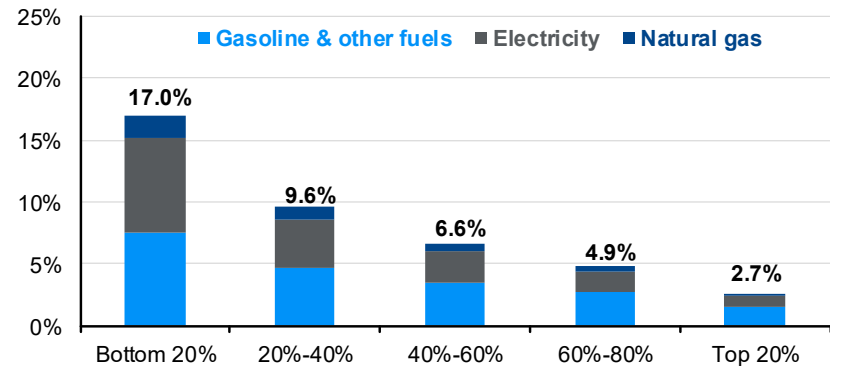
U.S. net imports of petroleum and related products*

% of nominal GDP, quarterly



Consumer expenditures on energy

% of total income, by pre-tax income cohort, 2024



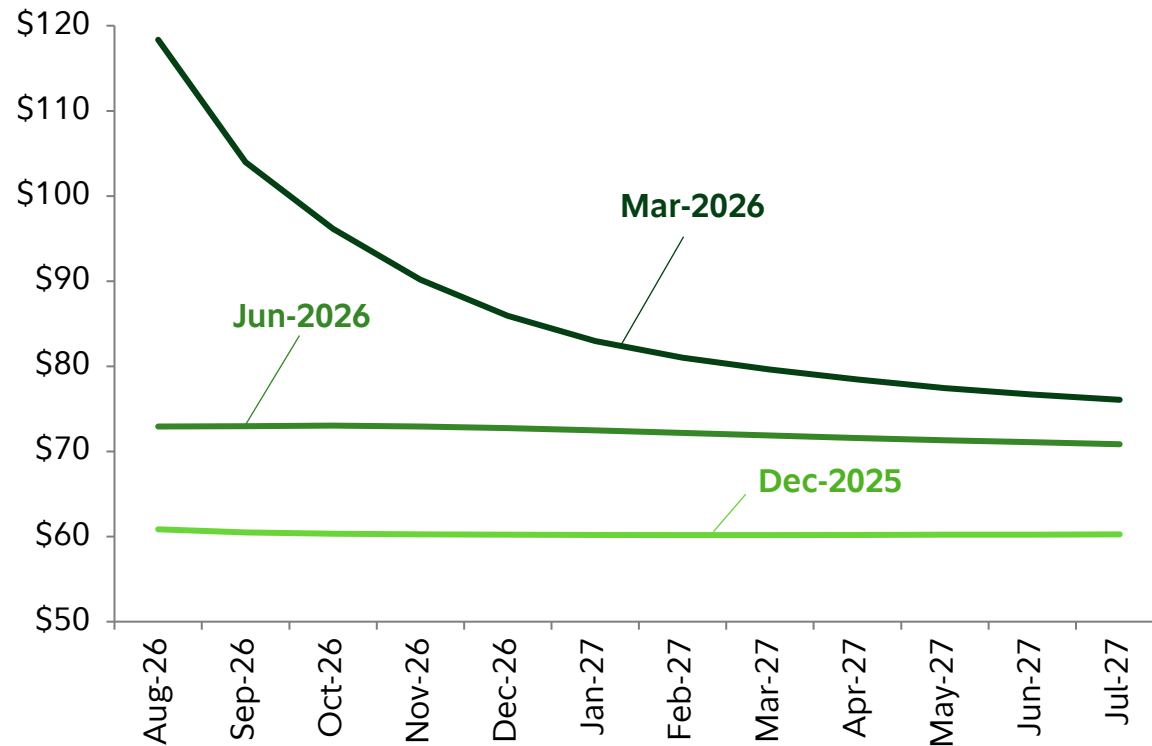
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Data sourced from the 2024 Consumer Expenditure Survey. *Petroleum and related product export data from the BEA are unavailable prior to 1985.
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Oil supply shock subsided with China mitigating the global impact

After surging to over \$120 per barrel in Q1, optimism over the opening of the Strait of Hormuz helped oil prices fall toward pre-Iran conflict levels. However, geopolitical risks continue, with oil not fully back to 2025 levels, when markets viewed oil supply as ample. Part of the reason oil may not have risen more was China's multiyear strategy of building petroleum reserves. Chinese oil imports fell sharply in Q2, potentially from less demand or substitution of other energy sources and its ability to draw down strategic stockpiles.

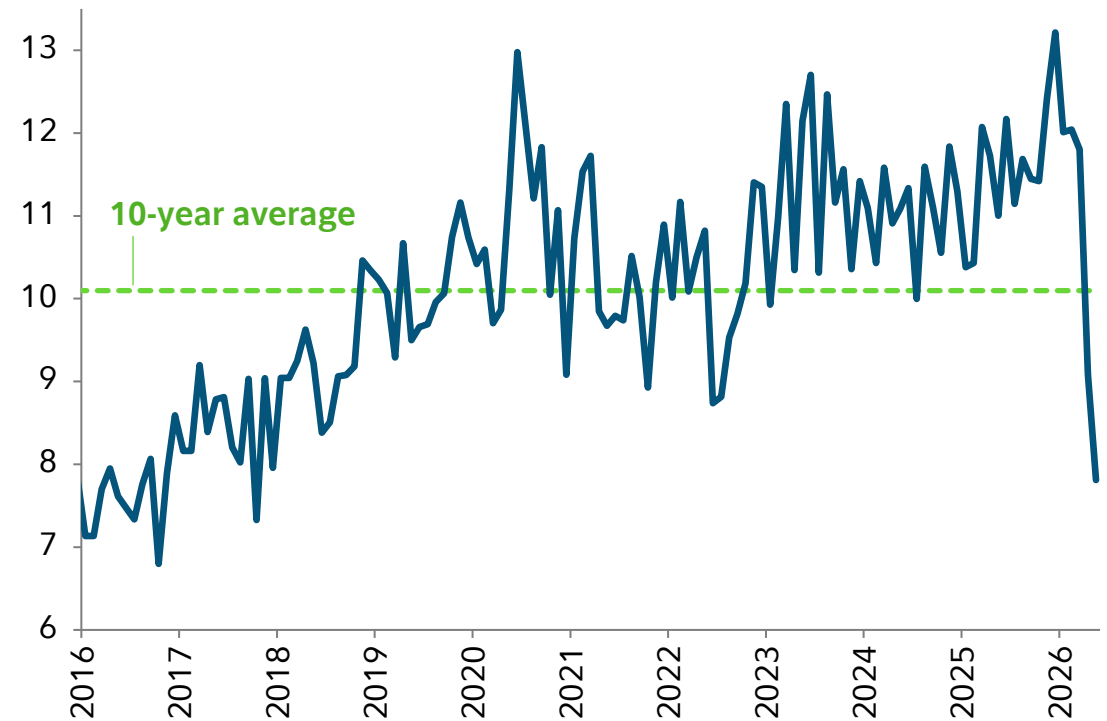
Brent crude futures curve

USD/barrel



China crude-oil imports

Barrels per day (millions)



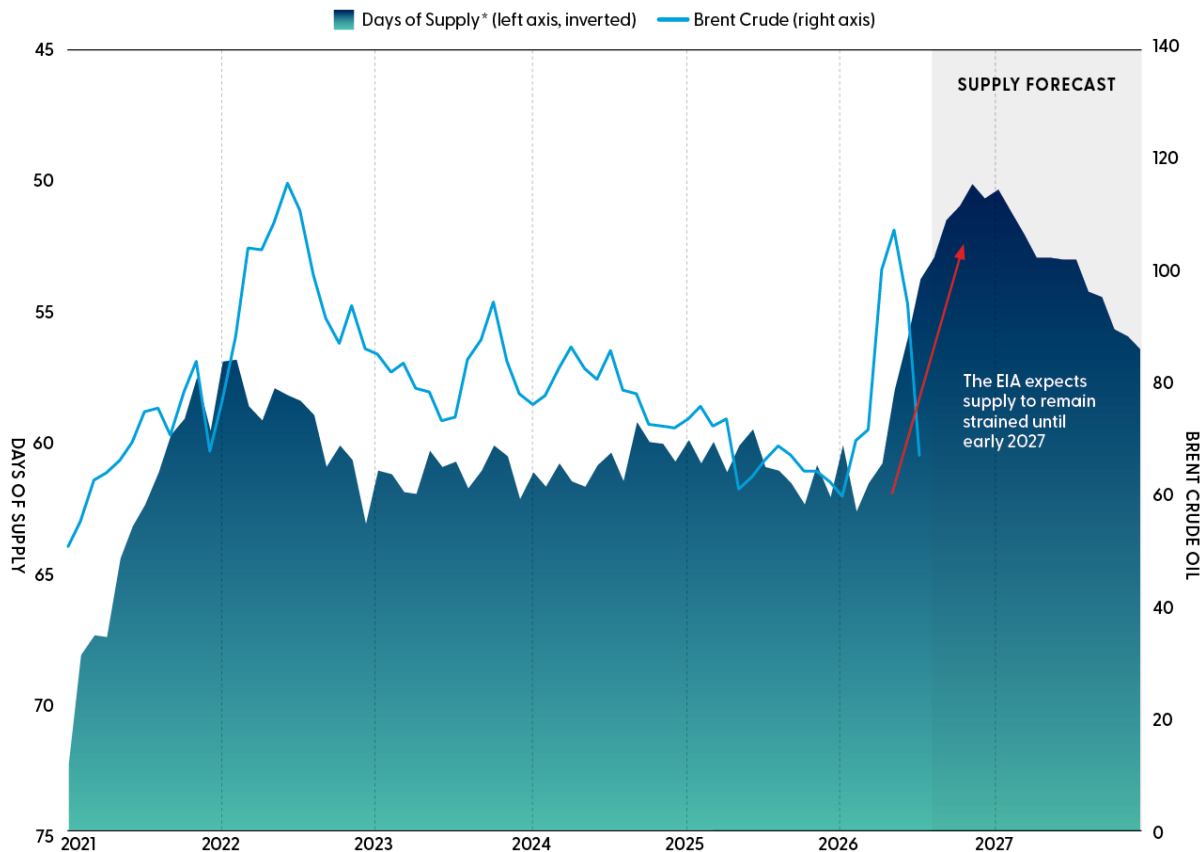
Supply Forecasts Remain Supportive of Oil

Source: LPL Research, Bloomberg, U.S. Energy Information Administration 07/01/26

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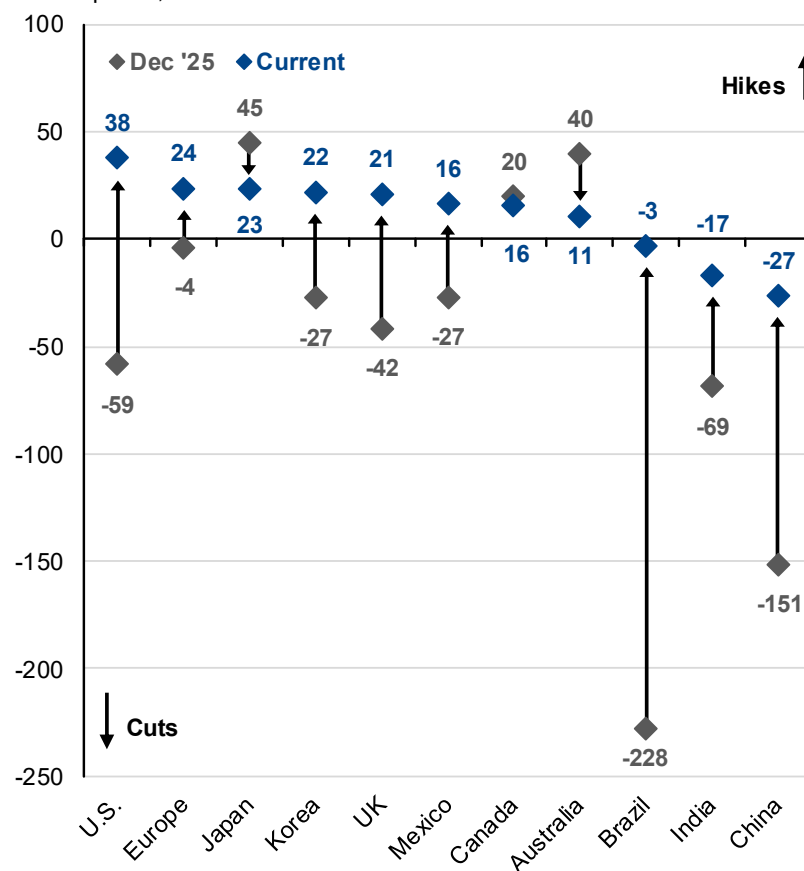
Global fixed income

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Aggregates	Local yield		USD yield	2026 Return		Duration	Correlation to U.S. 10yr
	6/30/2026	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Local	USD		
U.S.	4.73%	4.32%	-	0.62%	0.62%	5.9 years	0.93
Gbl. ex-U.S.	3.18%	2.99%	-	-	-0.73%	6.5	0.71
Canada	3.74%	3.62%	4.89%	2.59%	-0.88%	6.7	0.60
Japan	2.48%	2.04%	4.69%	-2.42%	-5.89%	7.9	0.72
Germany	3.04%	2.84%	4.34%	1.41%	-1.28%	6.0	0.67
UK	4.70%	4.38%	4.57%	0.34%	-0.98%	7.2	0.64
Italy	3.31%	3.09%	4.61%	1.06%	-1.62%	6.1	0.55
China	1.60%	1.79%	3.78%	1.81%	4.85%	6.0	0.50
Sector							
Euro Corp.	3.46%	3.23%	4.76%	1.33%	-1.36%	4.5 years	0.46
Euro HY	6.16%	5.83%	7.46%	1.87%	-0.83%	3.4	0.11
EMD (USD)	6.92%	6.80%	-	-	3.32%	6.0	0.42
EMD (LCL)	6.10%	5.87%	-	2.43%	1.52%	5.4	0.34
EM Corp.	6.06%	5.90%	-	-	2.21%	5.1	0.33

Expected change in policy rates

Basis points, end of 2026



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Fixed income sectors shown above are provided by Bloomberg and are represented by the global aggregate for each country except where noted. European Corporates are represented by the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index and the Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Index. Sector yields reflect yield to worst. Correlations are based on 10 years of monthly returns for all sectors. USD yield shows the total effective yield a U.S.-based investor could expect after accounting for the hedging premium. Hedging premiums are calculated taking the spread between the 3-month SOFR rate and the 3-month short-term lending rates in local market referenced (e.g. 3-month Euribor is used for European economies) and do not include transactional fees that can reduce effective yield. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Market expectations reflect end-of-year forward interest rates for the U.S., Canada, eurozone, UK, Australia and Japan, and end-of-year near-term forward rates for Mexico, Brazil, China, India and Korea.

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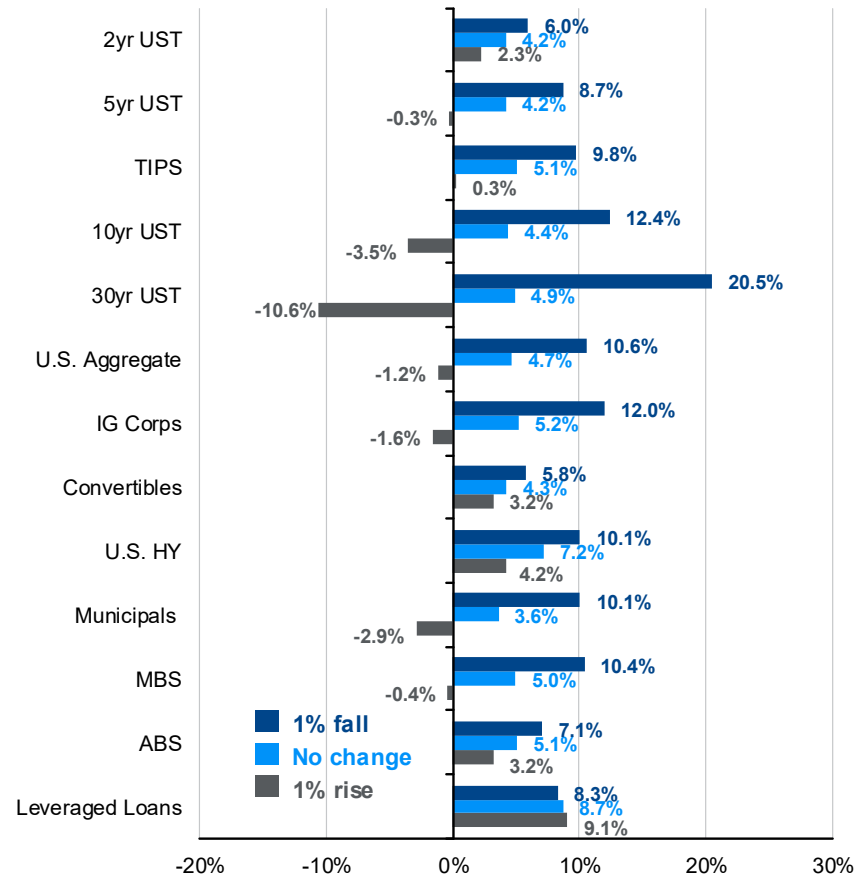


Fixed income market dynamics

U.S. Treasuries	Yield		Return		Avg. Maturity	Correlation to 10-year	Correlation to S&P 500
	6/30/2026	12/31/2025	2026	2026			
2-Year	4.14%	3.47%	0.53%	2 years	0.75	0.03	
5-Year	4.19%	3.73%	-0.28%	5	0.94	0.03	
TIPS	2.06%	1.69%	1.15%	7.1	0.75	0.38	
10-Year	4.44%	4.18%	-0.14%	10	1.00	0.00	
30-Year	4.91%	4.84%	0.74%	30	0.94	-0.04	
Sector							
U.S. Aggregate	4.73%	4.32%	0.62%	8.2	0.91	0.29	
IG Corps	5.20%	4.81%	0.86%	10.5	0.70	0.50	
Convertibles	4.29%	6.13%	21.28%	-	0.01	0.86	
U.S. HY	7.16%	6.53%	1.96%	4.8	0.13	0.79	
Municipals	3.58%	3.60%	2.32%	13.4	0.73	0.33	
MBS	4.97%	4.63%	0.99%	7.2	0.83	0.30	
ABS	5.14%	4.69%	1.62%	2.2	0.40	0.30	
Leveraged Loans	8.73%	8.10%	1.48%	4.7	-0.21	0.60	

Fixed income returns in different interest rate scenarios

Total return, assumes a parallel shift in the yield curve



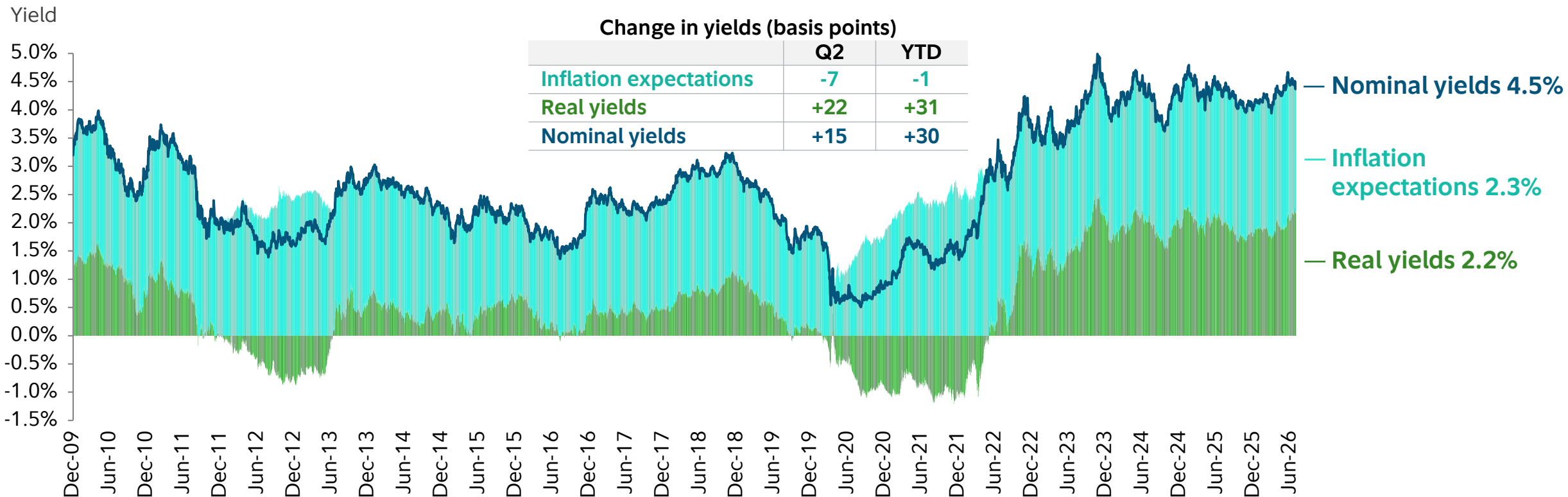
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Treasury yields ticked higher amid elevated rate volatility

Nominal 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yields finished Q2 slightly higher. Most of this rise was in real yields—the inflation-adjusted cost of borrowing—attributed to the Federal Reserve’s hawkish tone at its June meeting. Despite actual inflation measures rising, longer-term inflation expectations, as implied by Treasury Inflation Protection Securities, fell as markets were comforted by the new Fed chairman’s comments on monetary policy and lower oil prices alleviated concerns of broadening inflation pressures.

10-year U.S. government bond yields

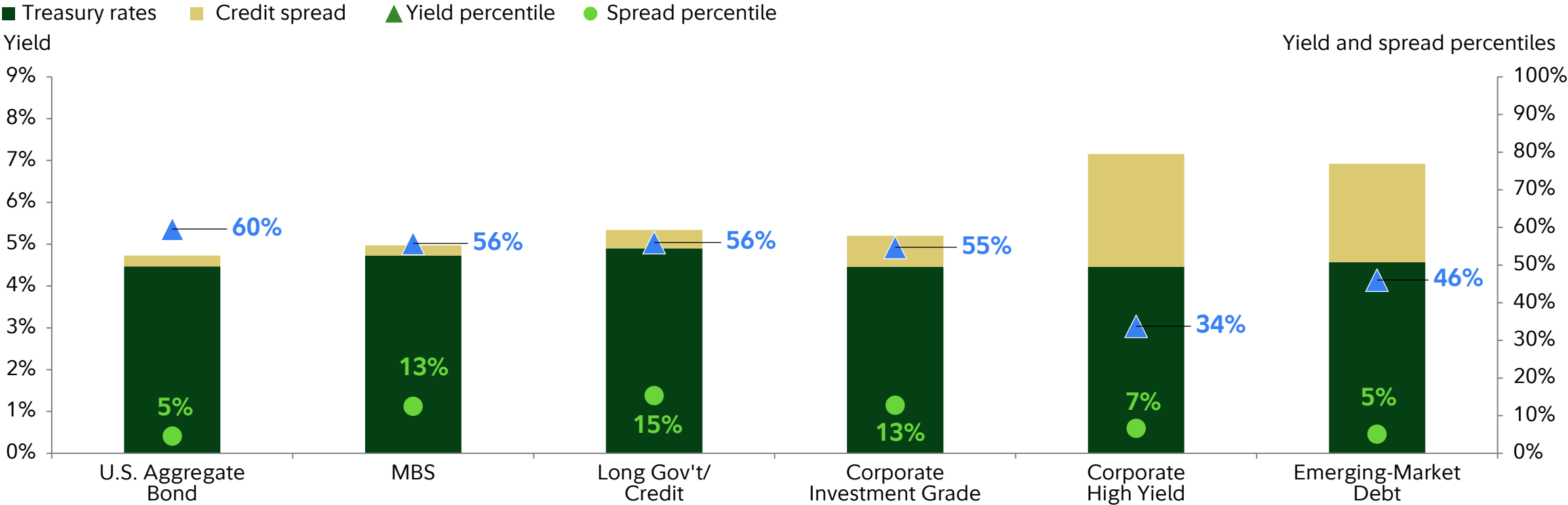
Real Yields Inflation Expectations Nominal Yields



Bond yields slightly higher, helped by tighter credit spreads

Yields were slightly higher across major fixed income categories with tighter credit spreads helping provide an offset. Credit spreads in the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, emerging market, and high-yield sectors ended the quarter in the lowest quartile of their historical range, providing limited compensation for taking on credit risk. Overall, yields for most fixed income categories stood at or above their 50th percentile, suggesting bond valuations are roughly in line with long-term averages and provide solid income within a balanced portfolio.

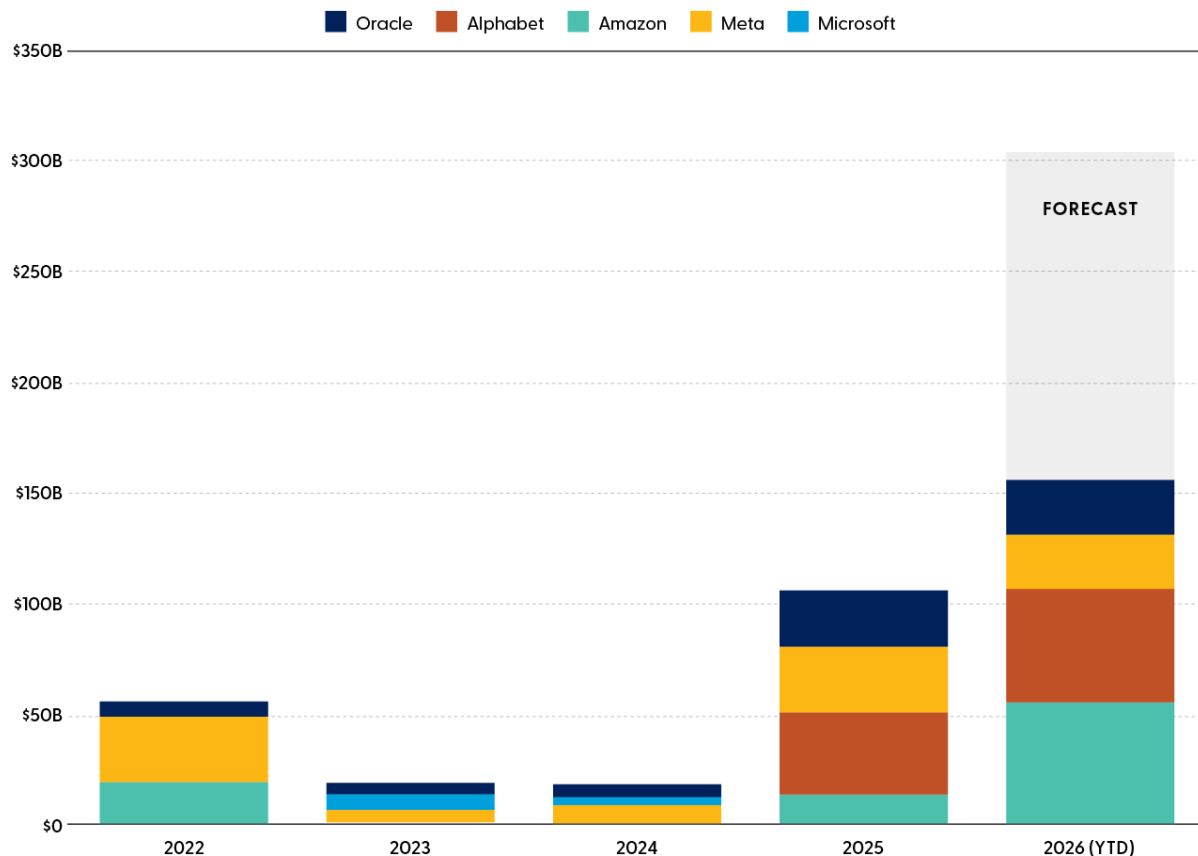
Fixed income yields and spreads (1993–2026)



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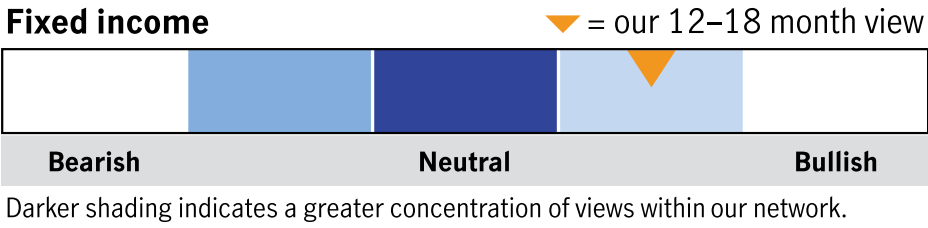


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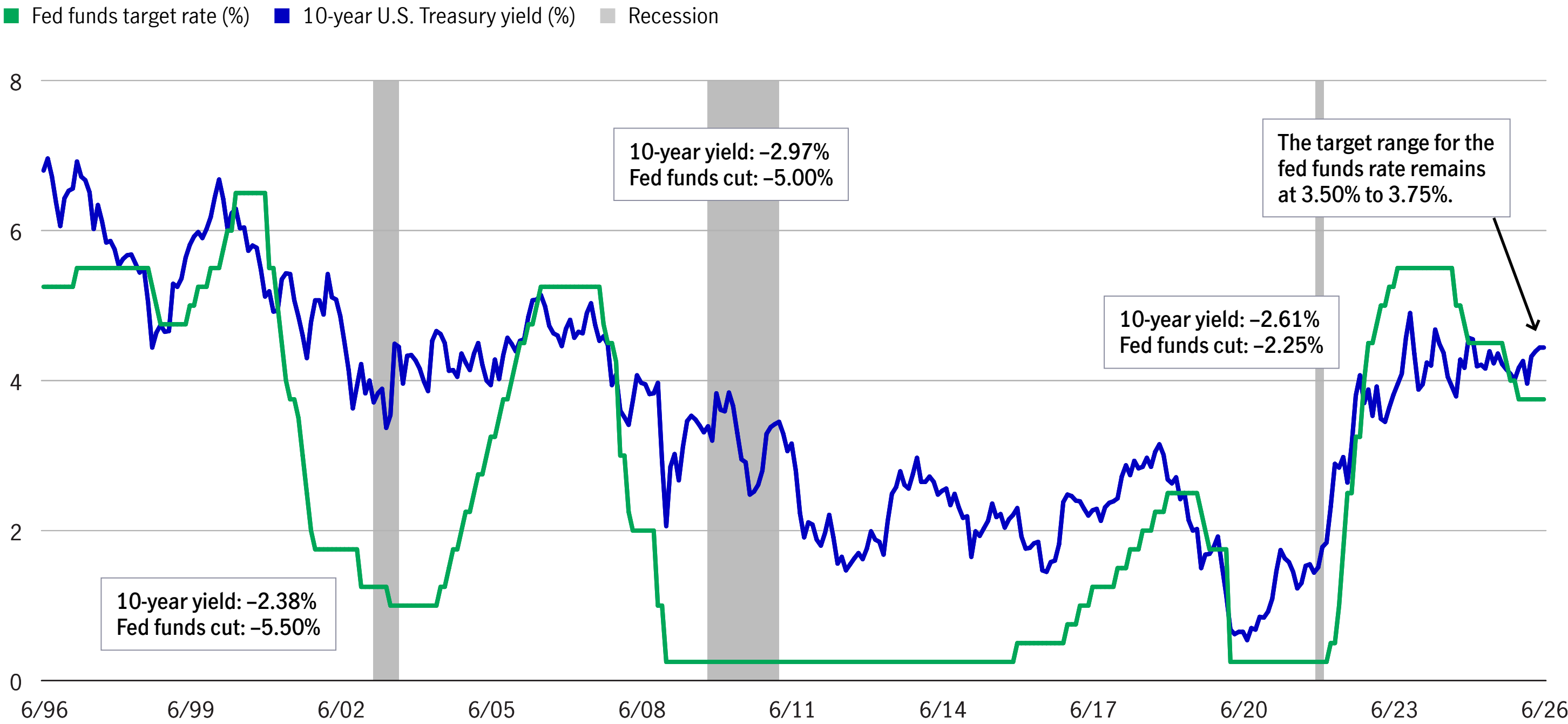


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Whether or not the Fed hikes rates this year remains to be seen



Historically, the fed funds target rate tends to fall further than the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield once the Fed shifts policy



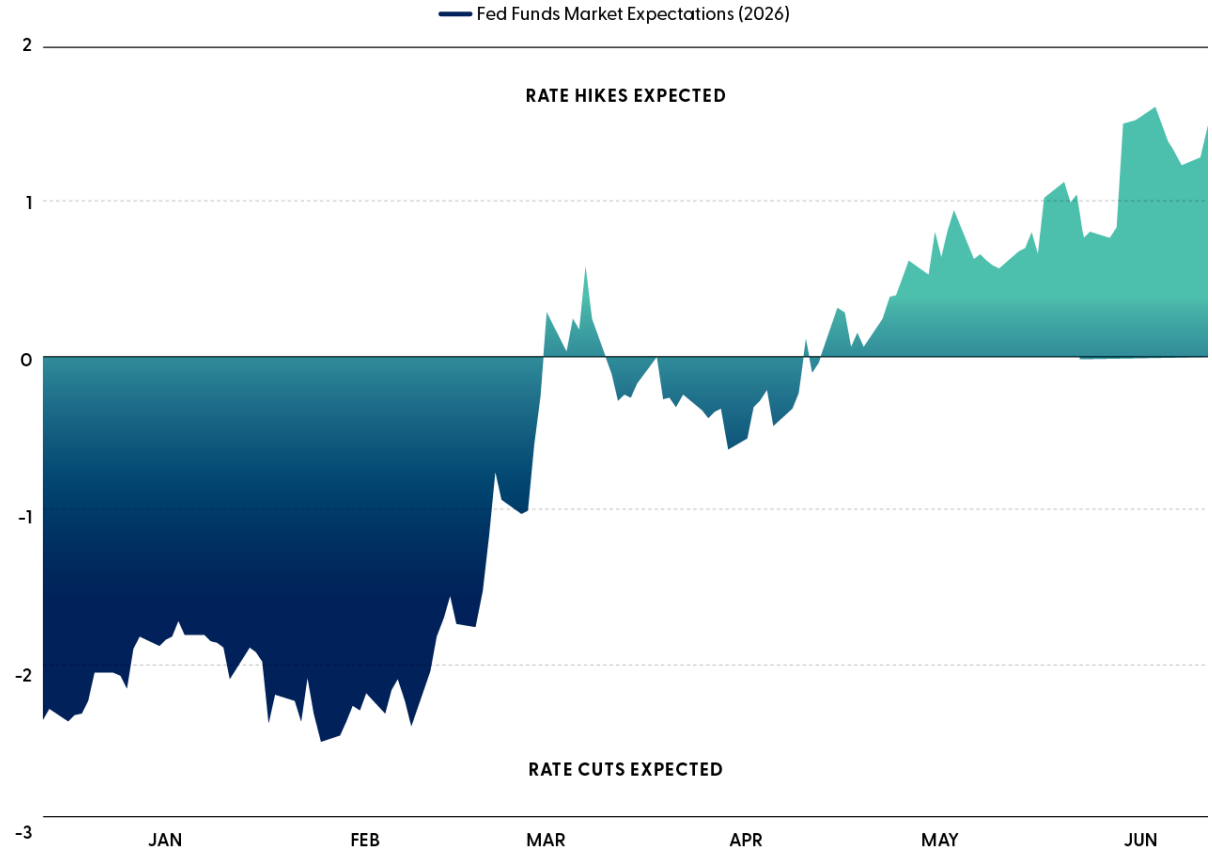
The CME Group's fed funds rate forecasts through 2026

Meeting date	Fed funds forecast (%)
7/29/26	3.75
9/16/26	4.00
10/29/26	4.00
12/9/26	4.00

Source: FactSet, U.S. Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury, as of 6/30/26. No forecasts are guaranteed.

From Multiple Cuts to a Potential Hike: The Market's Fed Repricing

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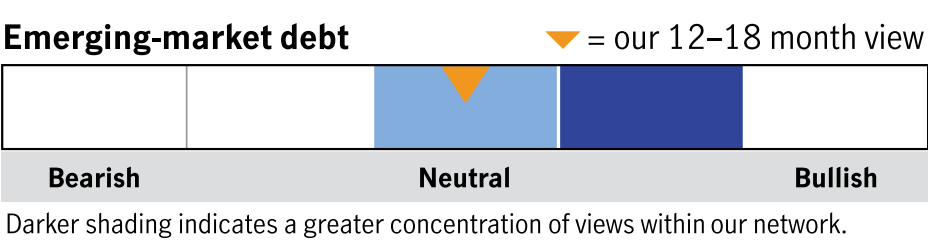


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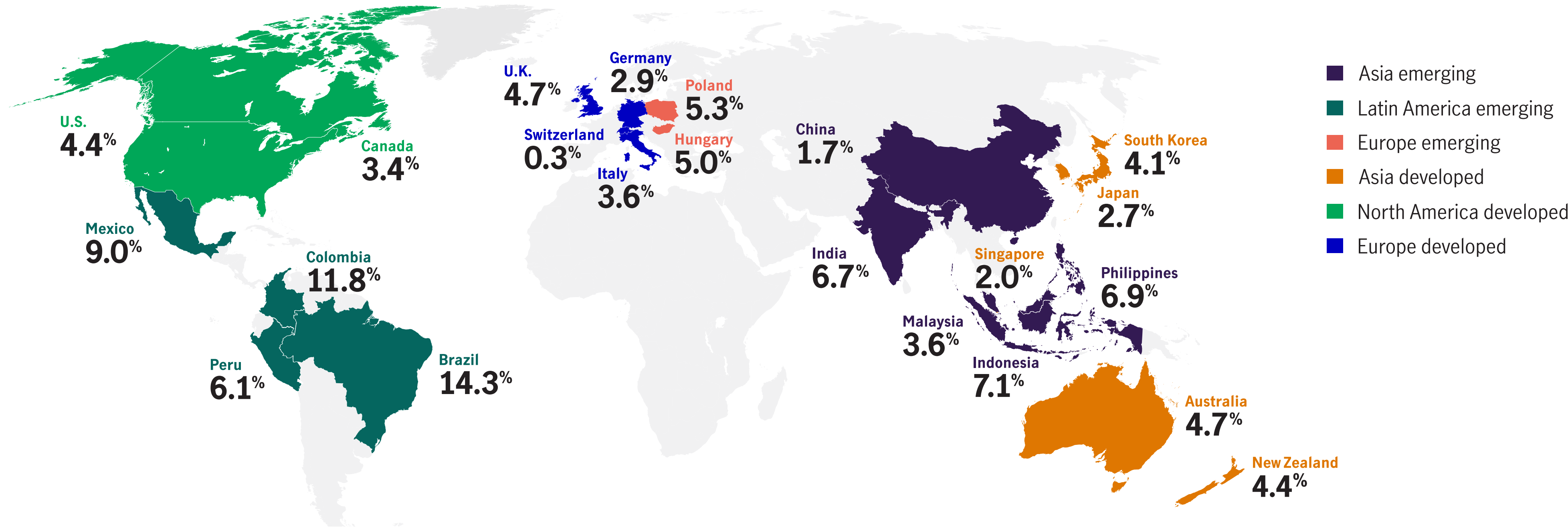


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While often riskier and more volatile, EM debt offers attractive yield potential



10-year government bond yields



Source: FactSet, as of 6/30/26. Foreign investing, especially in emerging markets, involves additional risks such as currency and market volatility and political and social instability. EM refers to emerging market. Past performance does not guarantee future results.



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Although bonds generally present less short-term risk and volatility than stocks, bonds do contain interest rate risk (as interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa) and the risk of default, or the risk that an issuer will be unable to make income or principal payments.

Additionally, bonds and short-term investments entail greater inflation risk—or the risk that the return of an investment will not keep up with increases in the prices of goods and services—than stocks. Increases in real interest rates can cause the price of inflation-protected debt securities to decrease.

Stock markets, especially non-U.S. markets, are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. Foreign securities are subject to interest rate, currency

exchange rate, economic, and political risks, all of which are magnified in emerging markets. The securities of smaller, less well-known companies can be more volatile than those of larger companies.

There is no guarantee that a factor-based investing strategy will enhance performance or reduce risk. Before investing, make sure you understand how a factor investment strategy may differ from a more traditional index-based or actively managed approach. Depending on market conditions, factor-based investments may underperform compared to investments that seek to track a market capitalization-weighted index or investments that employ full active management.

Growth stocks can perform differently from the market as a whole and from other types of stocks and can be more volatile than other types of stocks. Value stocks can perform differently from other types of stocks and can continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time.

Lower-quality debt securities generally offer higher yields but also involve greater risk of default or price changes due to potential changes in the credit quality of the issuer. Any fixed income security sold or redeemed prior to maturity may be subject to loss.

Floating rate loans generally are subject to restrictions on resale, and sometimes trade infrequently in the secondary market; as a result, they may be more difficult to value, buy, or sell. A floating rate loan may not be fully collateralized and therefore may decline significantly in value.

The municipal market can be affected by adverse tax, legislative, or political changes, and by the financial condition of the issuers of municipal securities. Interest income generated by municipal bonds is generally expected to be exempt from federal income taxes and, if the bonds are held by an investor resident in the state of issuance, from state and local income taxes. Such interest income may be subject to federal and/or state alternative minimum taxes. Investing in municipal bonds for the purpose of generating tax-exempt income may not be appropriate for investors in all tax brackets. Generally, tax-exempt municipal securities are not appropriate holdings for tax-advantaged accounts, such as IRAs and 401(k)s.

The commodities industry can be significantly affected by commodity prices, world events, import controls, worldwide competition, government regulations, and economic conditions.

The gold industry can be significantly affected by international monetary and political developments, such as currency devaluations or revaluations, central bank movements, economic and social conditions within a country, trade imbalances, or trade or currency restrictions between countries.

Changes in real estate values or economic downturns can have a significant negative effect on issuers in the real estate industry.

Leverage can magnify the impact that adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments have on a company. In the event of bankruptcy, a company's creditors take precedence over the company's stockholders.

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Market indexes

Index returns on slide 21 represented by: Growth—Russell 3000® Growth Index; Small Cap—Russell 2000® Index; Large Cap—S&P 500®; Mid Cap—Russell Midcap® Index; Value—Russell 3000® Value Index; ACWI ex USA—MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex USA Index; Japan—MSCI Japan Index; EAFE Small Cap—MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index; EAFE—MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East) Index; Europe—MSCI Europe Index; Canada—MSCI Canada Index; EM Asia—MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index; Emerging Markets (EM)—MSCI EM Index; EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa)—MSCI EM EMEA Index; Latin America—MSCI EM Latin America Index; Gold—Gold Bullion Price, LBMA PM Fix; Commodities—Bloomberg Commodity Index; High Yield—ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index; Leveraged Loan—S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index; TIPS (Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities)—Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index; EM Debt (Emerging-Market Debt)—JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Composite Index; CMBS (Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities)—Bloomberg Investment-Grade CMBS Index; Credit—Bloomberg U.S. Credit Bond Index; Municipal—Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index; Long Government & Credit (Investment-Grade)—Bloomberg Long Government & Credit Index; ABS (Asset-Backed Securities)—Bloomberg ABS Index; Aggregate—Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index; Agency—Bloomberg U.S. Agency Index; Treasuries—Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index; MBS (Mortgage-Backed Securities)—Bloomberg MBS Index; Momentum—Fidelity U.S. Momentum Factor Index TR; Low Volatility—Fidelity U.S. Low Volatility Factor Index; Quality—Fidelity U.S. Quality Factor Index; Value—Fidelity U.S. Value Factor Index; Size—Fidelity Small-Mid Factor Index; Yield—Fidelity High Dividend Index.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond is a broad-based, market value-weighted benchmark that measures the performance of the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.

Bloomberg U.S. Credit Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of investment-grade corporate fixed-rate debt issues with maturities of one year or more.

Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index is a market value-weighted index of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with maturities of one year or more.

Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) Index (Series-L) is a market value-weighted index that measures the performance of inflation-protected securities issued by the US Treasury.

Bloomberg Long U.S. Government Credit Index includes all publicly issued U.S. government and corporate securities that have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value.

Bloomberg U.S. Agency Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of U.S. Agency government and investment-grade corporate fixed-rate debt issues.

Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of investment-grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more.

Bloomberg U.S. MBS Index is a market value-weighted index of fixed-rate securities that represent interests in pools of mortgage loans, including balloon mortgages, with original terms of 15 and 30 years that are issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC).

Bloomberg CMBS Index is designed to mirror commercial mortgage-backed securities of investment-grade quality (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or above) using Moody's, S&P, and Fitch, respectively, with maturities of at least one year.

Bloomberg ABS Index is a market value-weighted index that covers fixed-rate asset-backed securities with average lives greater than or equal to one year and that are part of a public deal; the index covers the following collateral types: credit cards, autos, home equity loans, stranded-cost utility (rate-reduction bonds), and manufactured housing.

ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of U.S. dollar-denominated, below-investment-grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. market.

JPM® EMBI Global Diversified Composite Index comprises of USD denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds and Traded loans issued by sovereign and quasi sovereign entities. The Diversified version limits the weights of the index countries by only including a specified portion of those countries' eligible current face amounts of debt outstanding. This provides a more even distribution of weights within the countries in the index.

Standard & Poor's/Loan Syndications and Trading Association (S&P/LSTA) Leveraged Performing Loan Index is a market value-weighted index designed to represent the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated institutional leveraged performing loan portfolios (excluding loans in payment default) using current market weightings, spreads, and interest payments.

Bloomberg Commodity Index measures the performance of the commodities market. It consists of exchange-traded futures contracts on physical commodities that are weighted to account for the economic significance and market liquidity of each commodity.

Russell 3000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the 3,000 largest companies in the U.S. equity market.

Russell 3000 Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth rates.

Russell 3000 Value Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the small to mid cap value segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 3000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth rates.

Russell Midcap® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the mid cap segment of the U.S. equity market. It contains approximately 800 of the smallest securities in the Russell 1000 Index.

Russell 1000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the large cap segment of the U.S. equity market.

Russell 1000 Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the large cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 1000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth rates.

Russell 1000 Value Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the large cap value segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 1000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth rates.

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Market indexes (continued)

Russell 2000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities in the Russell 3000 Index.

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Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market IndexSM is a full market capitalization-weighted index of all equity securities of U.S.-headquartered companies with readily available price data.

MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure investable equity market performance for global investors of developed and emerging markets.

MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex USA Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure investable equity market performance for global investors of large and mid cap stocks in developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States.

MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East Index (EAFE) is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance of small cap stocks for global investors in developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

MSCI Europe Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors of the developed markets in Europe.

MSCI Canada Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in Canada.

MSCI Japan Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in Japan.

MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in emerging markets.

MSCI EM Asia Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance of EM countries of Asia.

MSCI EM Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in the EM countries of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

MSCI EM Latin America Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in Latin America.

FTSE® National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT®) All REITs Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of all tax-qualified REITs listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange, or the NASDAQ National Market List.

FTSE® NAREIT® Equity REIT Index is an unmanaged market value-weighted index based on the last closing price of the month for tax-qualified REITs listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

FTSE NAREIT All Equity Total Return Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the NYSE MKT LLC, or the NASDAQ National Market List.

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Fidelity U.S. Quality Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization U.S. companies with a higher quality profile than the broader market.

Fidelity Small-Mid Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of small and mid-capitalization U.S. companies with attractive valuations, high quality profiles, positive momentum signals, and lower volatility than the broader market.

Fidelity U.S. Momentum Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization U.S. companies that exhibit positive momentum signals.

Fidelity High Dividend Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization dividend-paying companies that are expected to continue to pay and grow their dividends.

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Market indexes (continued)

The London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) publishes the international benchmark price of gold in USD, twice daily. The LBMA gold price auction takes place by ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) at 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an inflationary indicator published monthly by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics that measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services, including housing, electricity, food, and transportation.

Personal consumption expenditure (PCE) indexes, published by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, are a primary measure of actual and imputed household expenditures on goods (durable and non-durable) and services. Core PCE, the Federal Reserve's preferred measure of consumer price inflation, excludes volatile food and energy prices. Definitions, data, and related resources regarding CPI and PCE variants are available at <https://www.atlantafed.org/research/inflationproject/underlying-inflation-dashboard>.

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Asset allocation does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss.

General Definitions

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the monetary value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period, though GDP is usually calculated on an annual basis. It includes all of private and public consumption, government outlays, investments, and exports less imports that occur within a

defined territory.

The PE ratio (price-to-earnings ratio) is a measure of the price paid for a share relative to the annual net income or profit earned by the firm per share. It is a financial ratio used for valuation: a higher PE ratio means that investors are paying more for each unit of net income, so the stock is more expensive compared to one with lower PE ratio.

Earnings per share (EPS) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. EPS serves as an indicator of a company's profitability. Earnings per share is generally considered to be the single most important variable in determining a share's price. It is also a major component used to calculate the price-to-earnings valuation ratio.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an index of the U.S. investment-grade fixed-rate bond market, including both government and corporate bonds. The HFRI® Indices are broadly constructed indices designed to capture the breadth of hedge fund performance trends across all strategies and regions.

The PHLX Semiconductor Sector Index (SOX) is a modified market capitalization-weighted index composed of companies primarily involved in the design, distribution, manufacture, and sale of semiconductors.

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A company's market capitalization is the market value of its outstanding shares. Market capitalization is calculated by multiplying the number of a company's shares outstanding by its stock price per share. Classifications such as large cap, mid cap, and small cap are only approximations and may change over time.

Equity Definitions

Cyclical stocks typically relate to equity securities of companies whose price is affected by ups and downs in the overall economy and that sell discretionary items that consumers may buy more of during an economic expansion but cut back on during a recession. Counter-cyclical stocks tend to move in the opposite direction from the overall economy and with consumer staples which people continue to demand even during a downturn.

A Growth stock is a share in a company that is anticipated to grow at a rate significantly above the average for the market due to capital appreciation.

A Value stock is anticipated to grow above the average for the market due to trading at a lower price relative to its fundamentals, such as dividends, earnings, or sales.

Large cap stocks are issued by corporations with a market capitalization of \$10 billion or more, and small cap stocks are issued by corporations with a market capitalization between \$250 million and \$2 billion.

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