

US 'exceptionalism' challenged, as performance gap narrows

Global markets were down 1.9% last week with US continuing to underperform (<u>Exhibit 1</u>). The regional performance gaps to the US have narrowed significantly (<u>Exhibit 2</u>) following increased political and economic uncertainty.

Macro data this week

<u>US</u>: The retail sales report on Monday and the Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index on Thursday. The March FOMC meeting is on Wednesday. The post-meeting statement will be released at 2:00 PM ET, followed by Chair Powell's press conference at 2:30 PM.

<u>Europe</u>: Final inflation prints for the Euro Area and labour market data for the UK. The key policy events are the BoE, Riksbank and SNB policy rate meetings.

<u>Japan</u>: The BOJ March policy board meeting, the February National new core CPI (excludes fresh food and energy), February export value growth.

<u>AEJ:</u> China's January/February activity data (including industrial production, retail sales, and investment).

Pricing is as of the close of Friday, March 14.

Magnificent Diversification

Confidence in US 'exceptionalism' was running high at the end of the last year at a time of record equity concentration (by market, sector and stock). Since then, relative returns have inflected, the US has corrected, and diversification is paying off. There have been three drivers. First, US growth is moderating from a high level and improving elsewhere, particularly, in Europe. Second, tariff fears and uncertainty are starting to weigh more on US confidence than elsewhere, driving higher US risk premia on a relative basis. Third, the high stock and sector concentration in the US is acting as a headwind to index returns as the largest companies are underperforming. As a result, our US equity strategists have lowered their year-end price target to 6200, representing 10% upside from current levels.

We continue to recommend broad diversification by geography, sector and factor. The outperformance of non-US markets is likely to continue, but all regions are vulnerable if US growth concerns drive US equities lower.

See more: <u>Global Strategy Views: Magnificent</u>
<u>Diversification</u> and <u>US Weekly Kickstart: Policy uncertainty</u>
<u>and market volatility create risk to the much anticipated</u>
rebound in capital markets activity

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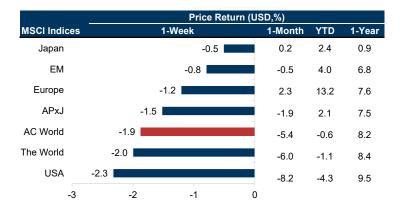
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The week at a glance - Global markets and indices

Exhibit 1: Global market performance



Source: Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 3: MSCI AC World sector performance

_				Price	Return	(USD,%	5)		
GICS Sectors				YTD					
Energy								2.5	4.2
Utilities							1.8		5.0
Materials			-1	1.0					6.2
Financials			-1.3						4.0
Industrials			-1.6						4.0
AC World		-1	.9 🚃						-0.6
Technology		-2.0)						-8.5
Real Estate		-2.1							1.5
Health Care	-3.1								5.0
Communication	-3.2								-1.9
Cons. Disc	-3.3								-9.4
Cons. Staples	-3.4								3.5
	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	

Source: Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

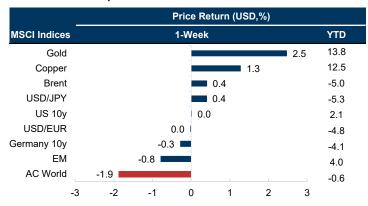
Exhibit 2: World equity indices

USD, indexed price performance



Source: Datastream, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 4: Cross-asset performance



Source: Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Forecasts

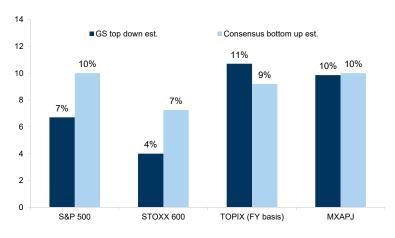
Exhibit 5: GDP growth, % yoy: GS vs. consensus

Real GDP Growth											
Percent Change yoy	2024	20	025	2026							
reiteilt Glialige yoy	GS	GS	Cons*	GS	Cons*						
USA	2.8	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.0						
Japan	0.1	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.9						
Euro area	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.2						
Germany	-0.2	0.2	0.3	1.5	1.1						
France	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1						
Italy	0.5	0.4	0.6	1.1	0.9						
Spain	3.2	2.4	2.5	1.7	1.9						
UK	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4						
China	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.2						
Developed Markets	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7						
Emerging Markets	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8						
* Ploomberg country and GS ag	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6						

^{*} Bloomberg country and GS aggregate consensus

Source: Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 7: GS top-down vs. consensus bottom-up estimates of 2025 EPS growth



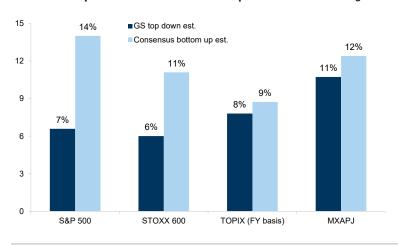
Source: I/B/E/S, Toyo Keizai, STOXX, MSCI, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 6: Goldman Sachs Macro 3-, 6- and 12-month forecasts

			Forecast	Up/Downside	
	Current	3m	6m	12m	to 12m TP (%)
Equities					
S&P 500	5639	5600	5900	6500	15.3
STOXX Europe 600	547	560	570	580	6.1
MSCI Asia-Pacific Ex-Japan	582	600	610	640	10.0
Topix	2716	3000	3000	3100	14.1
10Y Rate (%)					
US	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	7 bp
Euro Area (Germany)	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	21 bp
Japan	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.7	17 bp
Currencies					
€/\$	1.09	1.07	1.05	1.02	-6.2
£/\$	1.29	1.26	1.26	1.22	-5.5
\$/¥	149	150	151	152	2.3
Commodities					
Brent Crude Oil (\$/bbl)	70.6	80	79	76	7.7
NYMEX Nat. Gas (\$/mmBtu)	4.1	3.50	3.60	4.15	0.9
Gold (\$/troy oz)	2988	2930	3000	3160	5.7
LME Copper (\$/mt)	9732	9600	10000	10700	9.9

Source: Bloomberg, Datastream, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

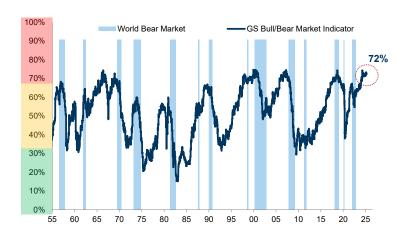
Exhibit 8: GS top-down vs. consensus bottom-up estimates of 2026 EPS growth



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Risk and Sentiment indicators

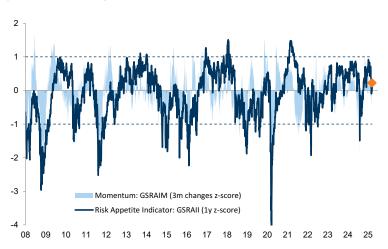
Exhibit 9: GS Bull/Bear Market Indicator (GSBLBR)



Source: Shiller, Haver Analytics, Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 11: Risk Appetite Indicator (GSRAII)

The RAI is based on 27 pair-trades across asset classes measured on z-scores rel. to last 2 years' performance, see July 2016 GOAL for details



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 10: Details of components of the GS Bull/Bear Market Indicator

GS Bull/Bear Market Indicator = Average percentile

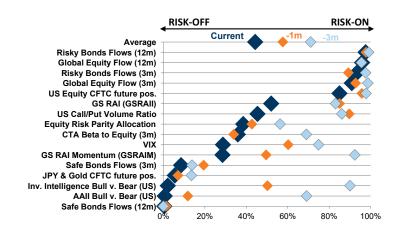
	Level	Percentile
Shiller PE	34.6	94%
0-6 quarter yield curve	-0.1	88%
Unemployment	4.1	81%
Private sector Financial Balance	2.4	80%
Core Inflation	3.1	59%
ISM	50.3	32%
GS Bull/Bear Market Indicator		72%

Note: 100 th percentile means these variables are at their highest level, except for Private sector Financial Balance, yield curve and unemployment where 100% means they are at their lowest.

Source: Haver Analytics, Datastream, Robert Shiller, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 12: Percentile of sentiment indicators

Data since 2007



Source: EPFR, Datastream, Haver Analytics, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Performance - Local indices

Exhibit 13: Global equity market performance (local indices)

			Price return (Local Co					Relative Pri	ce return (vs MSCI AC Worl	d, USD, %)	
Market	Index		1-week (Local)	Ytd	1Yr	Market	Index	1-w	reek (USD)	Ytd	1Yr
Greece	ASE			4.1 15.2	19.5	Greece	ASE		6.0	21.6	11.1
Poland	WiG			3.7 22.0	18.7	Brazil	IBOV		5.7	16.2	(20.4
Turkey	XU100			3.2 10.3	3 22.0	Poland	WiG		5.3	31.7	13.
Brazil	IBOV			3.1 7.2	2 1.0	Norway	OSEAX		4.5	12.2	6.
Czech	PX		1.8	17.0	39.2	Turkey	XU100		4.4	6.9	(1.
China (A)	SHSZ300		1.6	1.8	3 12.5	China (A)	SHSZ300		3.6	3.4	3.
Norway	OSEAX		1.1	4.8		Czech	PX		3.3	24.9	31.
Egypt	EGX30		1.1	5.2	2 (0.1)	Mexico	MEXBOL		3.2	11.6	(29.
lapan	TPX		■ 0.3	(2.	5) 2.0	Egypt	EGX30		3.0	6.2	(13.
Austria	ATX		■ 0.2	17.3	3 26.6	Austria	ATX		2.1	23.8	18.
taly	FTSEMIB		■ 0.2	13.	14.4	Italy	FTSEMIB		2.1	19.3	6.
South Korea	KOSPI		□ 0.1	7.0	(5.6)	Germany	DAX		1.8	21.8	19.
Philippines	PCOMP		-0.1	(3.6	3) (9.7)	Philippines	PCOMP		1.7	(2.0)	(20.
Germany	DAX		-0.1 I	15.	28.1	South Africa	JALSH		1.5	9.2	15.
China (H)	HSCEI		-0.4	21.8		South Korea	KOSPI		1.5	8.9	(22
lungary	HUX		-0.4	10.8	35.2	China (H)	HSCEI		1.5	22.3	43
JK	UKX	EM	-0.5	5.6		Japan	TPX	EM	1.4	3.8	(6
letherlands	AEX	DM	-0.6	3.	5.5	Hungary	HUX	DM	1.3	20.5	25
/lexico	MEXBOL		-0.7	6.0	(6.4)	Netherlands	AEX		1.3	8.8	(2
ndia	NIFTY		-0.7	(5.3		UK	UKX		1.3	9.5	4.
South Africa	JALSH		-0.7	4.		New Zealand	NZX 50		1.1	(4.0)	(13.
Portugal	BVLX		-0.9	1.4		India	NIFTY		1.0	(6.2)	(11.
łK	HSI		-1.1	19.4		Portugal	BVLX		1 .0	7.1	(6.
Canada	SPTSX60		-1.1	(0.5	5) 12.0	HK	HSI		■ 0.8	20.0	33.
rance	CAC		-1.1	8.8	\ '-/	France	CAC		■ 0.8	14.8	(10.
New Zealand	NZX 50		-1.2	(6.9	,	EuroStoxx 50	SX5E		0.7	16.5	(0.
EuroStoxx 50	SX5E		-1.2	10.4		Stoxx 600	SXXP		0.7	13.7	(0.
Stoxx 600	SXXP		-1.2	7.		Canada	SPTSX60		0.6	0.2	(2.
Switzerland	SMI		-1.2	11.3		Belgium	BEL20		0.6	9.2	11.
Belgium	BEL20		-1.3	3.4		Spain	IBEX		0.0	18.4	15.
Sweden	OMX		-1.7	8.0		Australia	AS51		-0.1	(2.0)	(11.
ndonesia	JCI		-1.8	(8.0)) (12.3)	Switzerland	SMI		-0.1 I	14.6	1.
Spain	IBEX		-1.9	12.2		Indonesia	JCI		-0.3 ■	(8.8)	(24.
Nustralia	AS51		-2.0	(4.	,	US	SPX		-0.4 ■	(3.5)	1.
Singapore	FSSTI		-2.0	1.3		Singapore	FSSTI		-0.5 ■	4.1	12.
//alaysia	FBMKLCI		-2.3	(7.9	, , ,	Thailand	SET		-0.6	(14.5)	(19.
JS	SPX		-2.3	(4.		Sweden	OMX		-0.6 ■	18.4	(0
hailand	SET		-2.4	(16.2	, , ,	Malaysia	FBMKLCI		1.1	(6.6)	(4
aiwan	TWSE		-2.7	(4.6		Taiwan	TWSE		1.2	(4.6)	(3
enmark)	KFX	-6.9		(8.3)	3) (29.9)	Denmark	KFX	-5.0		(3.2)	(38
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Source: MSCI, STOXX, Local Index Compilers, FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Sector performance across regions - Weekly

Exhibit 14: 1-week sector performance across regions

Light blue: below -1 standard dev. from the AC world market performance. Dark blue: above +1 standard dev. from the AC world market performance.

	Weekly Absolute Performance (%) in USD																	
MSCI Index	us	Canada	UK	Germany	France	Swiss	Spain	Italy	Devd Euro	Japan	Korea	Brazil	India	China	Taiwan	AC APxJ	EM	AC World
Market	-2.3	-1.1	-0.5	-0.3	-1.1	-2.1	-1.3	0.3	-1.2	-0.5	0.1	3.6	-1.3	-0.1	-3.7	-1.5	-0.8	-1.9
Energy	2.5	2.5	3.2	-	1.7	-	-2.0	1.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	3.4	-0.5	2.4	_	0.4	0.8	2.3
Materials	-2.3	3.7	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.8	-		-0.9	-1.1	-2.4	-0.7	-1.4	3.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.8
Industrials	-2.3	-3.0	0.6	2.4	-0.1	-1.3	-1.0	7.2	0.1	-1.6	-2.3	1.5	-1.7	0.8	-3.8	-1.8	-0.8	-1.5
Capital Goods	-1.3	-1.1	0.7	2.9	0.1	-1.3	-0.9	7.2	0.3	-0.9	-1.9	-0.2	-1.9	1.0	-4.9	-1.7	-1.0	-0.8
Comm & Profess. Srvcs	-3.6	-3.5	0.4	-	-5.5	-2.4	-	_	-0.2	-5.9	_		-1.8	9.1	-	-3.3	0.4	-3.1
Transportation	-5.4	-3.3	-	-1.3	-1.4	0.1	-1.0	_	-1.2	-1.1	-5.8	5.2	-0.4	0.4	-3.1	-1.5	-0.1	-3.5
Consumer Discretionary	-3.5	-4.2	-1.0	-3.3	-3.5	0.1	-9.2	-0.9	-3.0	-1.6	1.2	5.8	-2.4	-1.1	-3.1	-1.4	-1.1	-3.0
Automobiles & Comp.	-4.3	-4.4	-	-1.1	-0.7	-	_	-1.0	-1.0	-1.9	0.9	_	-2.0	5.5	0.0	1.8	1.8	-2.3
Cons Dur. & Apparel	-6.4	-6.2	-0.2	-6.9	-3.8	0.2	_	-0.8	-3.1	-1.7	3.1	_	-2.4	0.4	-5.6	-0.7	-0.8	-3.5
Consumer Srvcs	-5.2	-5.2	-0.7	-17.2	-4.3	_	-6.3	_	-2.9	0.9	0.1	_	-4.6	-4.1	_	-3.8	-3.9	-4.6
Retailing	-2.4	-3.2	-2.5	-4.5	_	-5.0	-11.0	_	-5.6	-1.2	_	5.8	0.3	-1.7	-0.1	-1.9	-1.5	-2.4
Consumer Staples	-4.2	-4.6	-3.0	-8.1	0.2	-1.5	_	-7.2	-2.0	1.0	-2.1	1.9	-0.2	3.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	-3.1
Food & Staples Retailing	-6.3	-4.7	-10.1	_	-0.8	_	_	_	-5.5	2.3	_	8.4	5.5	-2.9	-1.5	-1.6	-0.8	-5.3
Food Bev. & Tobacco	-2.4	-1.7	-1.7	_	-2.2	-1.5	_	-7.2	-1.6	0.1	-2.5	4.1	-0.1	4.7	1.1	1.4	1.8	-1.6
Household & Persnl Prod	-4.6	_	-2.4	-8.1	2.1	_	_	_	-1.8	1.6	-1.4	-28.5	-1.5	2.6	_	-1.0	-2.0	-3.4
Health Care	-3.0	_	-1.4	-0.2	-3.2	-3.3	-9.9	-2.1	-3.9	-0.2	-1.6	1.3	0.2	2.4	-4.2	-1.0	0.4	-3.0
Healthcare Equip & Srvcs	-2.7	_	-5.2	-0.6	-3.7	-3.6	_	-2.8	-3.1	1.0	-16.5	1.3	-0.4	1.2	_	-3.2	-1.5	-2.6
Pharma & Biotech	-3.1	_	-1.2	0.2	-2.9	-3.3	-9.9	-1.6	-4.1	-0.8	0.5	_	0.3	2.6	-4.2	-0.3	1.0	-3.1
Financials	-1.6	-2.0	-1.1	2.6	-0.9	-1.3	-0.2	-1.1	-0.5	1.5	0.3	6.5	-0.3	2.3	-1.2	-1.1	0.8	-1.1
Banks	-2.8	-1.9	-1.5	0.7	-1.5	-3.4	-0.2	-1.5	-1.2	2.3	1.0	5.9	0.1	1.7	-0.3	-1.1	0.8	-1.2
Diversified Financials	-1.7	-3.3	-0.7	2.6	-0.8	-2.7	_	0.6	-1.3	-1.9	-2.3	10.1	-1.1	3.5	-2.3	-1.3	1.0	-1.6
Insurance	0.3	-1.5	0.6	2.8	0.2	0.0	_	0.3	1.3	1.2	0.1	1.9	-2.0	3.5	-2.5	-0.6	0.7	0.4
Real Estate	_	-3.4	_	_	' –	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_'	_	_	_	_	_
Information Technology	-2.0	-4.3	-1.7	-4.3	-3.1	-6.6	_	_	-2.8	0.0	1.8	-1.3	-4.7	-1.7	-4.3	-3.1	-3.0	-2.1
Software & Services	-2.0	-4.7	-2.8	-4.4	-2.6	-2.8	_	_	-4.1	-2.6	-1.1	-1.3	-4.7	-5.6	_	-4.7	-4.5	-2.3
Tech Hardware & Equip	-8.9	4.5	-0.4	_	_	-7.8	_	_	-2.6	-0.7	0.5	_	_	-1.2	-2.4	-1.2	-1.2	
Semiconductor & Equip	4.1	_	_	-3.5	-4.7	_	_	_	-1.7	2.9	5.6	_	_	-2.5	-4.8	-3.9	-3.9	
Communication Srvcs	-3.7	-2.8	-1.2	-1.1	-1.5	1.1	2.2	5.6	0.8	-1.3	-1.9	3.9	-0.7	-1.8	-2.8	-2.1	-1.6	
Telecom Srvcs	-3.6	-2.8	0.0	-1.1	0.7	1.1	2.2	5.6	0.3	-1.5	0.0	3.9	-0.1	3.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.4	
Media & Entertainment	-3.7	_	-2.3	-1.6	-3.3	_			1.5	-0.9	-2.0		-6.7	-1.8	-12.4	-2.4	-2.0	
Utilities	1.8	0.6	3.2	1.9		-5.2	2.5	3.0	2.2	1.9	-0.5	3.3	0.7	1.4		0.1	0.9	1.7

Source: FactSet, MSCI, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Sector performance across regions - YTD

Exhibit 15: YTD sector performance across regions

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	YTD Absolute Performance (%) in USD																	
MSCI Index	US	Canada	UK	Germany	France	Swiss	Spain	Italy	Devd Euro	Japan	Korea	Brazil	India	China	Taiwan	AC APxJ	EM	AC World
Market	-4.3	-0.8	9.1	20.3	14.2	13.1	21.3	19.0	13.2	2.4	7.8	13.3	-9.7	19.7	-7.4	2.2	4.1	-0.6
Energy	3.9	-1.4	10.5	-	13.1	-	3.7	8.5	10.1	7.4	11.1	5.5	-2.4	-5.5	_	-4.1	-1.2	3.6
Materials	1.8	19.4	1.8	26.3	22.3	10.0	-	_	12.1	0.8	7.5	6.2	-1.4	15.2	12.4	2.4	7.1	6.3
Industrials	-0.8	-0.9	16.8	35.5	16.0	5.2	10.1	32.4	18.0	0.3	21.6	10.8	-14.7	2.0	-1.6	0.2	1.6	3.9
Capital Goods	-1.5	-0.8	26.6	36.1	16.6	5.8	7.7	32.4	21.0	2.0	22.9	10.4	-16.5	4.3	-0.7	1.4	2.4	5.1
Comm & Profess. Srvcs	1.8	4.6	5.2	_	6.5	0.1	_	-	3.3	-14.5	_	-	-13.8	-0.7	_	7.8	-11.3	0.6
Transportation	-0.5	-3.4	_	31.6	0.1	3.7	14.5	-	11.0	8.5	8.5	11.8	- 5.7	-2.2	-2.7	-3.7	-0.3	1.0
Consumer Discretionary	-13.3	0.5	-1.4	7.8	3.8	21.9	-0.7	4.8	5.5	0.3	8.0	5.9	-16.4	29.9	-0.3	15.0	16.6	-6.4
Automobiles & Comp.	-35.0	-12.9	-	14.8	11.1	_		1.5	9.4	-3.8	-0.3	-	-11.7	31.3	2.5	6.5	6.5	-19.8
Cons Dur. & Apparel	-10.7	-1.2	-1.1	-6.1	3.5	22.5	_	26.5	5.7	11.6	6.1	-	-19.3	8.1	0.5	-1.2	0.0	1.6
Consumer Srvcs	-4.0	1.3	-1.3	-7.6	-3.7	-	7.2	-	0.0	-2.8	8.9	-	-24.6	6.0	-	0.4	1.4	-2.7
Retailing	-8.0	4.9	1.8	1.7	_	7.8	-5.1	_	5.3	-7.3	_	5.9	-30.6	47.3	-2.9	35.8	36.7	-2.8
Consumer Staples	1.5	-6.1	1.7	1.2	9.8	21.0	_	0.3	10.0	2.7	-1.8	4.9	-8.1	10.8	0.3	-1.0	1.5	3.3
Food & Staples Retailing	-4.0	-6.4	-6.5	_	-1.2	_	_	_	1.7	-0.3	_	-6.0	4.9	35.5	-2.1	-0.4	3.1	-3.2
Food Bev. & Tobacco	6.8	0.4	1.6	_	7.4	21.0	_	0.3	13.2	3.6	-5.7	11.1	-10.0	8.0	1.2	-0.5	2.1	7.9
Household & Persnl Prod	0.5	_	3.7	1.2	12.7	-	_	_	6.1	5.1	8.7	-19.7	-7.8	22.0	_	-4.4	-4.2	2.3
Health Care	4.6	_	16.9	11.6	16.9	13.0	7.8	0.5	8.9	-2.0	6.7	15.8	-14.2	15.1	-10.1	-2.8	0.6	4.8
Healthcare Equip & Srvcs	4.3	_	13.8	14.1	16.5	1.1	_	-8.8	8.6	-4.6	-0.3	15.3	-15.4	-1.1	_	-7.0	-5.3	3.9
Pharma & Biotech	4.9	_	17.0	9.7	17.2	14.8	7.8	9.4	8.9	-0.6	7.6	_	-13.9	18.7	-10.1	-1.3	2.6	5.3
Financials	-0.9	-4.2	13.4	28.1	28.6	11.0	45.9	32.0	22.2	10.0	1.5	19.5	-4.6	8.8	1.2	0.8	4.3	4.0
Banks	-4.5	-4.2	16.8	58.6	38.5	15.8	45.9	34.4	29.4	13.3	0.7	16.5	-5.5	9.3	2.4	-0.5	4.5	5.5
Diversified Financials	-1.7	-10.4	3.2	32.5	14.0	7.0	_	1.4	11.3	1.5	11.2	32.2	1.0	7.0	3.6	4.1	5.7	-0.1
Insurance	8.1	-0.1	16.9	24.3	18.8	14.4	_	24.5	19.4	7.4	-2.3	19.0	-13.7	8.3	-1.4	3.5	1.8	9.6
Real Estate	_	-9.5	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Information Technology	-9.5	-6.1	0.1	9.3	6.4	9.0	_	_	5.1	0.5	6.7	34.9	-18.2	33.1	-9.5	-4.7	-4.5	-8.1
Software & Services	-7.0	-5.9	-2.9	8.2	9.4	11.6	_	_	7.9	10.0	-0.9	34.9	-18.2	38.3	_	-15.0	-14.0	
Tech Hardware & Equip	-13.2	_	4.0	_	_	8.2	_	_	11.4	-2.1	3.1	_	_	37.5	-7.6	4.2	4.2	-10.5
Semiconductor & Equip	-9.1	_	_	16.2	-2.2	_	_	_	1.2	-2.0	18.7	_	_	12.6	-10.1	-7.7	-7.7	-8.2
Communication Srvcs	-4.1	1.1	1.0	22.7	7.9	7.4	13.3	12.8	16.1	5.1	8.6	24.0	-3.6	23.8	-1.5	16.3	16.0	0.1
Telecom Srvcs	13.6	1.1	11.5	22.5	28.9	7.4	13.3	12.8	18.8	-0.9	3.0	24.0	-0.6	11.0	3.0	0.8	3.6	
Media & Entertainment	-5.9	_	-8.5	25.0	-5.6	-			12.1	15.4	9.1		-27.6	24.0	-16.7	20.7	21.2	1
Utilities	3.4	8.3	3.1	19.6	18.3	3.0	11.9	7.9	9.8	7.2	12.4	22.2	-10.9	-5.0	_	-6.3	-2.8	4.2

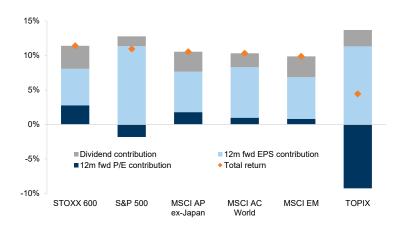
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Earnings & Contribution

Exhibit 16: 12m trailing return contribution

12m trailing return in local currency



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Exhibit 18: Sales growth, EPS growth and net margins

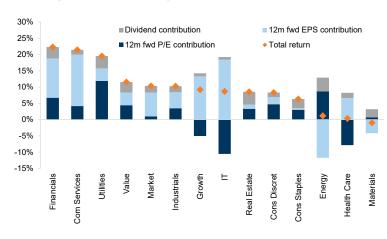
Consensus estimates

	Sales Gr	owth (%)	EPS Gro	owth (%)	Net Ma	rgin (%)
	2025E	2026E	2025E	2026E	2025E	2026E
S&P 500	5.3	6.4	10.0	14.0	13.4	14.2
STOXX 600	2.9	4.1	7.8	11.0	10.3	10.9
TOPIX (FY basis)	3.1	3.2	9.4	8.8	6.8	7.2
MSCI AP ex Japan	8.7	8.4	10.2	12.4	11.8	12.2
MSCI EM	9.4	8.3	14.4	13.1	11.8	12.3
MSCI AC World	5.2	5.9	11.1	12.8	12.1	12.8
Energy	-1.1	2.3	7.1	12.3	8.3	8.9
Materials	2.3	4.0	16.4	13.7	8.9	9.7
Industrials	5.3	6.4	8.9	13.1	9.0	9.5
Cons. Discretionary	5.2	6.3	12.1	15.3	8.2	8.9
Cons. Staples	2.9	4.0	4.2	8.4	6.7	6.9
Health Care	6.8	6.3	16.3	11.0	10.0	10.4
Financials	4.8	5.6	6.0	10.6	20.4	21.1
IT	13.2	11.5	20.3	18.3	20.1	21.3
Communication Svs	6.3	6.5	14.2	12.9	16.7	17.5
Utilities	4.7	2.9	5.3	7.0	10.6	11.1
Real Estate	4.8	4.9	5.3	7.8	17.0	18.2

Source: FactSet, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 17: MSCI AC World 12m trailing return contribution by sector/style

12m trailing return in local currency



Source: FactSet, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 19: MSCI AC World EPS

Consensus estimates in USD

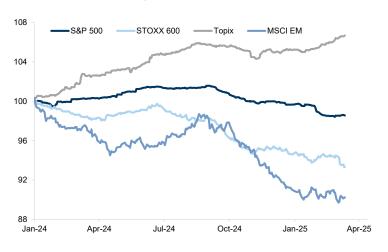


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Earnings revisions

Exhibit 20: 2025 EPS revisions

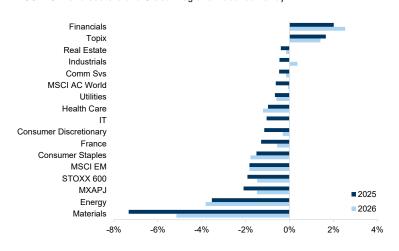
Indexed to 100. Local currency



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Exhibit 22: 3-month EPS revision

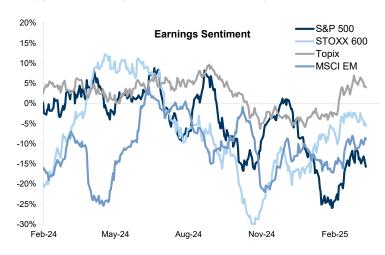
MSCI AC World sectors and Global Regions. Local currency



Source: Datastream, I/B/E/S, STOXX, FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 21: 2025 Earnings Sentiment

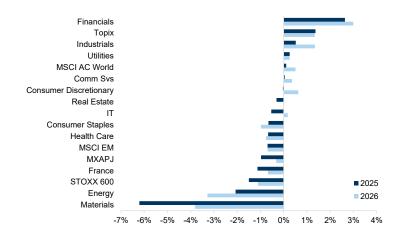
(nb upgrades - nb downgrades) / nb estimates over the past month



Source: FactSet, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 23: Year-to-date EPS revision

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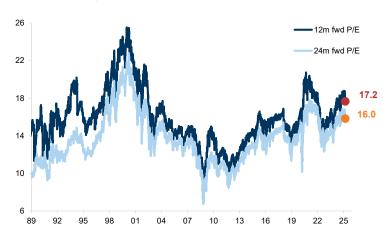


Source: Datastream, I/B/E/S, STOXX, FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Valuation

Exhibit 24: 12m and 24m fwd MSCI AC World stock valuation

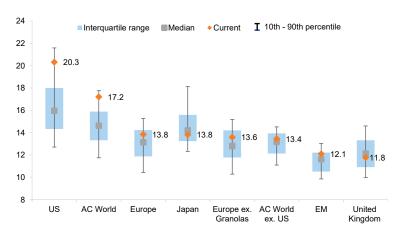
12m and 24m fwd P/E



Source: Datastream, I/B/E/S, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

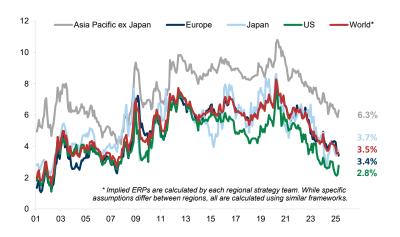
Exhibit 26: MSCI Regions valuations

12-month forward P/Es relative to the last 20 years - STOXX 600 P/E for Europe



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

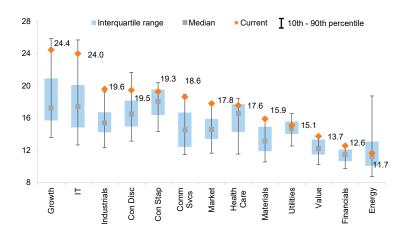
Exhibit 25: Global market implied ERP (%)



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 27: MSCI World sector/style valuations

12-month forward P/Es relative to the last 20 years



Source: FactSet, Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Style performance

Exhibit 28: Value vs. Growth

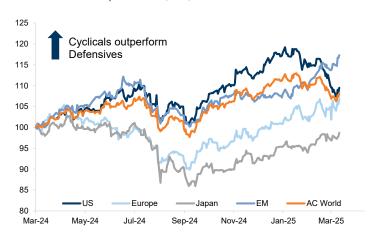
MSCI Indices relative price return (USD)



Source: Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 30: Cyclicals vs. Defensives

MSCI Indices relative price return (USD)



For details on the construction of the indices, please see: Cyclicals vs. Defensives: A global implementation

Source: Datastream, Worldscope, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 29: Small-cap vs. Large-cap

US: MSCI USA Small vs. MSCI USA Large; Europe: MSCI Europe Small vs. MSCI Europe Large; MSCI Japan Small vs. MSCI Japan Large; MSCI EM Small vs. MSCI EM Large



Source: Datastream, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 31: Momentum vs. Market

MSCI Momentum Indices relative price return (USD)



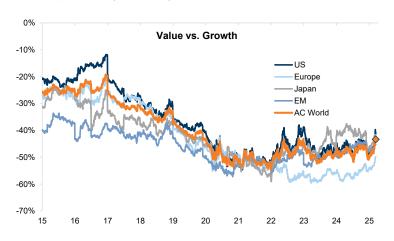
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Style valuation

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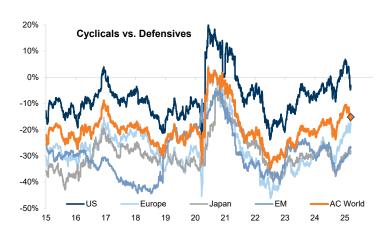
12m fwd P/E Premium (or Discount)



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 34: Cyclicals vs. Defensives

12m fwd P/E Premium (or Discount)

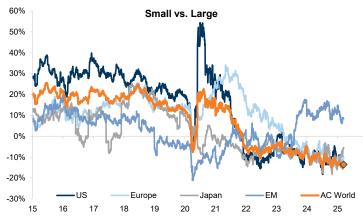


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Exhibit 33: Small vs. Large 12m fwd P/E Premium (or Discount)

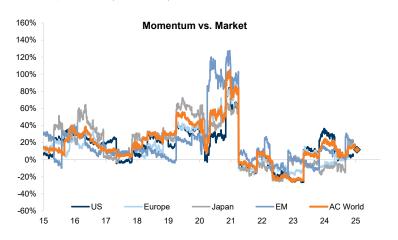
60%



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 35: Momentum vs. Market

12m fwd P/E Premium (or Discount)



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Sector weights, geographical exposure and concentration

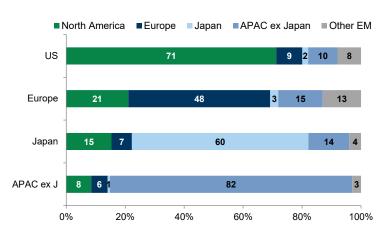
Exhibit 36: Index sector composition

GICS Sector	U.S.	Europe	Japan	APxJ	AC World
Energy	3.2	5.4	0.7	3.2	4.1
Materials	2.5	8.1	5.0	7.2	4.8
Industrials	7.9	14.4	21.9	6.1	9.5
Consumer Discretionary	11.7	11.3	19.8	12.9	11.8
Consumer Staples	6.0	12.7	6.8	5.0	7.0
Health Care	13.1	14.4	9.1	5.0	11.5
Financials	11.2	17.0	10.5	22.2	14.9
Real Estate	2.8	1.3	3.5	4.4	2.7
Information Technology	29.1	7.5	14.0	22.0	22.5
Communication Services	9.9	3.8	7.8	9.3	8.5
Utilities	2.5	4.2	0.9	2.8	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: MSCI, FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 38: Geographical Sales Exposure

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Source: MSCI, FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

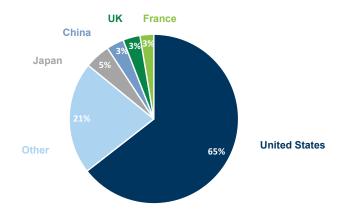
Exhibit 37: GS recommended sector weightings by region

GICS Sector	U.S.	Europe	Japan	APxJ
Energy	N	N	UW	UW
Materials	OW	UW	N	UW
Industrials	N	N	N	OW
Consumer discretionary	N	N	N	OW
Consumer staples	N	UW	UW	OW
Health care	N	OW	UW	N
Financials	N	N	OW	N
Real Estate	N	OW	N	UW
Information technology	OW	OW	OW	N
Communication services	N	OW	OW	OW
Utilities	OW	UW	N	N

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 39: Country Composition

MSCI AC World Index

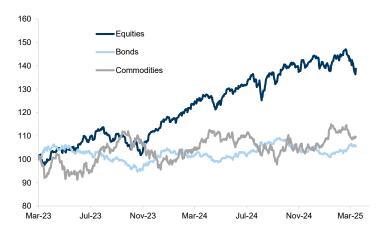


Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Cross-asset performance and correlation

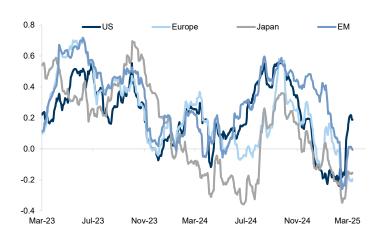
Exhibit 40: Performance of equities, bonds and commodities

Indexed USD total returns, Equities refer to MSCI AC World, Commodities refer to S&P GSCI® & Bonds refer to US 10y Govt. bonds



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

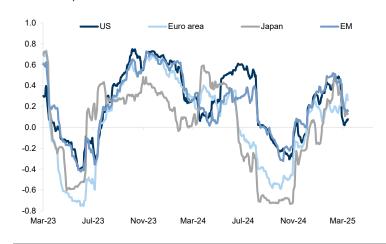
Exhibit 42: 3m correlation of weekly returns with GSCI Total Return Index Correlation vs. GSCI Commodities Total Return Index



Source: Datastream, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 41: 3m rolling equity/bond correlation of weekly returns

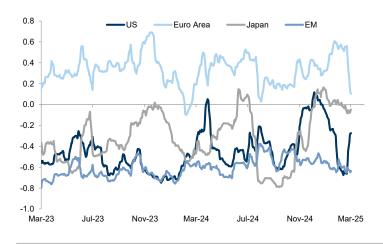
S&P 500 vs. US 10y Index; EURO STOXX 50 vs. Germany 10y Index; Topix vs. Japan 10y Index; MSCI EM vs. US 10y Index



Source: Datastream, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 43: 3m rolling equity/FX correlation of weekly returns

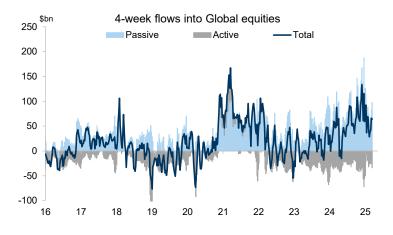
S&P 500 vs. GS USD TWI; EURO STOXX 50 vs. EUR/USD; Topix vs. JPY/USD;MSCI EM vs. GS USD TWI



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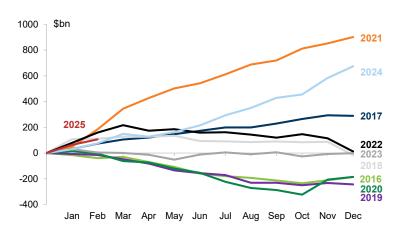
Flows from Global investors into equity funds

Exhibit 44: Monthly flows from Global investors into DM and EM equity funds In USD bn.



Source: EPFR, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

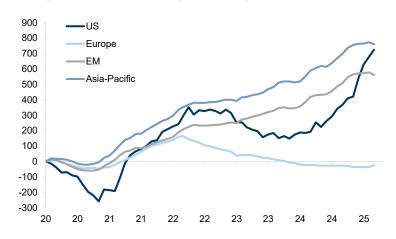
Exhibit 46: Calendarised flows from Global investors into DM and EM equity funds In USD bn.



Source: EPFR, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 45: Cumulative flows into equity by regions

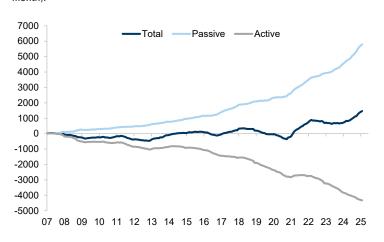
Monthly flows, USD bn. EPFR Country Flows (weekly data for current month).



Source: EPFR, Haver Analytics, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 47: Cumulative flows from Global investors into DM and EM funds

Active and Passive funds. Monthly flows, USD bn. EPFR Country Flows (weekly data for current month).



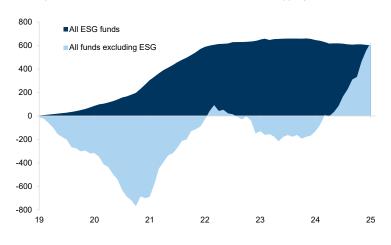
Source: EPFR, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

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ESG flows and performance

Exhibit 48: Cumulative flows into ESG and non-ESG funds

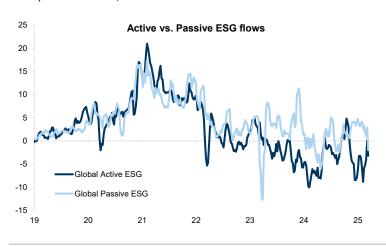
Monthly flows, USD bn. EPFR Funds Flows. Areas are overlapping.



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Exhibit 50: 1m rolling flows

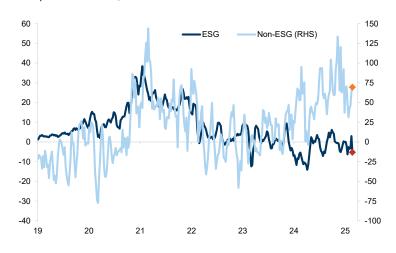
Weekly flows in USD bn, 4w sum. EPFR Funds Flows.



Source: EPFR, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

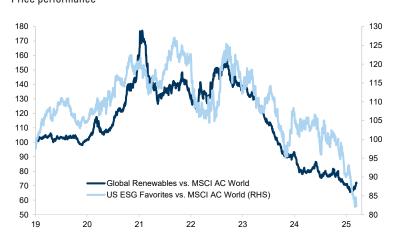
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Source: EPFR, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 51: Performance of Global Renewables and US ESG FavouritesPrice performance

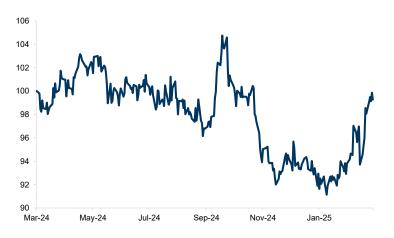


Source: Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Emerging Markets vs. Developed Markets

Exhibit 52: EM vs. DM performance

Relative price performance, indexed to 100 from 1 year ago



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 54: EM vs. DM valuation

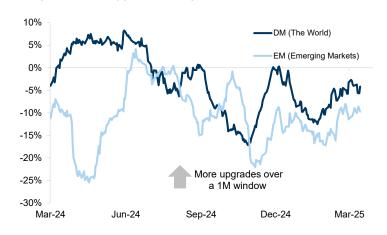
12-month forward P/E Premium (Discount)



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Exhibit 53: 2025 earnings sentiment % for MSCI The World and EM

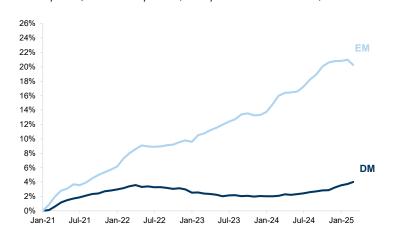
Earnings sentiment = (upgrades – downgrades) / total estimates on all stocks



Source: FactSet, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 55: EM vs. DM Cumulative flows (% Total Net Assets)

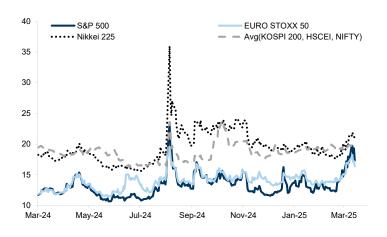
Monthly flows, EPFR Country Flows (weekly data for current month).



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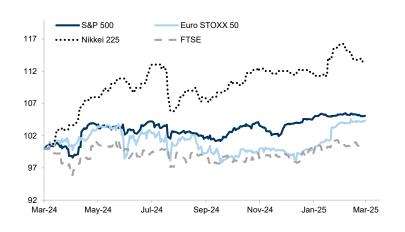
Vol, skew and dividends

Exhibit 56: Implied volatility of 3-month atms



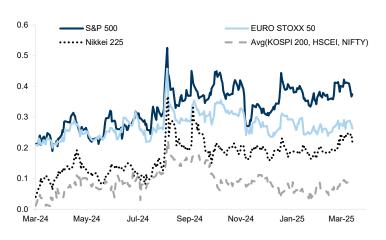
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Exhibit 58: 2025 dividend markets, rebased to 100



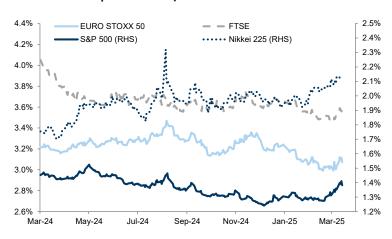
Source: Bloomberg, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 57: 3-month normalised skew



Source: Bloomberg, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 59: 2025 implied dividend yield



Source: Bloomberg, STOXX, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

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