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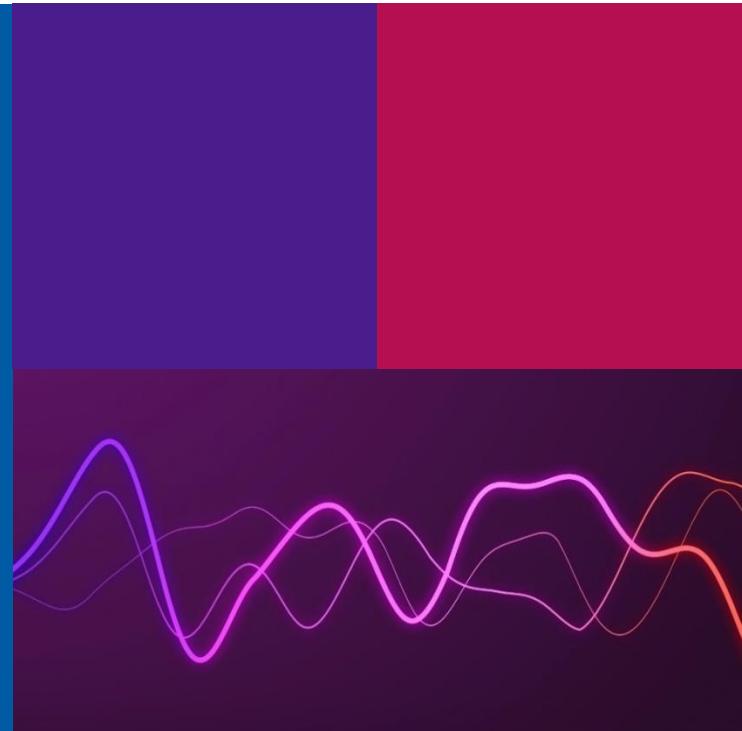
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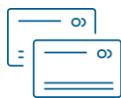
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## TOP VIEWS: THE BOTTOM LINE

# Looking Through the Soft Patch

As we move towards year-end, a soft patch is likely to emerge, followed by a swift payback and catchup in 1Q26. The U.S. government shutdown, tariff tensions, credit market volatility and softer data will likely bring turbulence into Q4. That said, we should not extrapolate events too far into the future. In fact, the 2026 setup looks more favorable. Growth is poised to accelerate, bolstered by corporate investment, personal tax returns and AI-driven labor productivity trends. In our view, market segments investing in technology will see higher efficiency and productivity gains, and higher valuations.



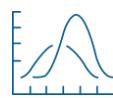
### Credit Risk: Idiosyncratic, Not Systemic

Credit risks echo prior regional bank risk events that hang over the market. These risks seem idiosyncratic because the collateral is dispersed and not consistently levered. More scrutiny and a tightening of underwriting credit risk heighten risk awareness, but are unlikely to derail the risk-positive cycle.



### 4Q Soft Patch, Payback in 1Q26

A look through 4Q turbulence is positive; we just need to get past the 4Q soft patch. The consumer stimulus of tax refunds is roughly \$160-\$190 billion. Business investment from tax incentives also drives growth while keeping supply-side forces intact. While some uncertainties remain, the pro-growth direction seems clear.



### Rates: Is the Fed Making a Policy Mistake? No!

The Fed looks at rates through the Phillips Curve, connecting wage inflation and the unemployment rate. Given the Fed's view that labor markets today are not dynamic, they see risks tilting to a higher unemployment rate, implying downward pressure on inflation. Cutting rates, despite inflation being above target, is warranted.



### A Possible Trinity: Labor, Inflation and Productivity

Labor is available at a reasonable price, supporting higher growth expectations in 2026. This is the silver lining to a softer labor market, where inflation pressures should stay low as wages remain tame. This, plus business investment, should drive higher productivity. All three are possible in 2026 and would support higher asset valuations.

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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING

### Top Active Views

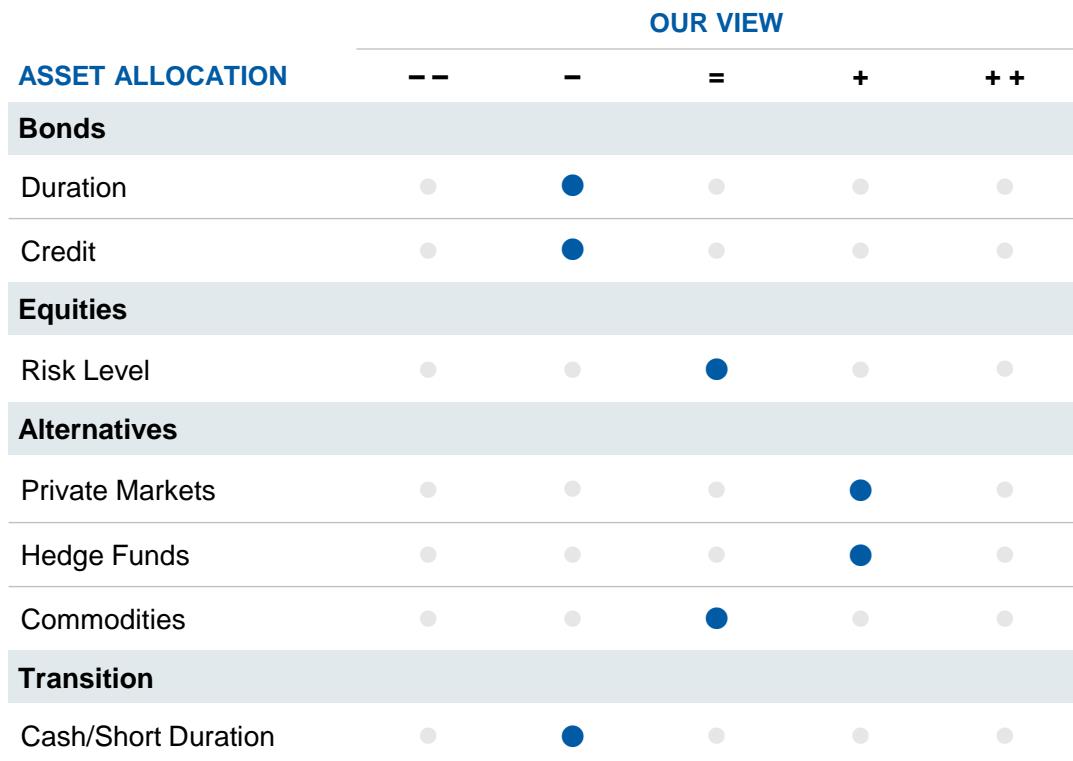
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- 1 O/W U.S. Equities: Resilient Growth, With Tailwinds To Come
  - 2 Continued Preference for U.S. Large-Cap Over Small- and Mid-Caps
  - 3 Europe: Neutral, but O/W Banks and German Fiscal Policy Beneficiaries
  - 4 Duration: U/W in U.S. With Yield Curve Steepening Bias
  - 5 We Prefer Higher-Yielding Credit, Relative to Investment Grade
  - 6 Carry via FX: Own EU High Yield Hedged Back to the U.S. Dollar
  - 7 MBS/RMBS Non-Agency Remains Our Highest Conviction Bond O/W
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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING

## Capital Markets Investment Framework



- Current allocation
- ◀ Change from previous

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

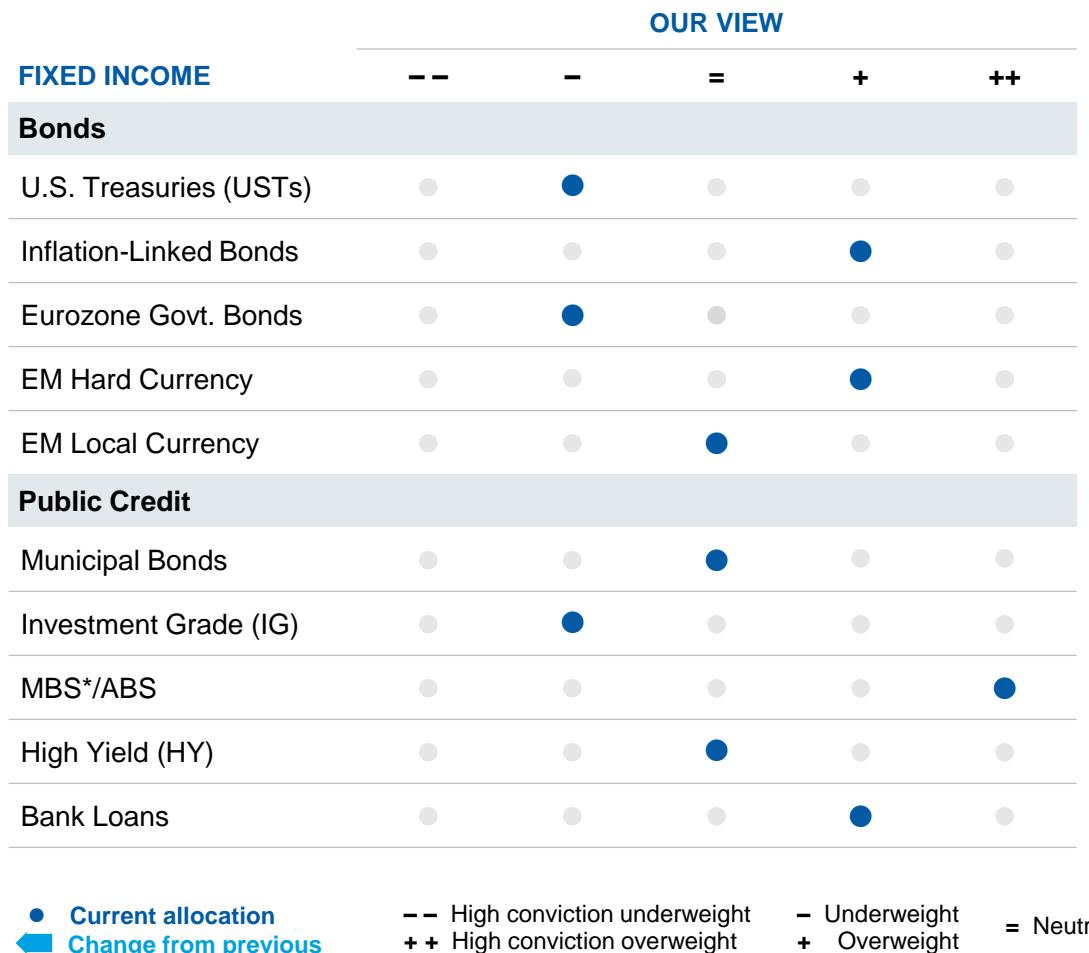
**Points of Focus:**

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

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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING

## Global Fixed Income

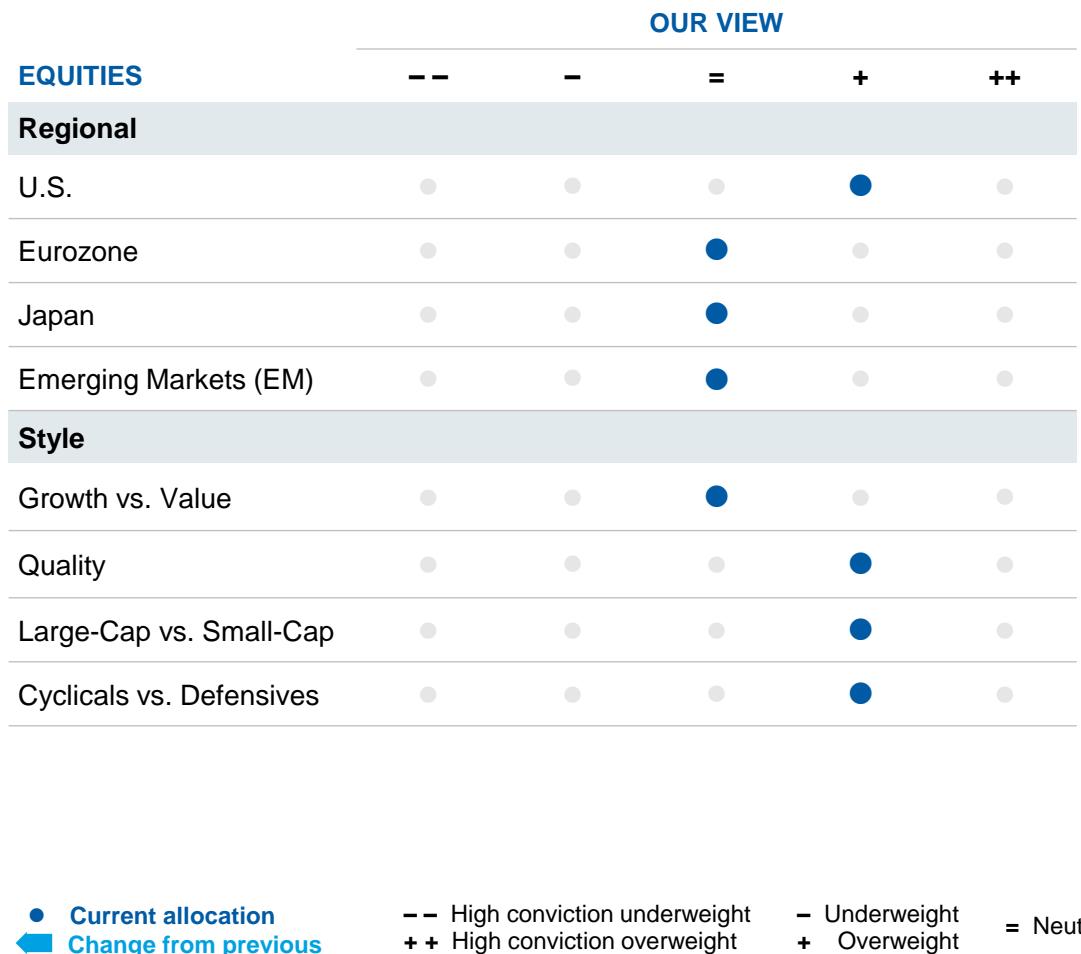
**Points of Focus:**

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

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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING

## Global Equity

**Points of Focus:**

- 1 Remain O/W U.S. given positive trends in growth. Remain O/W U.S. industrial policy beneficiaries.
- 2 Targeted exposure in Europe; neutral overall but O/W banks, O/W German fiscal policy beneficiaries.
- 3 Preference for U.S. large-caps vs. small-/mid-caps; targeted mid-cap exposure in Germany.
- 4 Overweight cyclicals in the U.S. and Europe, given exposure to structural policy-driven growth tailwinds.

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## TOP VIEWS: KEY PORTFOLIO THEMES

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

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## TOP VIEWS: MACRO

## Growth Proves Resilient Despite Expectations for Peak Tariff Headwinds

Against expectations for weaker growth due to tariff headwinds, 2H25 GDP estimates continue to be revised higher, with both consumer spending and investment trending stronger than anticipated.

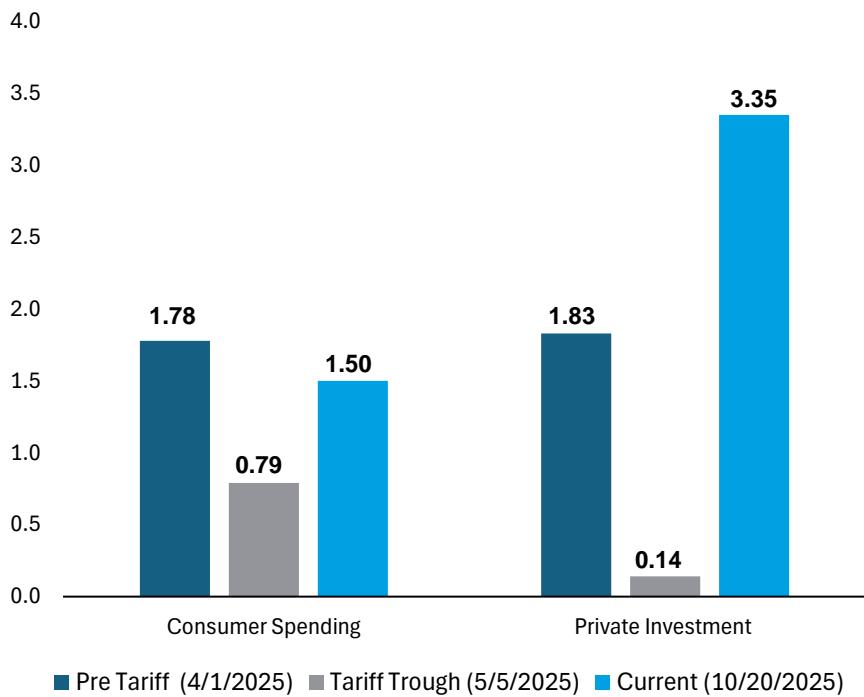
## Feared Slowdown Fails to Materialize in 3Q25 ...

US 3Q25 GDP forecast, QoQ % seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR)



## ... With Consumption and Investment Better-Than-Expected

3Q25 consumer spending and investment QoQ % SAAR



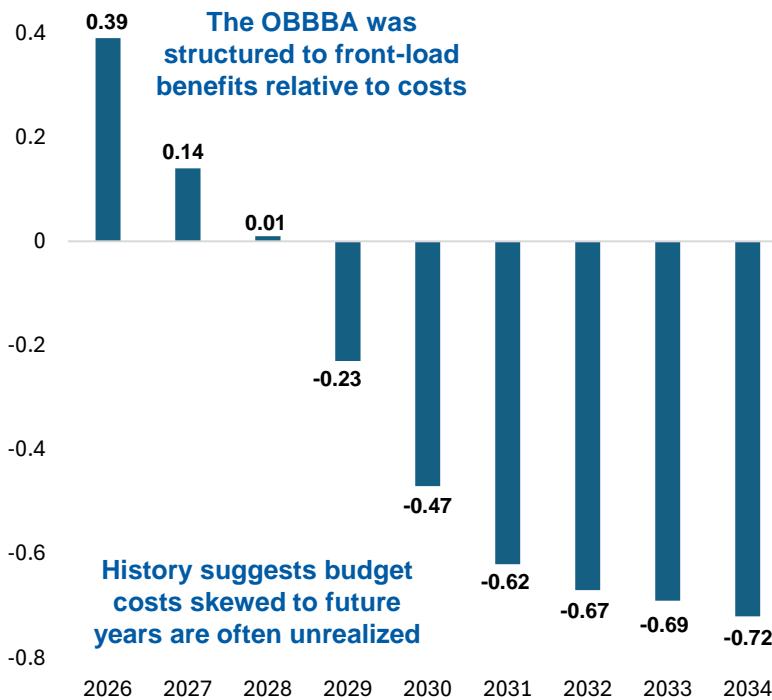
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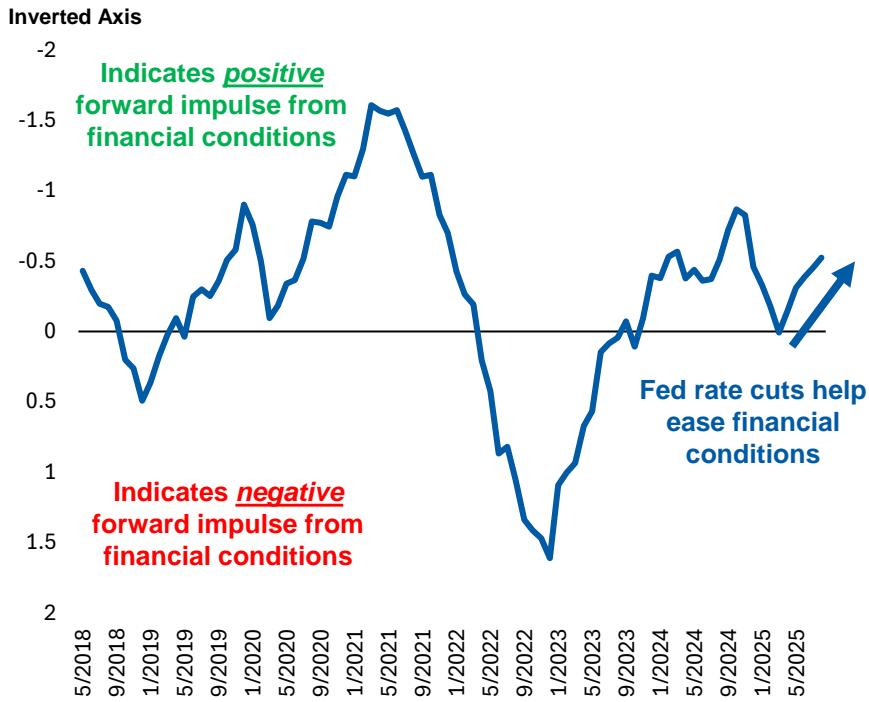
# Entering 2026 With Fiscal and Monetary Policy Tailwinds

Policy mix is supportive going into 2026, as monetary easing and fiscal policy provide GDP growth tailwinds.

**Tailwinds From the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) Were Front-Loaded, Providing a Net Fiscal Tailwind in 2026**  
 OBBBA: *Fiscal impulse estimates (% GDP)*



**Financial Conditions Add Another Support to 2026, With Fed Cutting Rates Entering the Year**  
 U.S. Fed financial conditions, monthly, one-year look back



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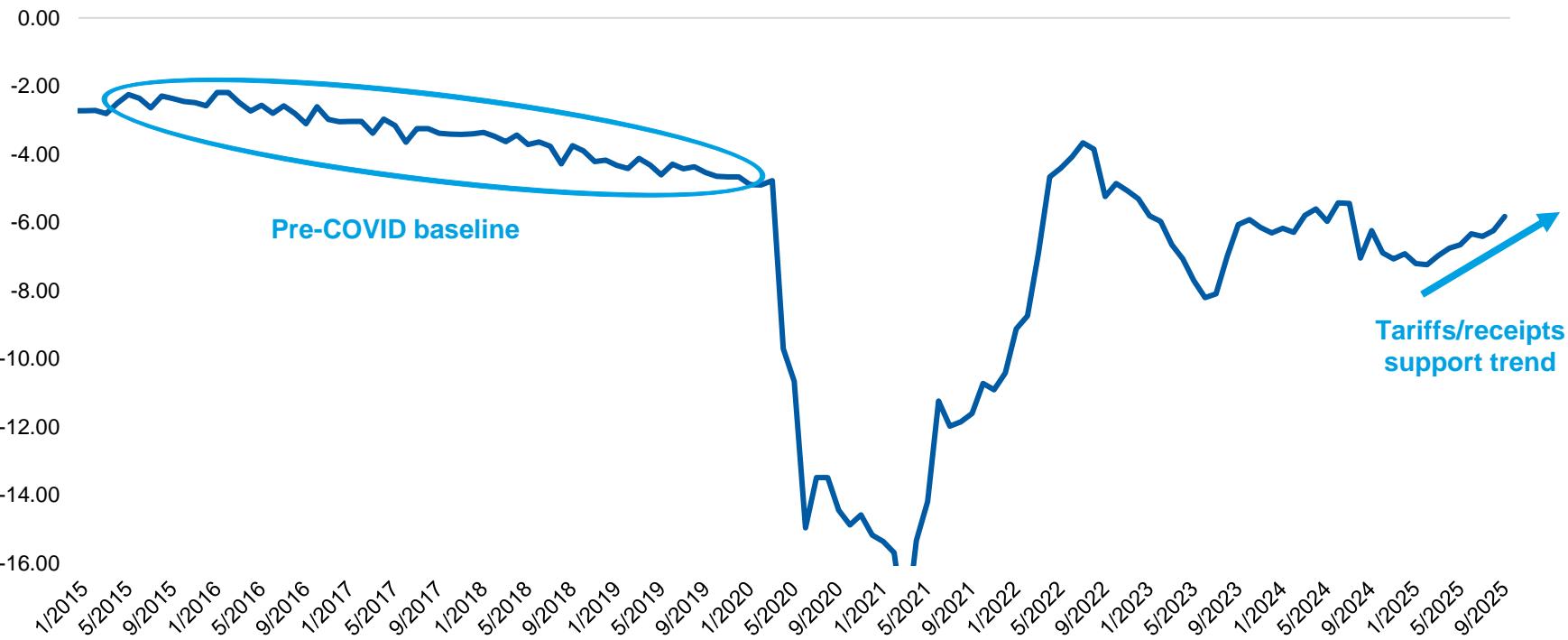
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# Fewer Federal Outlays and Increased Receipts Help Reduce Deficit

In January, the Congressional Budget Office expected the 2025 federal deficit to be \$1.9 trillion. But it was incrementally better than expected at \$1.77T, or 5.9% of GDP, with tariff revenue a contributor.

## Federal Budget Deficit: Predominantly Led by Receipts

U.S. Treasury federal budget deficit as a % of nominal GDP



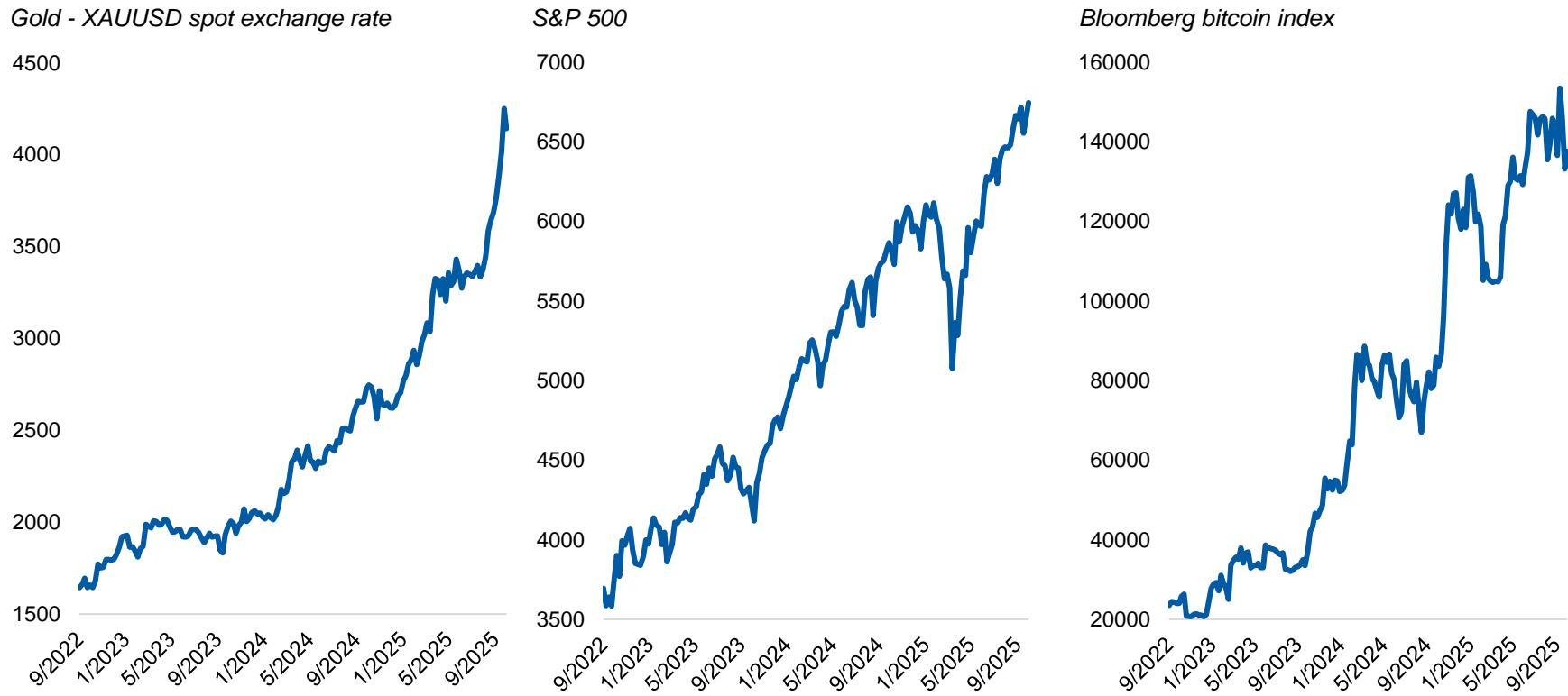
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# Equities, Gold and Crypto May All Benefit From USD Concerns

While the unsustainable trajectory of U.S. debt is not new, it has drawn increased focus with a consequent recognition that monetary debasement is a probable component of the ultimate solution – supporting demand for assets offering protection.

## Gold, Equities and Cryptocurrency Have All Seen Strong Performance – One Common Thread Is Long-Term Inflation Protection



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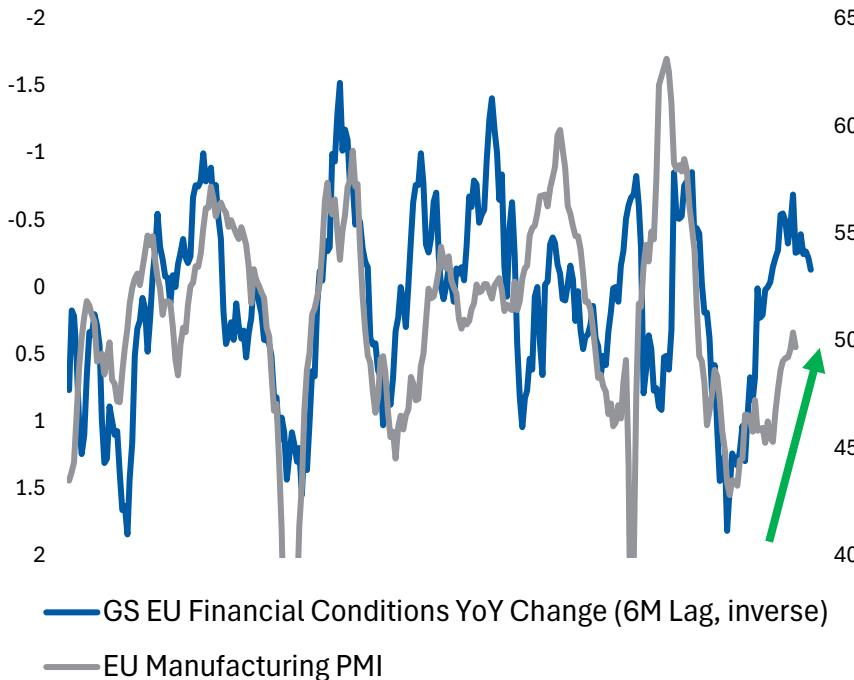
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## European Manufacturing Still on Track for a Recovery Into 2026

Recent disappointing manufacturing data reflects weakness after a frontloading of orders due to tariff uncertainty. We see this as a temporary effect that should not derail a recovery supported by monetary easing and fiscal impulse ramping up in 2026.

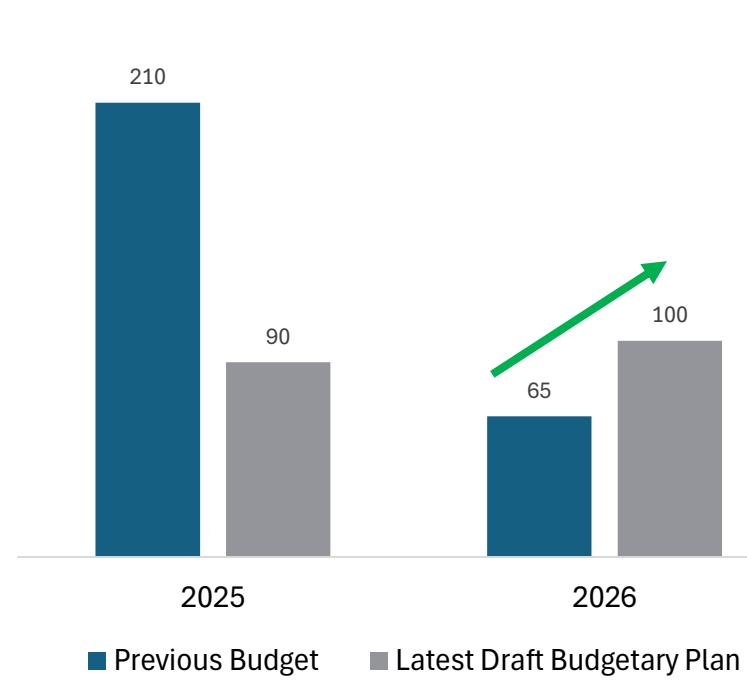
## Rate Cuts Continue To Support a Cyclical Recovery

Eurozone PMI vs. change in financial conditions



## Latest German Draft Budget Shifts Fiscal Impulse to 2026

Change in German government deficit vs. prior year



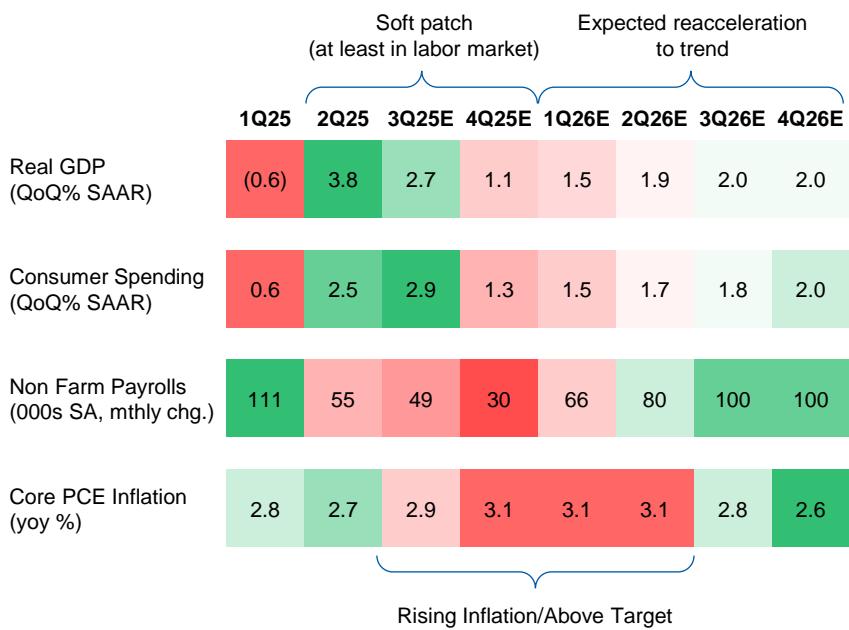
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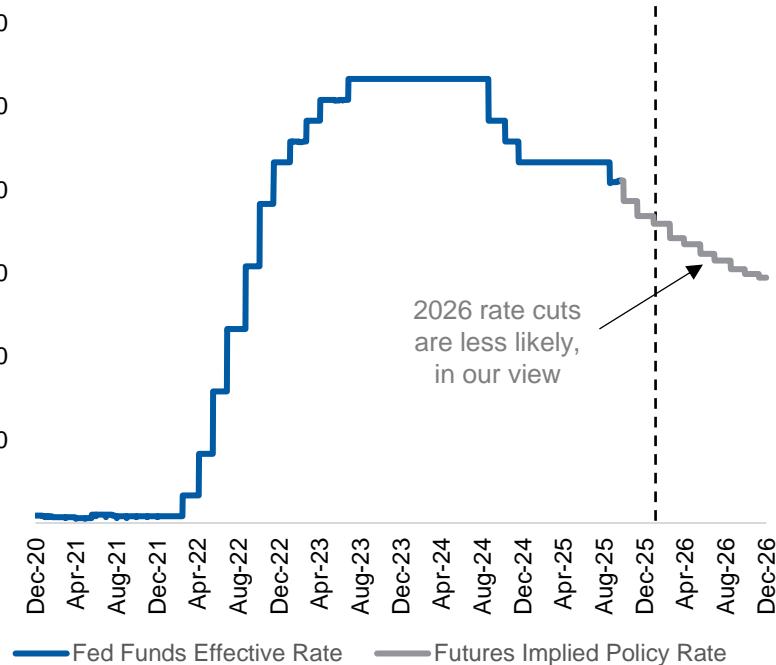
## U/W Duration as 2026 Rate Cuts Unlikely With Accelerating Growth

The Fed has characterized 2025 rate cuts as insurance against a softening labor market trend. However, further cuts in 2026 seem less likely as growth reaccelerates to trend and the labor market firms.

**Chairman Powell Has Called Rate Cuts Insurance Against a Softer Labor Market, but Consensus Forecasts Reacceleration**  
Consensus economic forecasts



**Market Implied Rate Cuts Through 2026 May Prove Aggressive Should Growth Reaccelerate, Easing Perceived Labor Market Risks**  
U.S. policy rate, market implied policy rate



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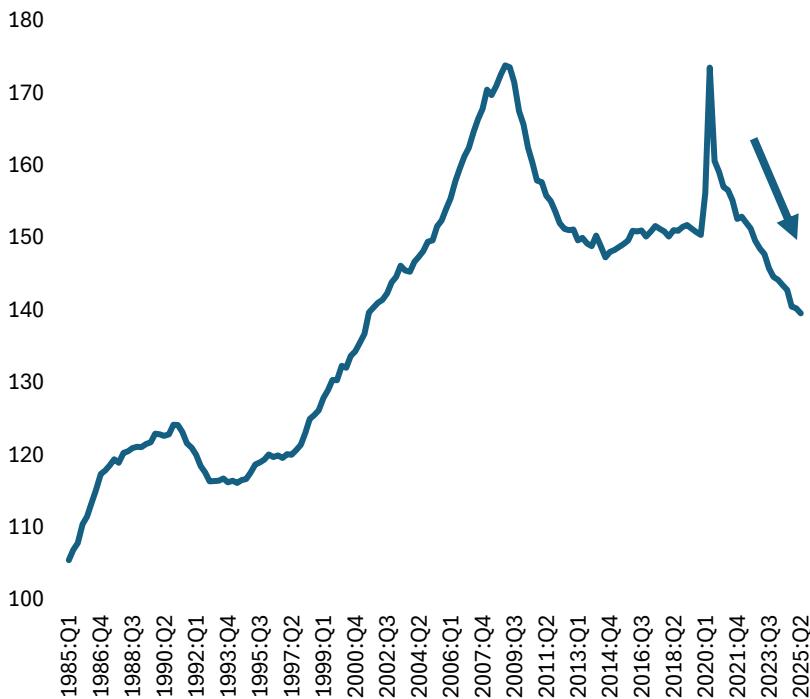
## TOP VIEWS: BONDS

# U.S. Credit Markets: Credit Fundamentals Still Healthy

Deleveraging and manageable household debt service underpin stability, while delinquencies remain below long-term averages.

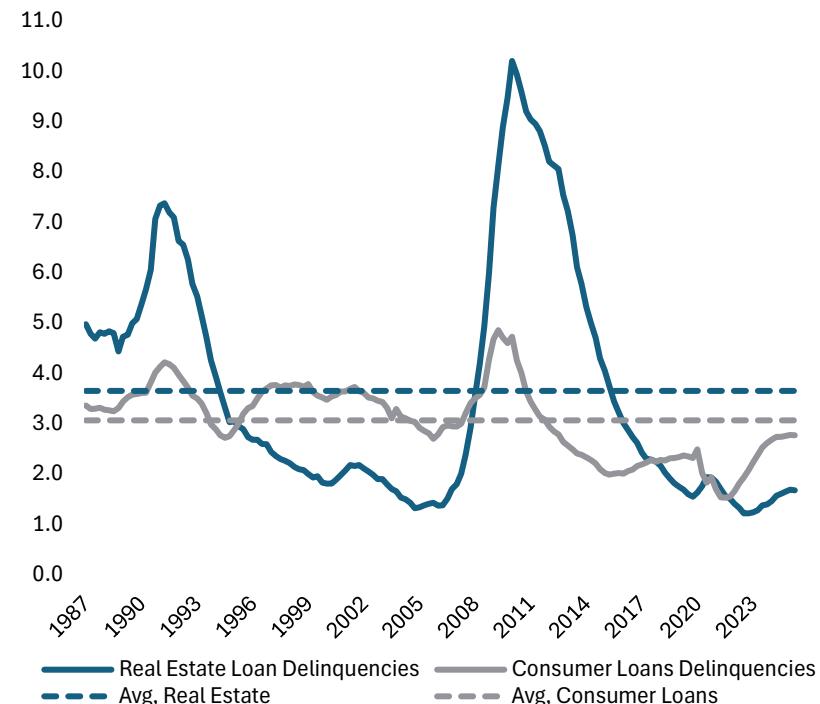
### Households Have Continued Structural Deleveraging

*U.S. household and non-financial business debt % of nominal GDP*



### Delinquencies Remain Low Relative to History

*Real estate and consumer loan delinquencies*



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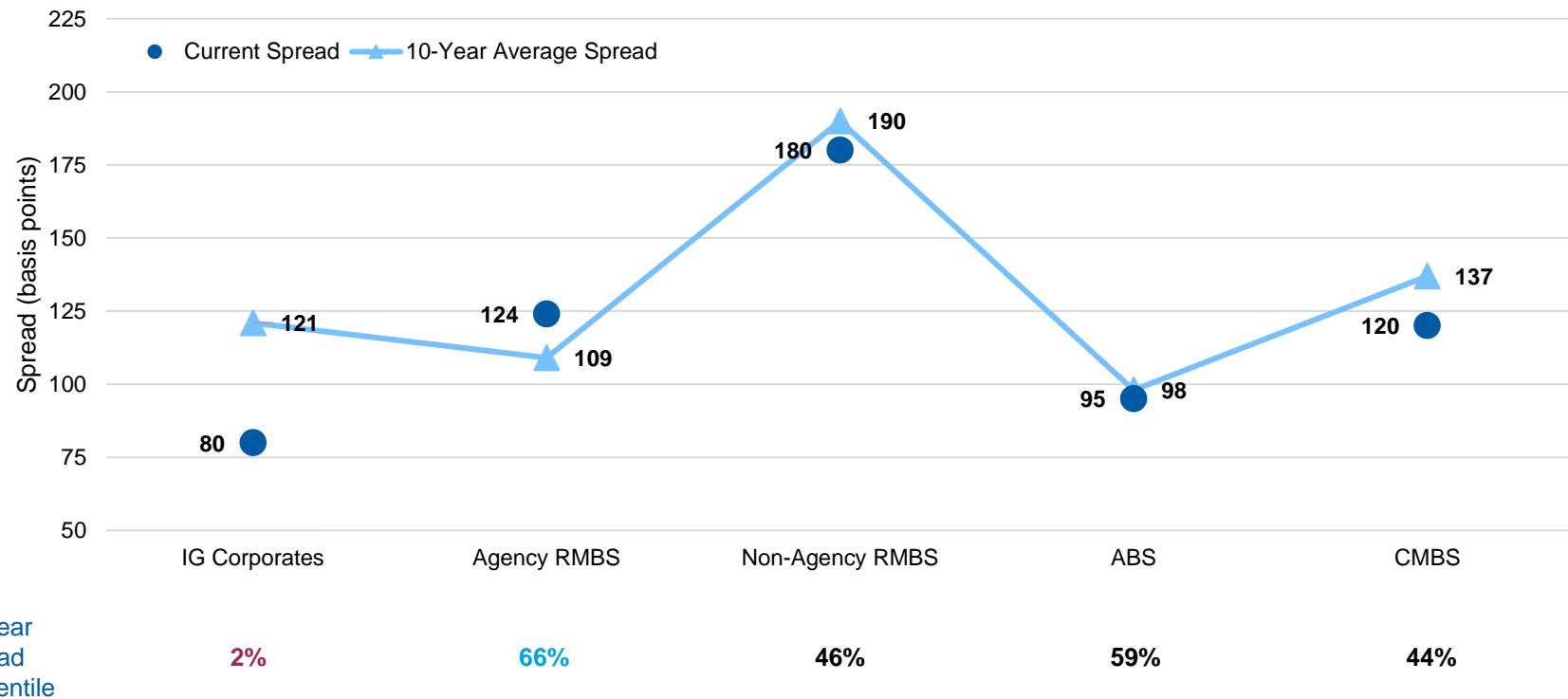
## TOP VIEWS: BONDS

## Case for Mortgage-Backed Securities and Securitized Assets

Securitized markets trade at wider spreads than other IG sectors, such as IG corporates.

## Current Spreads, 10-Year Average and 10-Year Spread Percentile

As of October 31, 2025



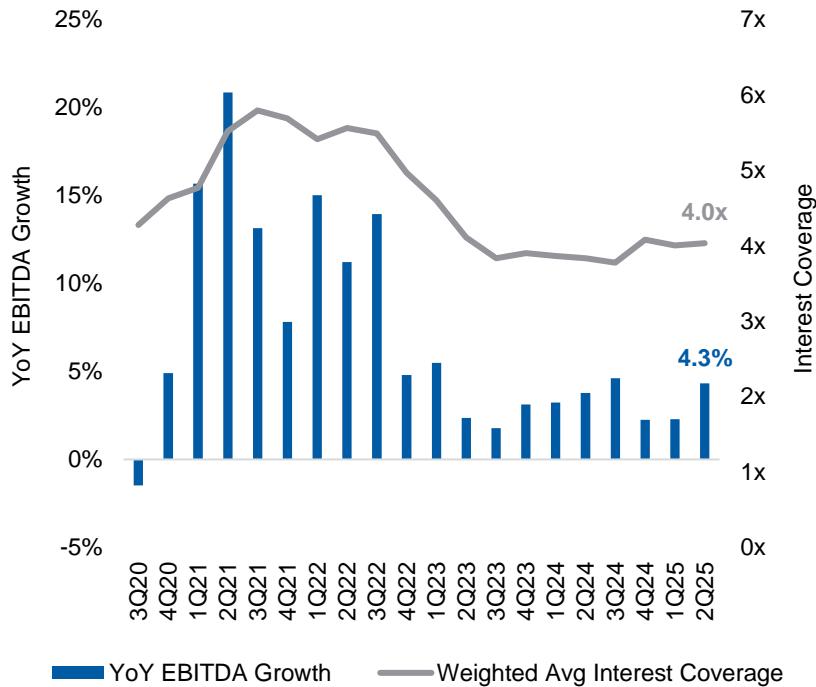
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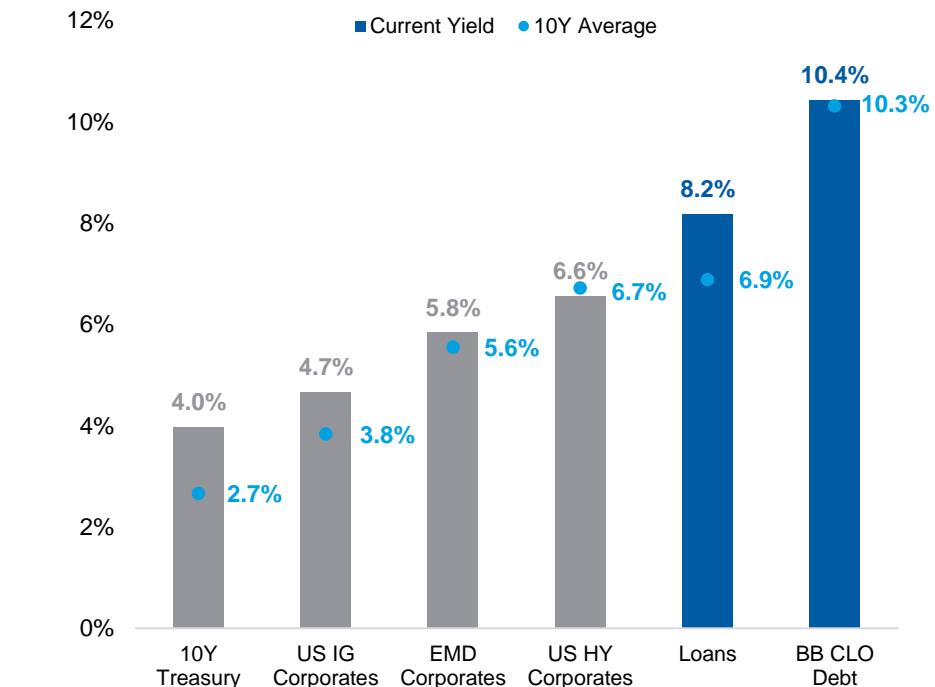
## Floating-Rate Loans Continue to Show Resilience

As the Fed cuts interest rates, fundamentals continue to improve, while the asset class offers yields of ~8%

## Earnings Growth and Interest Coverage Improving



## Current Yields vs. 10-Year Average



Source: MSIM, PitchBook LCD, ICE Data Indices LLC, J.P. Morgan. As of October 28, 2025. EBITDA stands for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Loans represented by Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index. US High Yield represented by ICE BofA US High Yield Index. US IG Corporates represented by ICE BofA US Corporate Index. 10Y Treasury represented by ICE BofA Current 10Y US Treasury Index. EMD Corporates represented by the J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified. BB CLOs represented by the BB portion of the J.P. Morgan CLOIE Post-Crisis Index. For illustrative purposes only. Not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The views and opinions expressed are those of the portfolio management team at the time of writing/of this presentation and are subject to change at any time due to market, economic or other conditions, and may not necessarily come to pass. Forecasts/estimates are based on current market conditions, subject to change, and may not necessarily come to pass. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

## TOP VIEWS: BONDS

# Municipal Bonds: Steep n Cheap

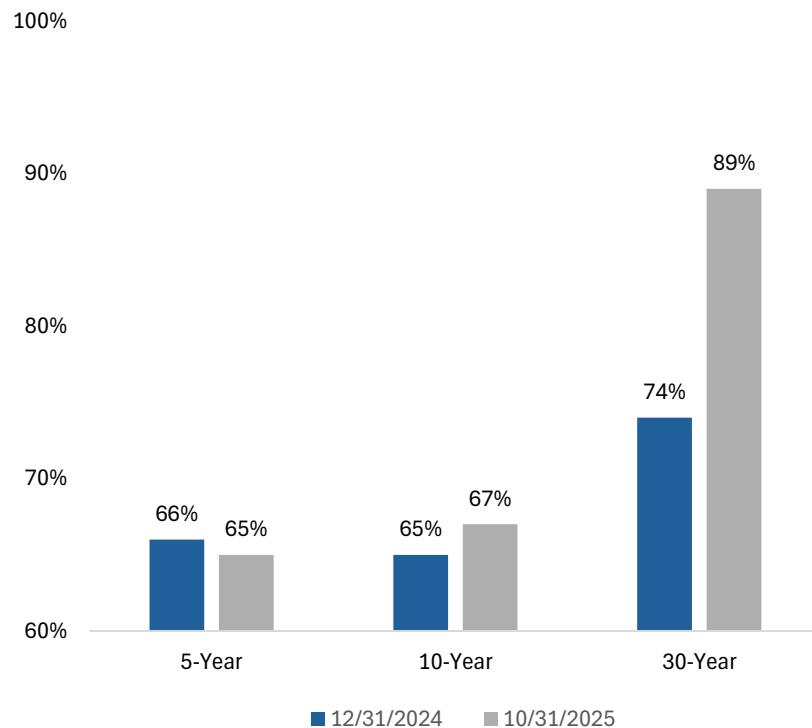
Even with the recent market strength, the curve remains steep, and, in our view, longer-duration municipals are cheap as we enter November

### MMD AAA Municipal 5s/30s Yield Curve



### Muni/Treasury Ratios

*Muni/Treasury Ratios as of 12/31/24 and 10/31/2025*



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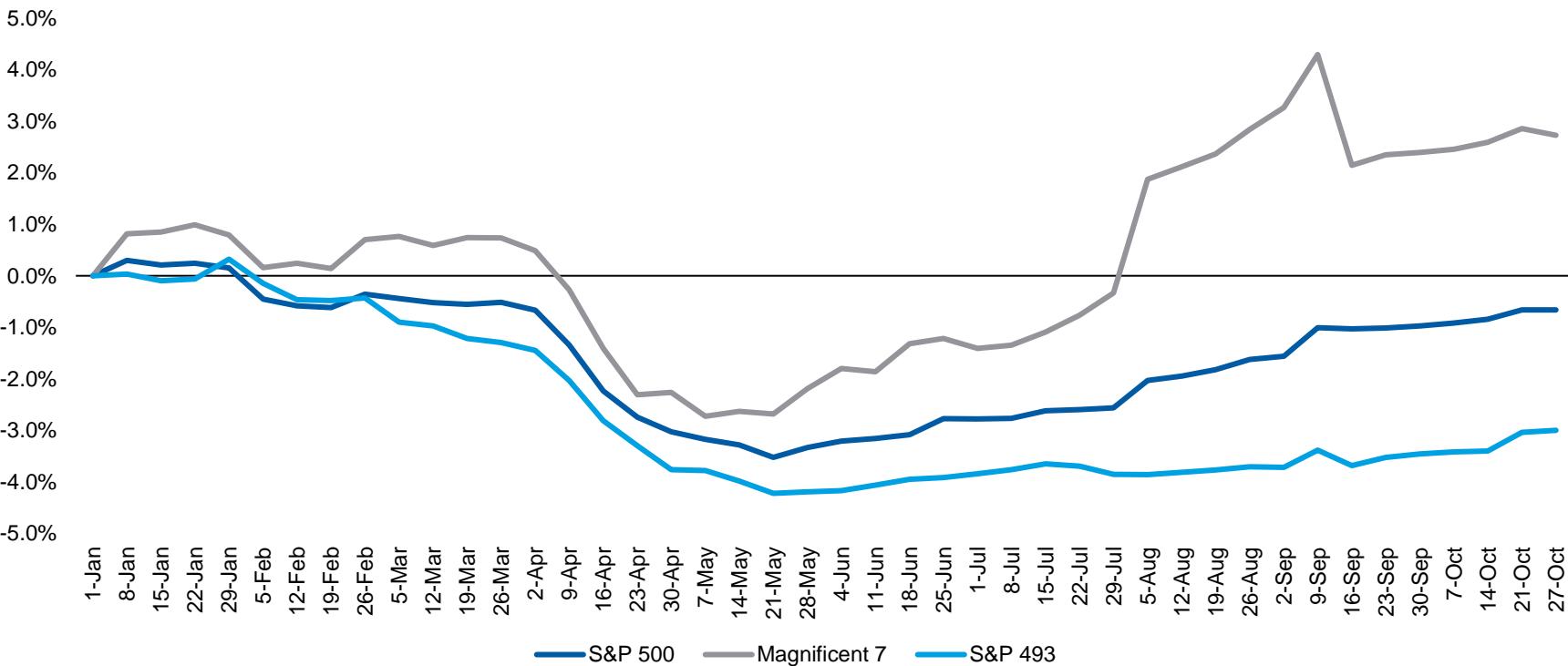
## TOP VIEWS: EQUITIES

# The Mag-7 Continues To Drive Positive Earnings Revisions in the U.S.

The Mag-7\* continues to be the primary driver of positive earnings revisions. Expectations for the S&P 493 (ex. Mag-7) have not yet recovered following the April downgrades.

**Since May 2025, Mag-7 Has Driven Positive Earnings Revisions in the U.S. While the S&P 493 Is Still Stalling**

*Current-year 2026 consensus EPS revision YTD evolution*



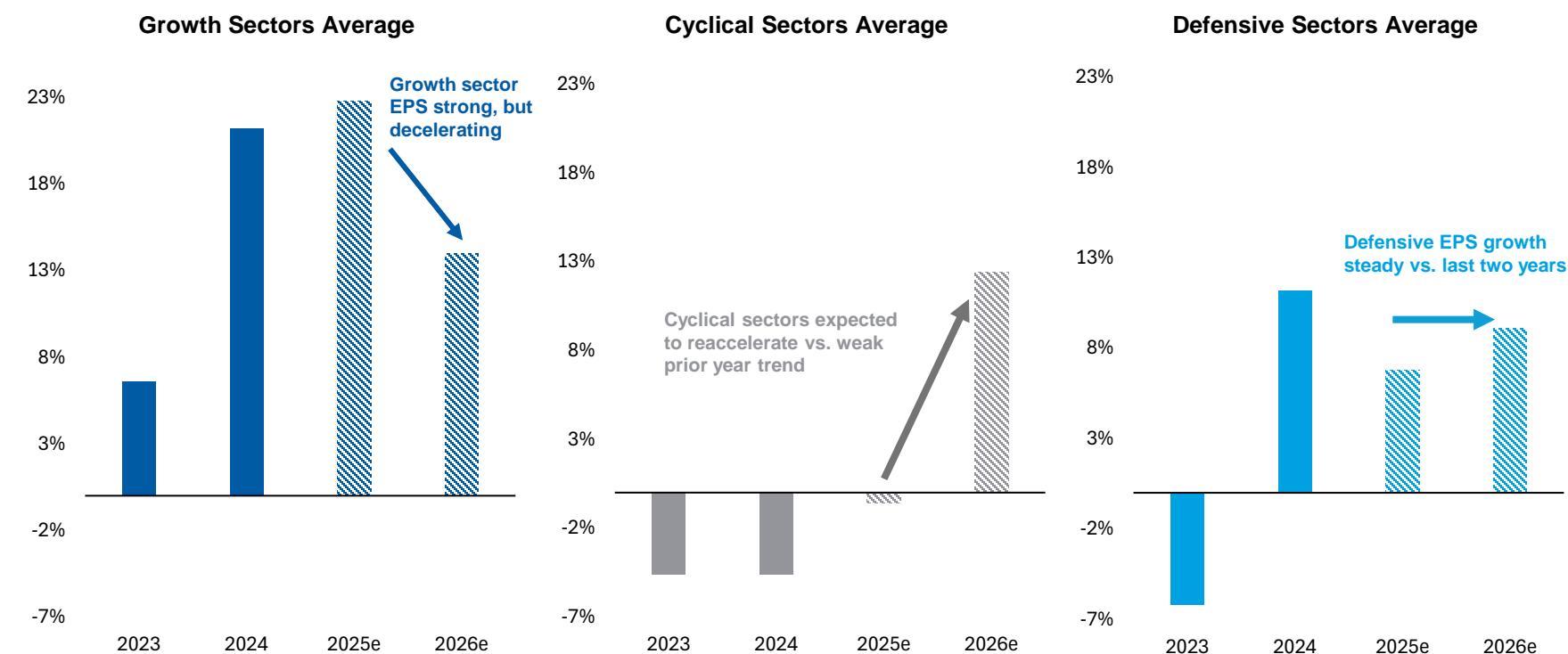
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## TOP VIEWS: EQUITIES

## EPS Needs To Be the Key Upside Driver: Framing 2026 Expectations

Tech and related sectors see solid but decelerating growth; cyclical sectors expected to accelerate relative to weak trend.

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



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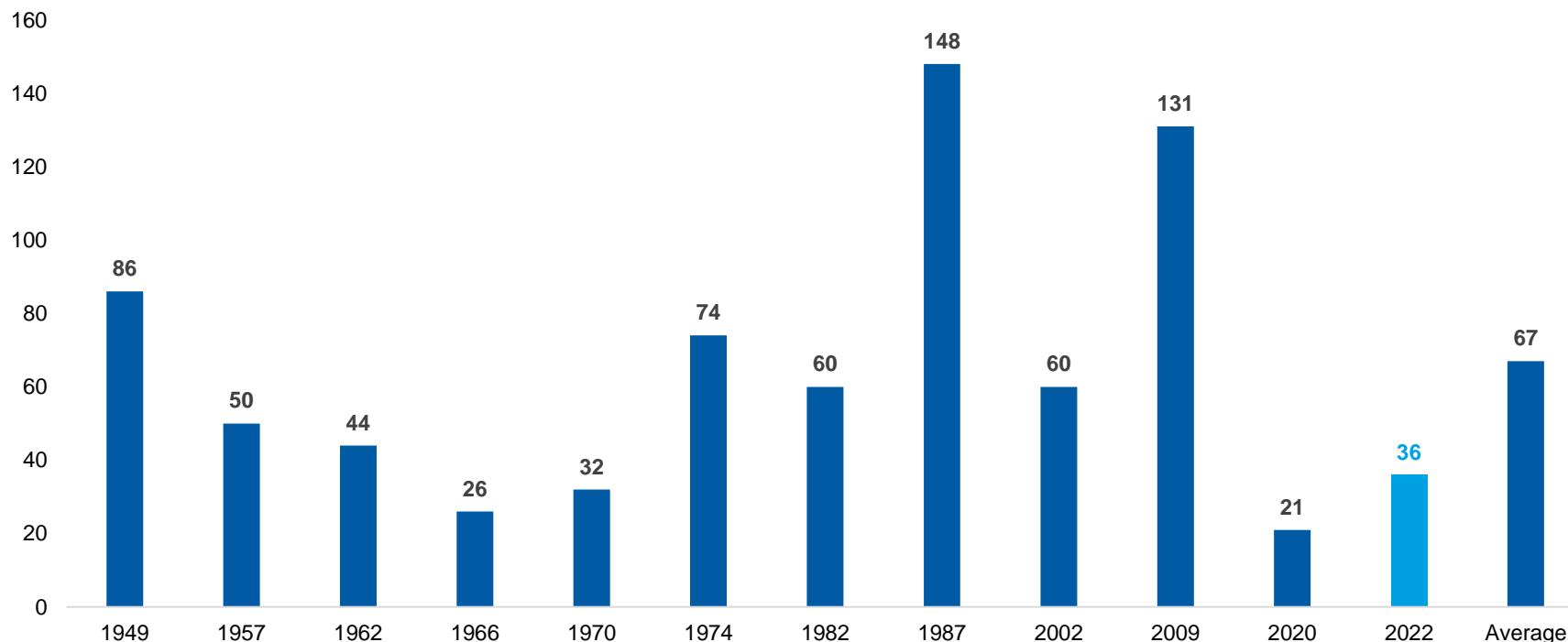
## TOP VIEWS: EQUITIES

# Current Bull Market Is Still Young Relative to Previous Cycles

The current bull market now spans 36 months, well short of the 67-month average for historical bull markets.

### Current Bull Market Is Still Relatively Young by Historical Standards

*Length of the current and previous bull markets (months)*



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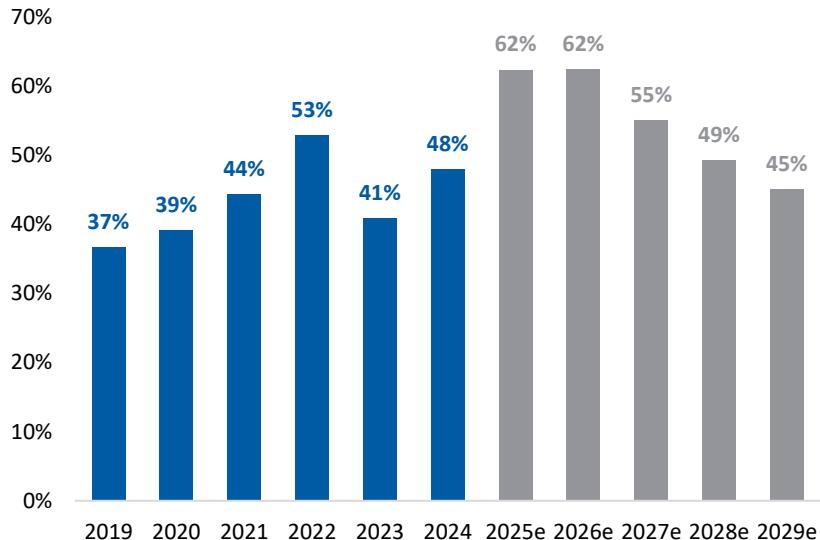
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# Funding of AI Investment a Key Distinction Relative to Dot Com Bubble

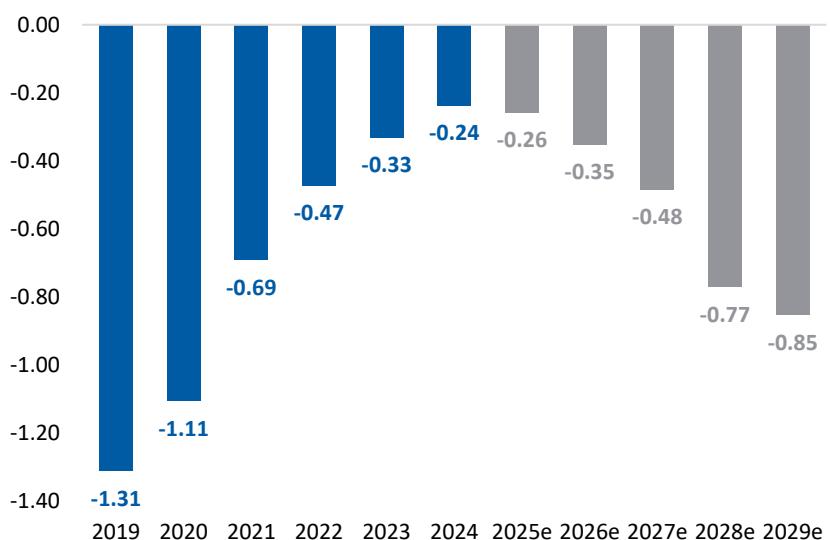
AI investment has been self-funded...what makes them reconsider the scale of investment?

Four Big Spenders: Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, Microsoft

CAPEX\* % of Operating Cash Flow



Net Debt/EBITDA (x)



**Massive amounts of CAPEX underpinning AI development have been funded through free cash flow (not debt or equity) and are not dependent on outside investment.**

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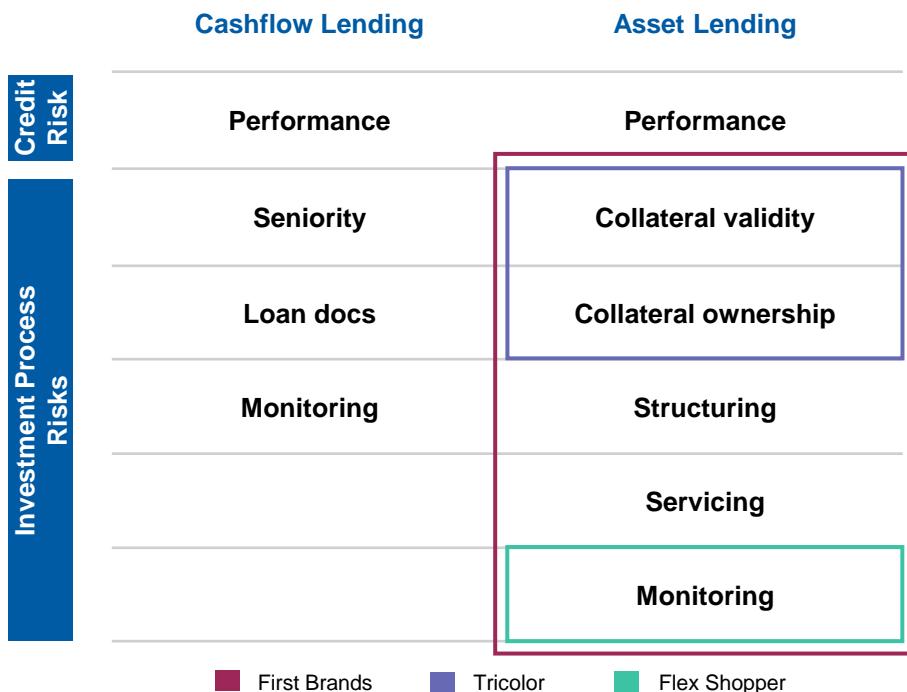
## TOP VIEWS: ALTERNATIVES

# Recent Concerns About Private Credit: Asset Lending

Are First Brands, Tricolor and Flex Shopper signs of systemic risk?

- We define Private Credit in two broad categories – Cashflow Lending and Asset Lending.
- As an asset allocator, we think of risk as credit-related and investment process-related.
- We do not think First Brands, Tricolor and/or Flex are indicative of systemic issues across Private Credit:
  - 1) From a Private Credit perspective, losses in these positions were not a result of credit risk.
  - 2) Investment processes were mainly impacted by fraud—and we do not think fraud is systemic.
  - 3) Investment processes for Asset Lending do not carry over to Cashflow Lending/Direct Lending.
- However, lending disciplines that became weaker during easier conditions could be at risk during tighter conditions.

### Where Private Credit Investors in First Brands, Tricolor and Flex Were Impacted



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## TOP VIEWS: ALTERNATIVES

## Recent Concerns About Private Credit: Cashflow Lending

How should asset allocators react to increasing signs of credit stress in Direct Lending?

- Paid-In-Kind (PIK) interest is a loan feature where interest is not paid in cash, but instead is added to the principal balance.
- Loan terms can allow borrowers to switch between cash and PIK interest payments when they are challenged.
- Levels of PIK interest in Direct Lending portfolios have been increasing and are currently hovering around record levels.
- We believe market data shows a clear way for asset allocators to navigate this:
  - Larger lenders tend to have a higher proportion of their portfolio in PIK
  - Lenders with a higher focus on senior secured first liens tend to have lower PIK levels

## PIK Interest for the 15 Largest Public BDCs\*

BDC	PIK Loan (%)	AUM (\$bn)	% First Lien
Prospect	34%	6.90	70%
Barings BDC	21%	1.08	71%
Blackstone	20%	12.83	98%
FS KKR	19%	14.12	59%
Goldman Sachs	18%	3.39	96%
Golub	15%	8.62	92%
Ares	13%	27.13	59%
Oaktree	13%	2.89	81%
Bain	12%	2.47	84%
Capital Southwest	11%	1.79	90%
Morgan Stanley	9%	3.79	96%
Midcap Financial	9%	3.19	99%
New Mountain	9%	3.03	65%
Sixth Street	8%	3.41	92%
Blue Owl	7%	29.46	89%
<b>Average</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>8.27</b>	<b>83%</b>

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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING COMMENTARY

## Representative Allocations From the Portfolio Solutions Group

ASSET ALLOCATION	COMMENTARY
<b>Bonds</b>	
Duration	<b>DURATION (U/W):</b> With UST 10-year yields breaking below 4%, we remain U/W duration. We continue to believe current market pricing for Fed cuts in 2026 appears overly optimistic given the growth tailwinds to come in 2026. We see two to three additional Fed cuts (vs. expectations of 5 through 2026) but ultimately expect stronger growth and sticky inflation to limit cuts beyond that and keep long rates elevated.
Credit	<b>CREDIT (U/W):</b> With spreads sitting near all-time tights, we continue to view the risk/reward asymmetry within corporate credit as unfavorable. We retain selective exposure to higher yielding credit (MBS, Bank Loans).
<b>Equities</b>	
Risk Level	<b>EQUITIES (Neutral):</b> We continue to hold a view of balanced risks for global equities, with growing optimism as we approach 2026 with growth data continuing to display resilience amid broad expectations for tariff-induced weakness. Regionally, we remain overweight the U.S., where we see structural support for equities in the form of fiscal policy, monetary policy and productivity gains linked to adoption of AI.
<b>Alternatives</b>	
Commodities	<b>COMMODITIES (Neutral):</b> We remain neutral on energy commodity markets, as geopolitical upside risks are balanced by high spare capacity in markets such as crude, which limit upside absent physical disruptions. In the current environment we continue to see precious metals as a segment that could enjoy structural tailwinds.

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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING COMMENTARY

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

FIXED INCOME	COMMENTARY
<b>Bonds</b>	
U.S. Treasuries (USTs)	<b>USTs (U/W):</b> With UST 10-year yields breaking below 4%, rates are likely too low relative to the economic outlook in the U.S., where growing tailwinds support a reacceleration in 2026. The combination of stronger growth and sticky inflation likely skews the Fed to fewer cuts than what is currently priced in over the next 12-18 months.
Inflation-Linked Bonds	<b>Inflation-Linked Bonds (O/W):</b> We continue to see some value in this space, particularly on the longer sections of the curve, especially if inflation remains sticky or reaccelerates in 2026.
Eurozone Govt. Bonds	<b>Eurozone Gov. Bonds (U/W):</b> Despite inflation falling towards target, we think long-end yields in the Eurozone could continue to rise, as Germany's fiscal spending exerts steepening pressure on yield curves. Within the Eurozone, we remain O/W Spain and Portugal based on favorable growth and debt dynamics.
EM Hard Currency Govt. Bonds	<b>EM Hard Currency (O/W):</b> We remain overweight EMD despite spreads near all-time tights. Default prospects appear lower than in corporate credit while quality-adjusted spreads remain higher.
EM Local Currency Govt. Bonds	<b>EM Local Currency (Neutral):</b> EM Local continues to perform well in USD, but has not been great in other currencies, such as the euro. This supports our view that EM Local rates and currencies are fairly valued, but a view on the base currency may be more impactful for near-term returns.
<b>Public Credit</b>	
Municipal Bonds	<b>Municipal Bonds (Neutral):</b> Muni/UST ratios have remained stable after tightening in September. We still like the asset class for taxable investors, but would remain neutral at current levels.
Investment Grade (IG)	<b>Investment Grade (U/W):</b> With spreads near all-time tights, IG has poor convexity in the current environment.
MBS/ABS	<b>MBS/ABS (O/W):</b> Asset-backed securities remain our highest conviction fixed income overweight. Yield per unit of credit quality remains attractive, and the asset class continues to benefit from structural tailwinds.
High Yield (HY)	<b>High Yield (Neutral):</b> We remain U/W HY in the U.S. and O/W in Europe. European HY continues to offer a more attractive spread relative to U.S. HY in both absolute terms and adjusted for ratings differentials. We expect higher yields (owing to FX carry) and lower defaults to drive outperformance of European HY.
Bank Loans	<b>Bank Loans (O/W):</b> With economic growth prospects for 2026 looking robust, we see value in owning bank loans given the high carry associated with the asset class. Additionally, we believe loans should benefit from a repricing in the front end of the curve, which we feel is too aggressively pricing in rate cuts based on this outlook.

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## TOP VIEWS: POSITIONING COMMENTARY

## Global Equity: Representative Allocations From the Portfolio Solutions Group

EQUITY	COMMENTARY
<b>Regional</b>	
U.S.	<b>United States (O/W):</b> We remain O/W U.S. equities as economic growth continues to surprise to the upside amid broad expectations for tariff-induced weakness. In addition to our core U.S. exposure, we remain O/W select industrial and construction companies given the coordinated efforts across trade, fiscal and deregulation policy to support U.S. industrial production.
Eurozone	<b>Europe (Neutral):</b> We continue to hold a positive view on structural trends in Europe, but earnings revisions at the broad index level continue to lag other regions. As such, we opt for a more targeted approach to compose our exposure and retain our O/W to European banks and German mid-caps.
Japan	<b>Japan (Neutral):</b> Japan's near-term outlook has improved with U.S. tariff concerns easing, while political uncertainty is resolved under the new Takaichi-led LDP-JIP coalition. We remain neutral, as fiscal expansion optimism appears largely priced in. We favor a selective approach to avoid structurally challenged sectors.
Emerging Markets	<b>Emerging Markets (Neutral):</b> EM is supported by resilient global growth, soft USD, benign inflation and the Fed pivoting to a cutting cycle. In China, equity risk premiums remain stable, with focus turning to U.S.-China trade talks despite recent rare earths-induced volatility. Asia's tech supply chain continues to benefit from the global AI theme. By contrast, India has faced domestic growth setbacks, AI-related headwinds and strained U.S. relations.
<b>Style</b>	
Growth vs. Value	<b>Growth vs. Value (Neutral):</b> Since mid-2022 the Growth vs. Value trade has been dictated primarily by high-beta tech exposure with Growth-style indexes outperforming Value as markets rise, and underperforming as they fall. In this context, a broadly neutral view on equities suggests a neutral view on Growth vs. Value.
Quality	<b>Quality (O/W):</b> We retain a preference for Quality with slower growth in 2025 relative to the last three years.
Large-Cap vs. Small-Cap	<b>Large-Cap (O/W):</b> We remain overweight Large-Caps in the U.S., as the cohort continues to show stronger earnings revisions trends relative to Small- and Mid-Caps (SMID). In Europe, we continue to hold Mid-Cap exposure in Germany given the structural tailwinds linked to the fiscal stimulus wave.
Cyclical vs. Defensive Sectors	<b>Cyclicals (O/W):</b> Our cyclical exposure in the U.S. and Europe rests on structural growth drivers from policy efforts.

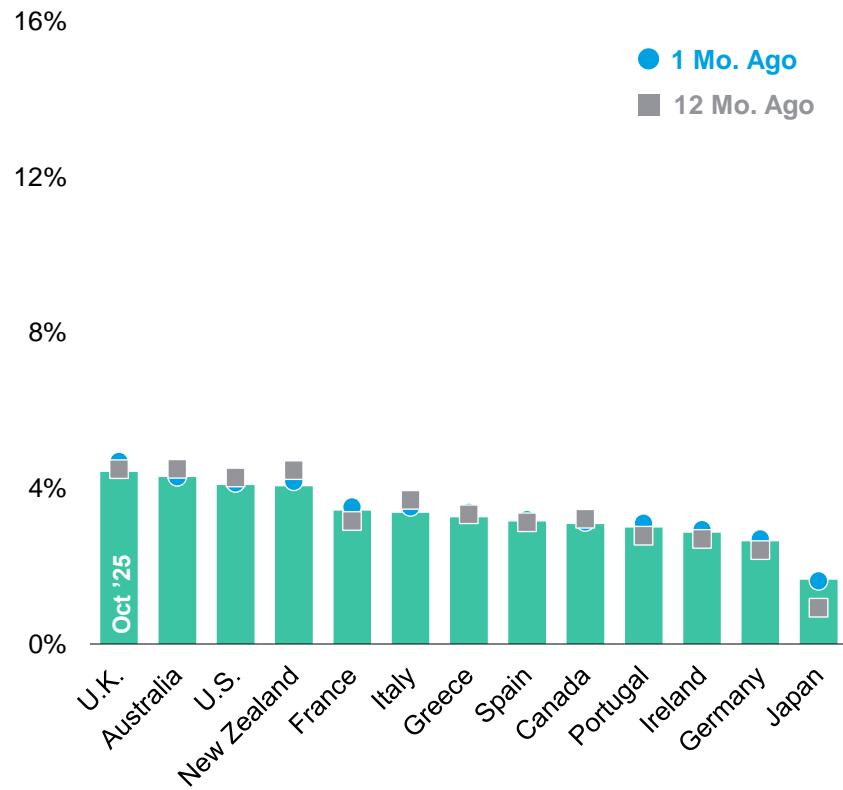
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## BONDS

# Sovereign Bond Yields

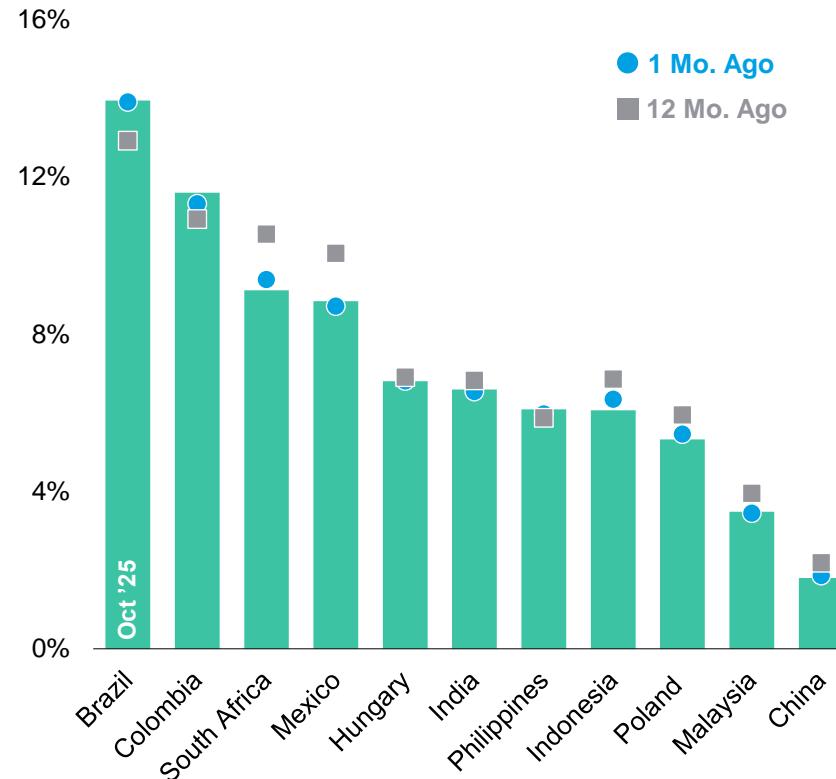
### Developed Markets

(10 yr. Yield)



### Emerging Markets

(10 yr. Yield)



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## BONDS

## Key Rates (%)

Security	Current	12-Mo. Ago	Average	Minimum	Maximum
1-Week SIFMA	3.22	3.24	2.54	1.86	3.22
Secured Overnight Financing Rate	4.22	4.90	4.36	4.04	4.86
1-Mo SOFR	4.00	4.66	4.31	3.96	4.65
3-Mo SOFR	3.89	4.56	4.26	3.84	4.55
2-Yr Treasury	3.60	4.16	3.93	3.42	4.39
5-Yr Treasury	3.71	4.15	4.01	3.55	4.61
10-Yr Treasury	4.09	4.28	4.33	3.95	4.79
30-Yr Treasury	4.66	4.48	4.74	4.33	5.08
2-Yr Japan	0.91	0.43	0.75	0.45	0.95
10-Yr Japan	1.65	0.94	1.40	0.93	1.69
2-Yr German Bund	1.97	2.31	1.98	1.66	2.31
10-Yr German Bund	2.64	2.42	2.56	2.04	2.91
2-Yr UK Gilt	3.78	4.48	4.07	3.75	4.60
10-Yr UK Gilt	4.43	4.50	4.58	4.22	4.89
Bloomberg US Agg	4.33	4.73	4.64	4.20	5.11
Bloomberg Global Agg	3.43	3.64	3.58	3.36	3.86
Bloomberg US Corporate	4.82	5.16	5.12	4.68	5.55
Bloomberg US Long Corporate	5.53	5.55	5.72	5.36	6.15
Bloomberg US Municipal	3.57	3.66	3.80	3.39	4.47
Bloomberg US Long Municipal	4.48	4.27	4.61	3.97	5.16
US High Yield	6.82	7.33	7.23	6.55	8.65
US Loans	8.10	9.09	8.51	8.10	9.14

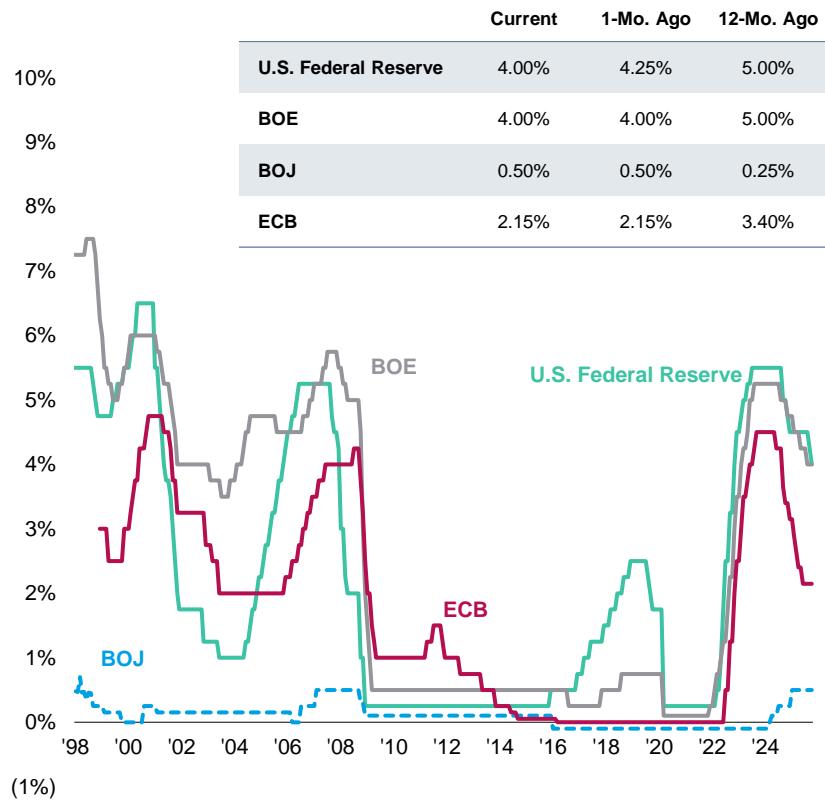
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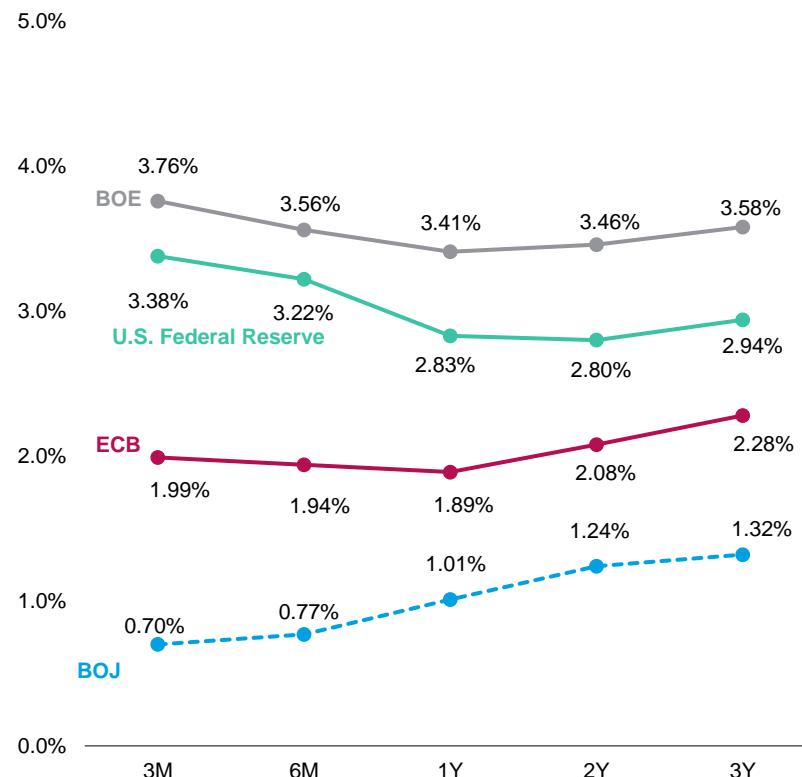
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## Monetary Policy

## Central Bank Policy Rates



## Market Expectations for Future Central Bank Rates

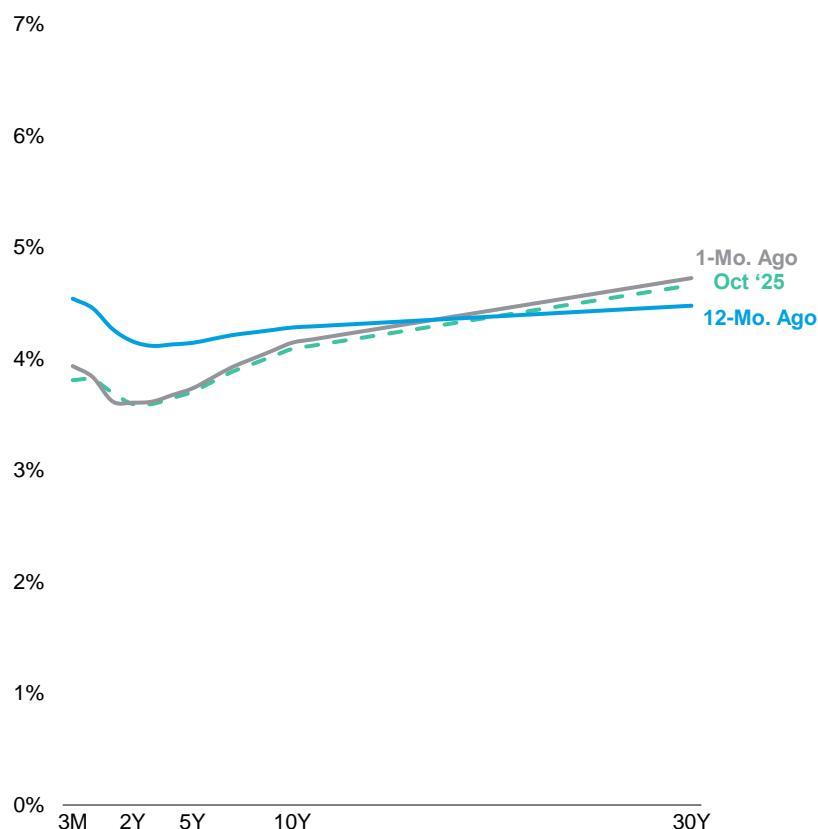


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## U.S. Treasury Yields

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curves



Security	Yields & Performance			Total Return (%)	
	Yield (%)				
	Current	1-Mo. Ago	12-Mo. Ago	1-Mo.	12-Mo.
3-mo. Treasury	3.81	3.94	4.54	0.35	4.34
6-mo. Treasury	3.82	3.84	4.46	0.34	4.40
2-yr. Treasury	3.60	3.61	4.16	0.31	4.52
3-yr. Treasury	3.60	3.62	4.12	0.35	5.21
5-yr. Treasury	3.71	3.74	4.15	0.44	5.88
10-yr. Treasury	4.09	4.15	4.28	0.78	5.95
30-yr. Treasury	4.66	4.73	4.48	1.40	1.08

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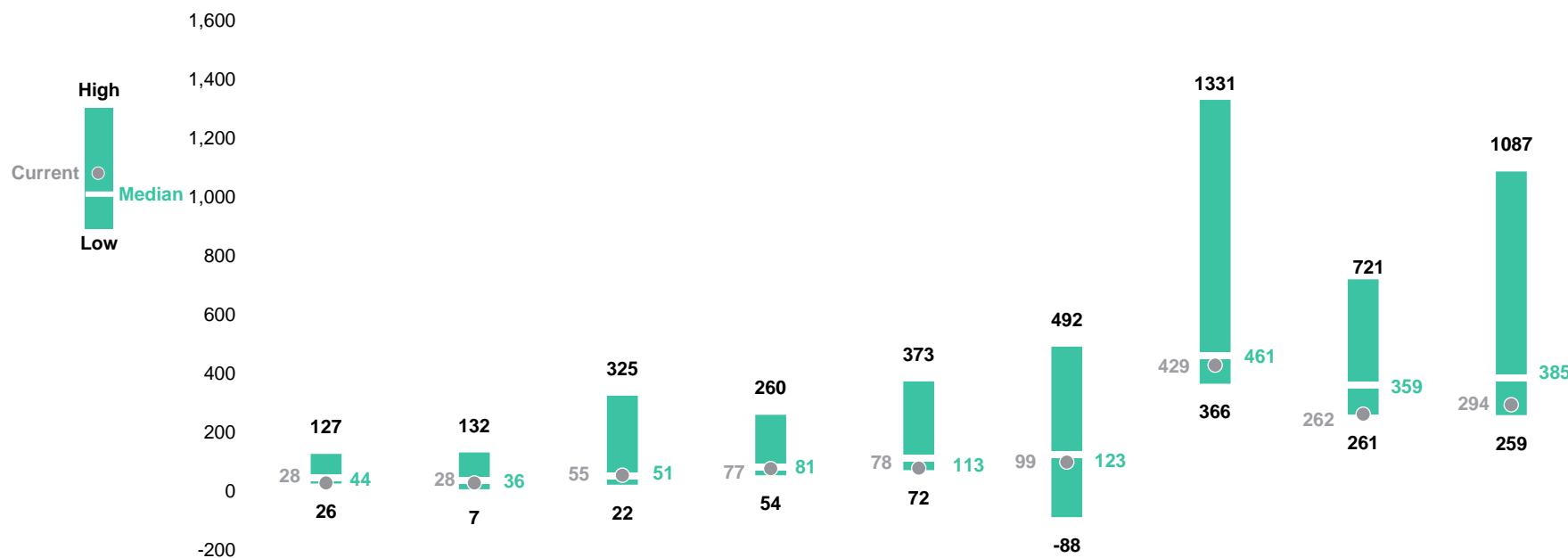
## Characteristics and Performance Analysis

Index	Averages						Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>U.S. High Grade</b>													
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index	3.63	94.2	4.33	28	8.2	6.0	0.62	2.94	6.80	6.16	5.60	-0.24	1.90
U.S. Treasury	3.23	94.3	3.91	—	7.8	5.9	0.62	2.54	6.01	5.19	4.26	-1.03	1.27
U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities	3.50	92.0	4.66	28	7.2	5.7	0.86	3.73	7.68	7.32	5.85	0.04	1.49
U.S. Asset Backed Securities	4.60	100.4	4.22	55	3.7	2.7	0.38	1.90	5.02	5.70	5.77	2.18	2.46
U.S. Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities	3.51	96.3	4.50	77	4.3	3.9	0.46	2.34	6.82	7.21	6.57	1.05	2.61
U.S. Corp. Investment Grade	4.45	95.4	4.82	78	10.4	6.9	0.38	2.92	7.29	6.62	7.58	0.46	3.12
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	4.65	102.7	3.57	—	13.6	6.7	1.24	4.49	3.91	4.17	5.46	1.16	2.42
Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Bond Index	4.45	94.5	4.78	—	14.3	7.8	1.08	3.78	7.58	6.68	7.35	0.25	3.29
ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index	1.19	94.9	1.53	—	7.6	5.4	0.37	2.39	7.19	5.91	4.54	1.42	3.02
ICE BofA Preferred Index (Fixed Rate)	5.56	91.9	5.64	99	—	6.4	0.01	2.92	5.47	3.42	8.34	2.49	4.12
<b>U.S. High Yield</b>													
ICE BofA US High Yield Index	6.58	97.7	6.82	294	4.8	2.9	0.20	2.19	7.27	8.03	10.01	5.48	5.81
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.20	96.7	8.10	429	4.6	—	0.22	1.11	4.86	6.32	9.57	6.96	5.52
<b>Emerging Markets</b>													
J.P. Morgan EM Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.58	92.6	6.82	262	—	6.7	2.13	5.64	13.02	12.76	13.02	2.71	4.13
J.P. Morgan Corp. EM Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	5.51	98.0	5.88	189	—	4.5	0.56	2.83	7.95	8.01	10.66	3.17	4.51
J.P. Morgan Govt. Bond Index-EM (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.68	—	5.91	—	—	5.3	0.46	4.06	15.94	13.06	11.75	2.33	3.13
<b>Global Developed Markets</b>													
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex-U.S. Index	2.37	96.0	2.66	26	8.3	6.8	-0.97	0.98	8.30	5.22	5.46	-2.82	0.35
FTSE World Government Bond Index	2.65	—	3.25	—	—	6.8	-0.27	1.71	7.14	4.95	4.54	-3.04	0.38
ICE BofA European Union Government Bond Index	2.22	94.0	2.77	35	8.8	7.2	-0.87	1.80	12.95	8.59	8.00	-2.90	0.37
ICE BofA Developed Mkts HY Ex-Sub Fincl Index (USD Hedged)	6.31	97.9	6.48	310	3.7	2.9	0.21	1.98	7.10	8.00	10.38	5.62	5.87
Bloomberg Euro-Aggregate Corporates (EUR)	2.74	98.5	3.01	77	5.1	4.4	0.70	1.11	3.48	4.70	5.79	0.29	1.48
Bloomberg Pan-European High Yield Euro (EUR)	5.04	99.1	5.35	273	4.1	3.4	0.08	0.79	4.73	6.02	9.35	4.27	4.00

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## BONDS

## Spread Analysis (bps)



	Aggregate	MBS	ABS	CMBS	Corporate	Preferred	Floating-Rate Loans	Emerging Markets (USD)	High Yield
<b>Max Spread Date</b>	3/20/2020	3/19/2020	3/26/2020	3/25/2020	3/23/2020	3/23/2020	3/20/2020	3/23/2020	3/23/2020
<b>Min Spread Date</b>	9/15/2025	4/14/2021	6/21/2021	6/21/2021	9/19/2025	12/6/2017	4/20/2018	2/1/2018	1/22/2025
<b>Spread on 12/31/24</b>	34	43	44	80	80	77	424	325	292
<b>Spread on 12/31/23</b>	42	47	68	126	99	148	490	384	334
<b>Spread on 12/31/22</b>	51	51	76	120	130	227	645	452	479

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## BONDS

## Corporate Bond Market Update

	Averages						Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield to Worst (%)	Spread (bps)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>U.S. High Grade</b>													
Bloomberg U.S. Corp. Investment Grade Index	4.45	95.4	4.82	78	10.4	6.9	0.38	2.92	7.29	6.62	7.58	0.46	3.12
AAA Index	3.52	84.4	4.64	35	17.2	10.3	0.36	3.26	6.67	4.48	5.30	-2.29	2.05
AA Index	3.80	91.2	4.56	46	12.3	7.8	0.35	2.86	6.61	5.54	6.17	-0.89	1.90
A Index	4.34	95.6	4.68	65	10.3	6.9	0.47	2.95	7.35	6.49	7.12	0.05	2.75
BBB Index	4.69	96.2	5.00	98	10.2	6.7	0.31	2.90	7.35	6.95	8.27	1.10	3.67
<b>U.S. High Yield</b>													
ICE BofA U.S. High Yield Index	6.58	97.7	6.82	294	4.8	2.9	0.20	2.19	7.27	8.03	10.01	5.48	5.81
BB Index	5.96	99.9	5.71	179	5.0	3.2	0.46	2.48	7.74	8.17	9.04	4.65	5.54
B Index	7.32	99.9	6.93	307	4.6	2.7	-0.06	1.91	6.67	7.51	9.67	5.22	5.45
CCC Index	7.39	82.4	12.37	865	4.0	2.6	-0.42	1.50	6.60	8.54	14.66	9.41	7.49
Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index	S+3.20	96.7	8.10	429	4.6	-	0.22	1.11	4.86	6.32	9.57	6.96	5.52
BBB Index	S+1.85	100.1	5.88	183	5.2	-	0.48	1.50	5.24	6.53	7.70	5.82	4.58
BB Index	S+2.45	99.3	6.68	271	5.0	-	0.32	1.31	5.05	6.62	8.48	6.41	4.81
B Index	S+3.44	97.8	8.12	425	4.6	-	0.28	1.16	5.01	6.56	10.38	7.27	5.85
CCC Index	S+4.79	79.3	18.69	1475	3.5	-	-0.20	-0.00	3.25	3.38	9.26	7.23	6.74
D Index	-	27.3	-	-	-	-	-12.80	-9.62	-23.00	-21.88	-23.72	-21.83	-16.46

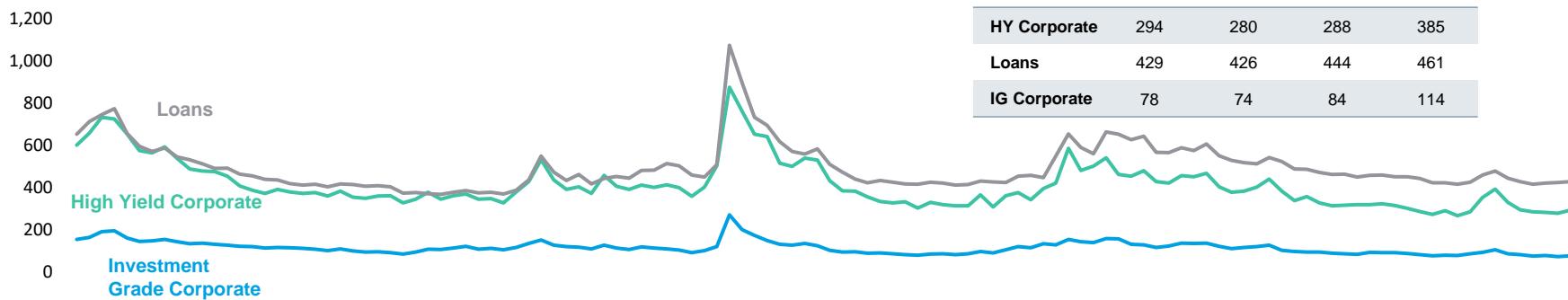
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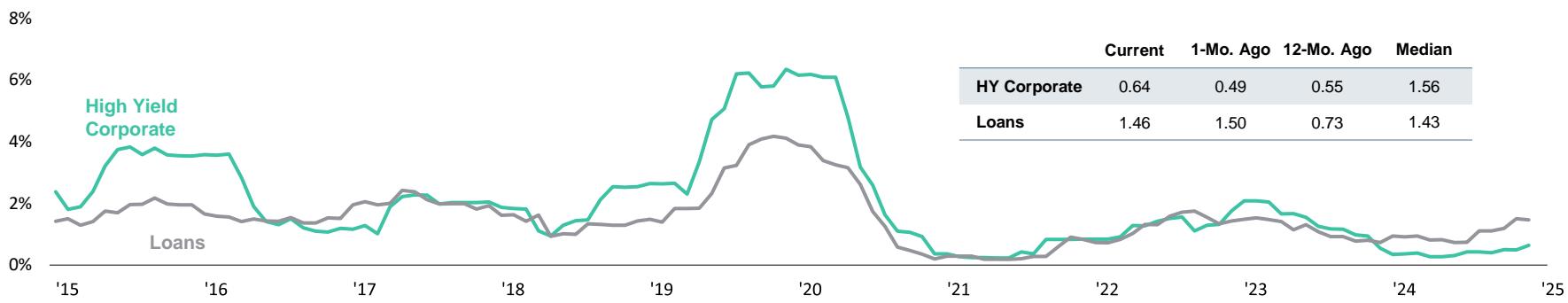
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## Corporate Bond Market Update

## Average Spread (bps)



## Annual Default Rate



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## BONDS

## Municipal Bond Market Update

	Averages					Total Returns (%)						
	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield To Worst (%)	Maturity (yrs.)	Duration (yrs.)	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
<b>Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index</b>	<b>4.65</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>3.57</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>4.49</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>5.46</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>2.42</b>
AAA Index	4.60	103.8	3.42	13.2	6.9	1.22	4.62	3.89	4.14	4.94	0.72	2.01
AA Index	4.66	103.7	3.44	13.3	6.5	1.23	4.37	3.87	4.17	5.14	0.95	2.22
A Index	4.65	101.2	3.81	13.6	6.6	1.25	4.56	4.09	4.32	6.18	1.64	2.85
BBB Index	4.66	96.8	4.47	17.5	7.5	1.33	4.95	3.68	3.61	7.09	2.24	3.40
5-Year Index	4.75	106.9	2.87	5.0	3.6	-0.01	1.31	4.50	4.50	4.43	1.14	1.89
10-Year Index	4.61	106.8	3.22	9.9	5.8	1.22	4.18	5.37	5.72	5.29	1.36	2.60
22+ Year Index	4.75	97.7	4.48	26.7	10.9	1.83	6.88	2.15	2.46	6.79	0.41	2.59
<b>Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index</b>	<b>4.78</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>5.63</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>4.22</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>7.87</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>4.39</b>
Hospital	5.41	69.3	5.97	21.0	6.7	1.35	4.60	3.85	4.94	8.33	3.06	3.67
IDR/PCR	4.61	39.2	6.32	18.5	8.3	-0.36	1.98	-0.93	-0.86	6.14	2.05	4.40
Tobacco	2.49	18.5	6.65	26.6	13.8	0.14	1.96	-3.84	-4.00	5.56	0.41	5.21
Puerto Rico	3.57	54.9	4.77	18.1	7.7	1.49	5.57	2.30	2.19	9.25	3.47	5.93

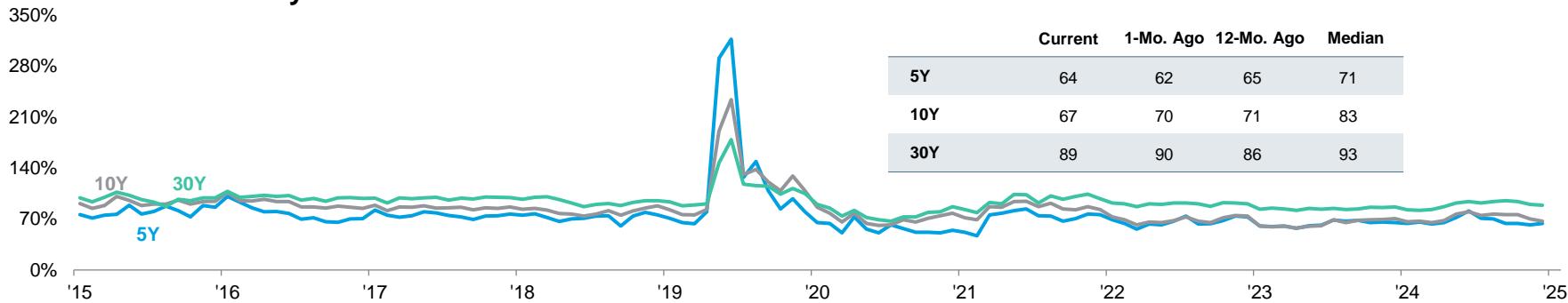
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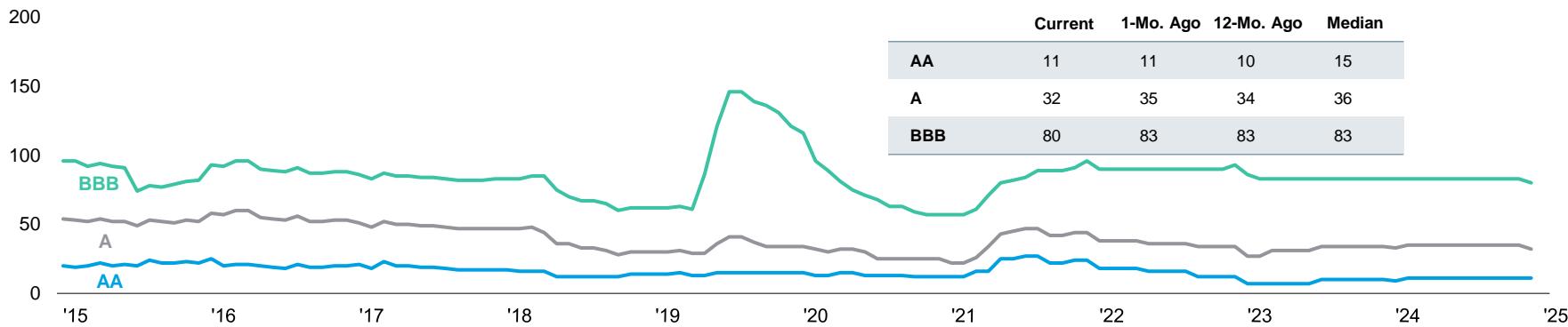
## BONDS

## Municipal Bond Market Update

## AAA Muni-to-Treasury Yield Ratios



## Credit Quality Spreads vs. AAA (bps)



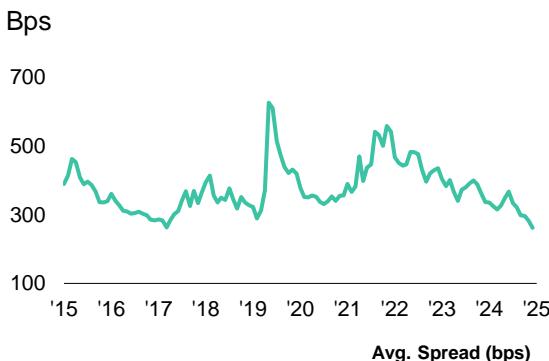
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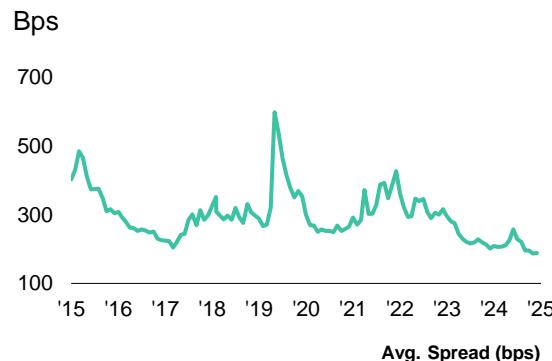
## BONDS

## Emerging Markets Bond Market Update

## Sovereign EMD Spreads (USD)



## Corporate EMD Spreads (USD)



## Local EMD Yields (%)



	Avg. Spread (bps)
Current	262
1-Mo. Ago	283
12-Mo. Ago	337
Median	361

## Averages

	Coupon (%)	Price (\$)	Yield (%)	Duration
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	5.58	92.6	6.82	6.7
JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	5.51	98.0	5.88	4.5
JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	5.68	-	5.91	5.3

	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) Global Diversified	2.13	5.64	13.02	12.76	13.02	2.71	4.13
JPMorgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI) Broad Diversified	0.56	2.83	7.95	8.01	10.66	3.17	4.51
JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) Global Diversified	0.46	4.06	15.94	13.06	11.75	2.33	3.13

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## BONDS

## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 2025
Higher	Municipal 3.30	High Yield 17.49	EMD (Local Currency) 15.21	Municipal 1.28	Investment Grade 14.54	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 10.11	High Yield 5.36	Bank Loan -0.77	High Yield 13.46	Bank Loan 8.95	EMD (Local Currency) 15.94
	MBS 1.51	EMD (Hard Currency) 10.19	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 10.51	MBS 0.99	EMD (Hard Currency) 14.42	Investment Grade 9.89	Bank Loan 5.20	Municipal -8.53	Bank Loan 13.32	High Yield 8.20	EMD (Hard Currency) 13.02
	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 1.30	Bank Loan 10.16	EMD (Hard Currency) 9.32	Treasury 0.86	High Yield 14.41	Treasury 8.00	Municipal 1.52	High Yield -11.22	EMD (Local Currency) 12.70	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.63	Global Agg Ex-U.S. 8.30
	EMD (Hard Currency) 1.23	EMD (Local Currency) 9.94	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.96	Bank Loan 0.44	EMD (Local Currency) 13.47	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.13	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 0.91	EMD (Local Currency) -11.69	EMD (Hard Currency) 11.09	EMD (Hard Currency) 6.54	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 7.95
	Treasury 0.84	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 9.65	High Yield 7.48	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -1.65	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 13.09	High Yield 6.17	Investment Grade -1.04	MBS -11.81	EMD (Corp. Bonds) 9.08	Investment Grade 2.13	MBS 7.68
	Investment Grade -0.68	Investment Grade 6.11	Investment Grade 6.42	Global Agg Ex-U.S. -2.15	Bank Loan 8.64	EMD (Hard Currency) 5.88	MBS -1.04	EMD (Corp. Bonds) -12.26	Investment Grade 8.52	MBS 1.20	Investment Grade 7.29
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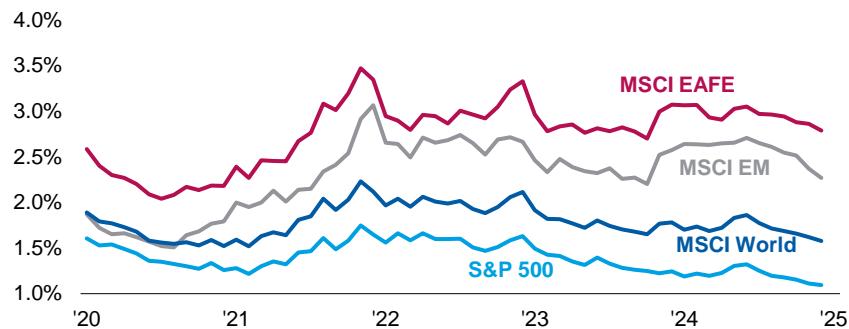
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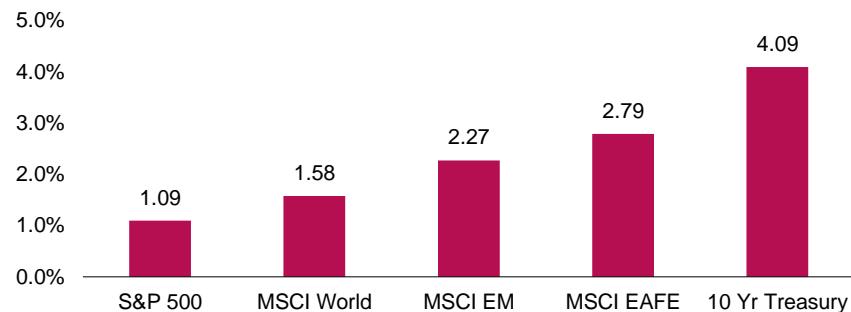
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# Dividend Yields and Volatility Analysis

### Historical Yields



### Current Yields



### Correlation of S&P 500 Stocks



### CBOE Market Volatility Index (VIX)



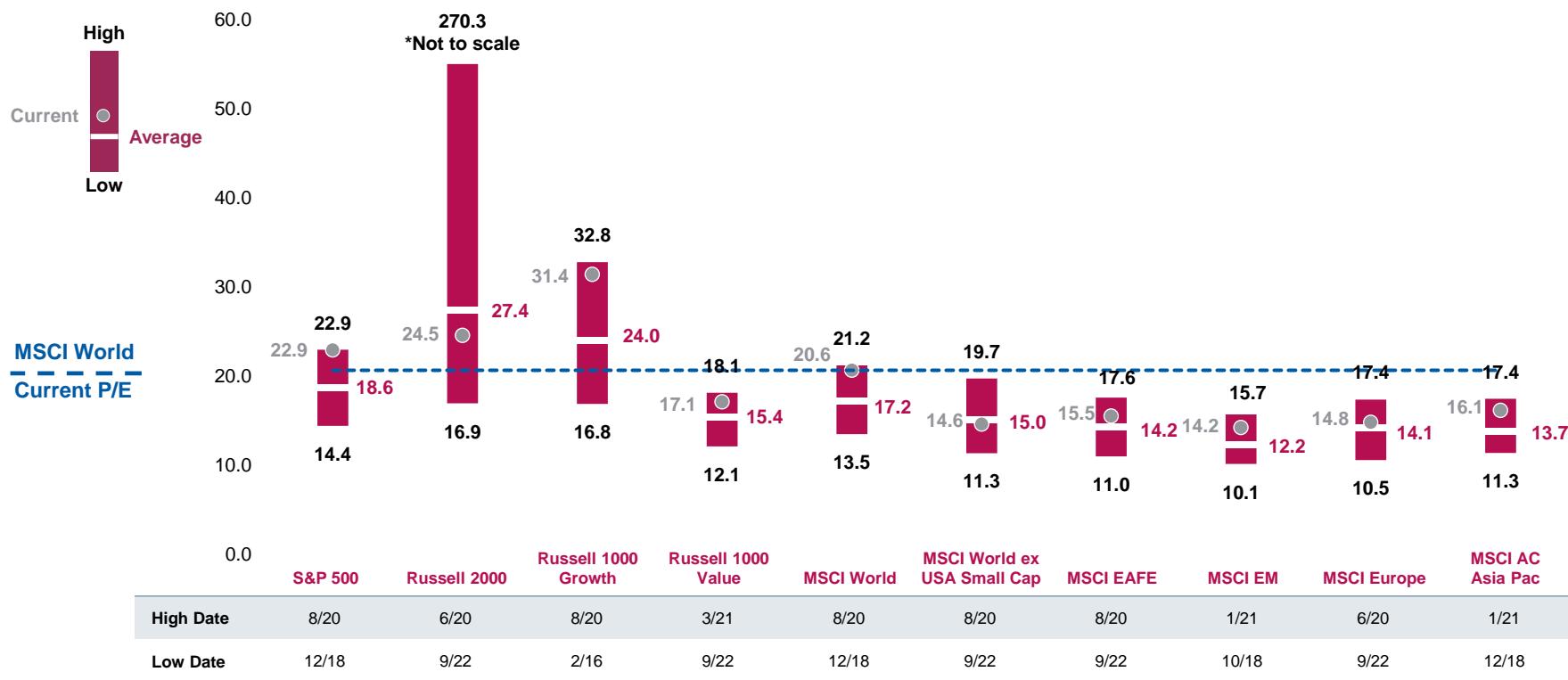
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## Regions/Styles: Current NTM P/E vs. 10-Year High, Low, Average

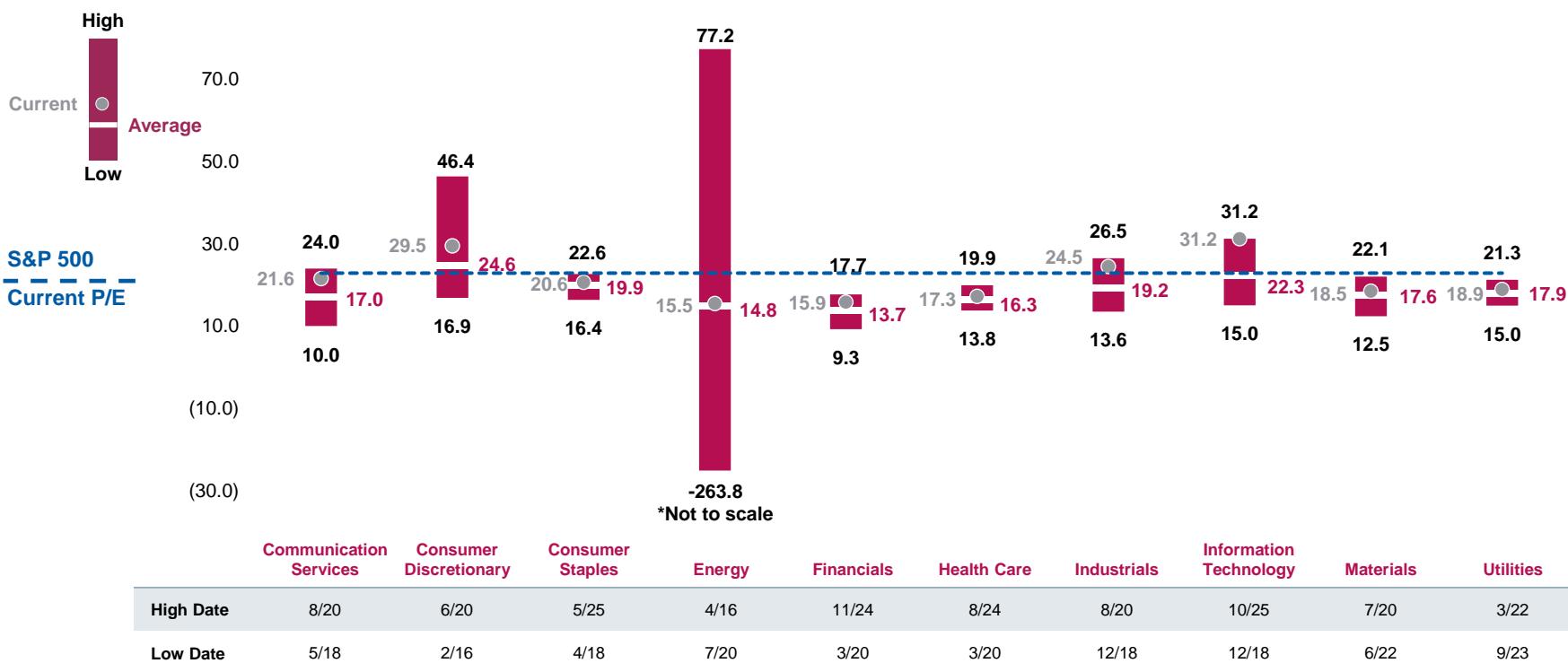


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## Valuation Analysis

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



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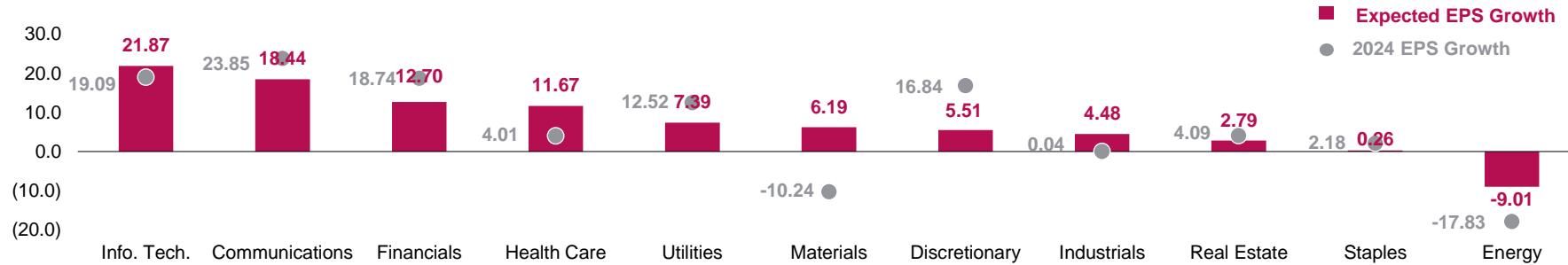
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## Corporate Earnings Growth

## Regions/Styles



## S&amp;P 500 Sectors

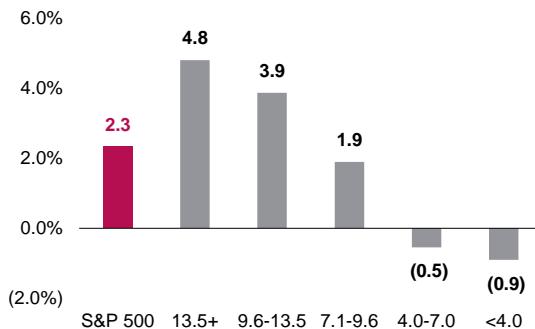


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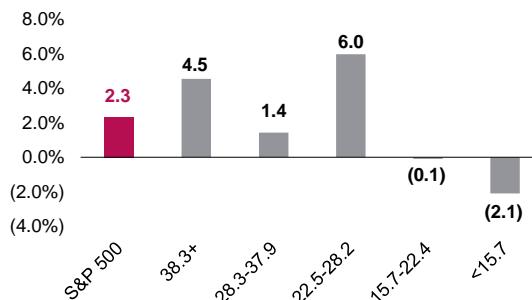
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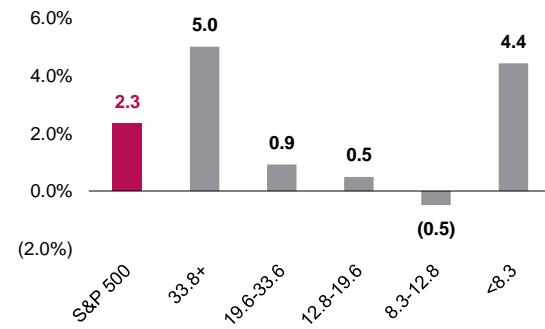
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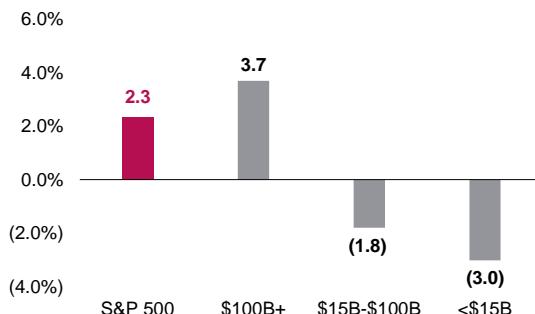
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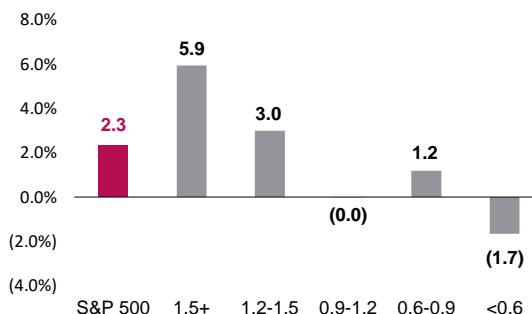
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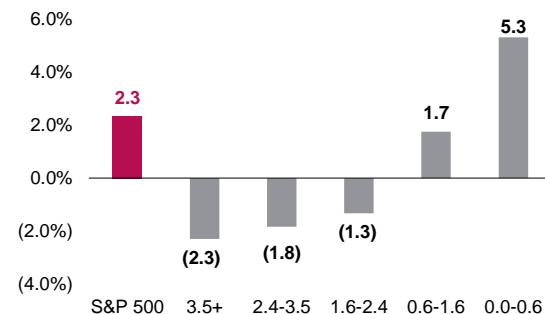
### Market Cap



### Beta



### Dividend Yield



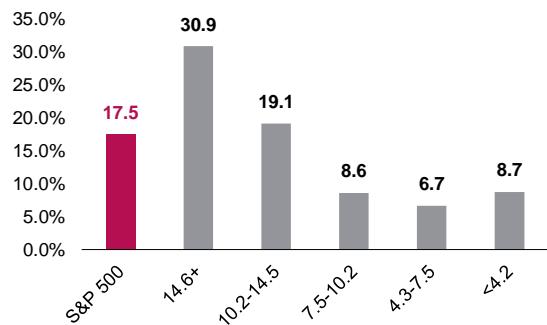
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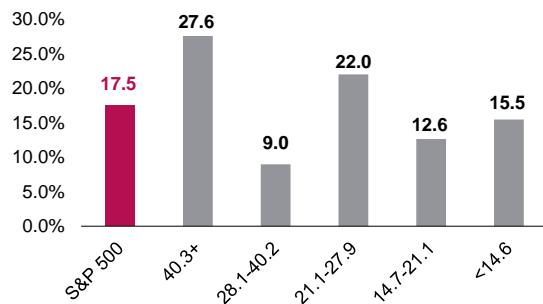
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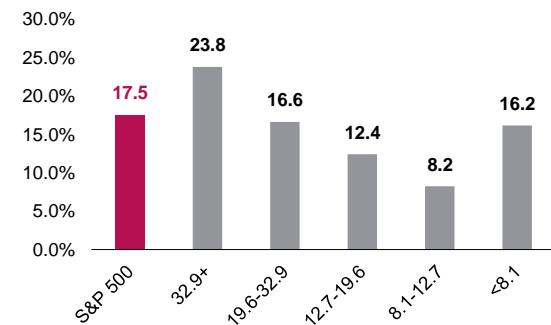
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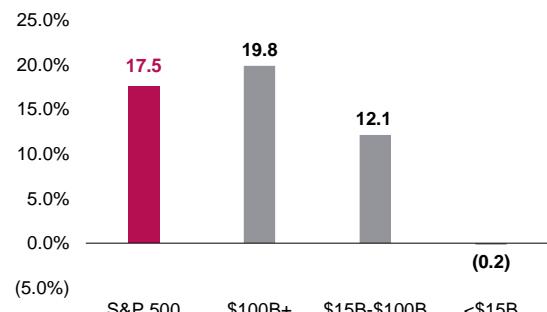
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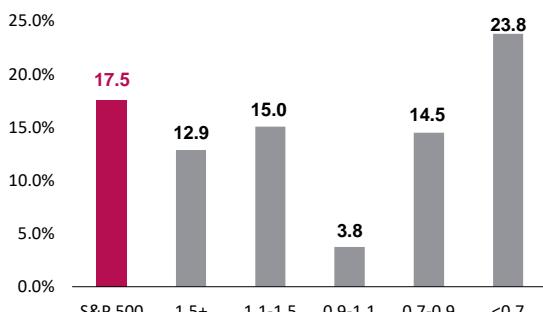
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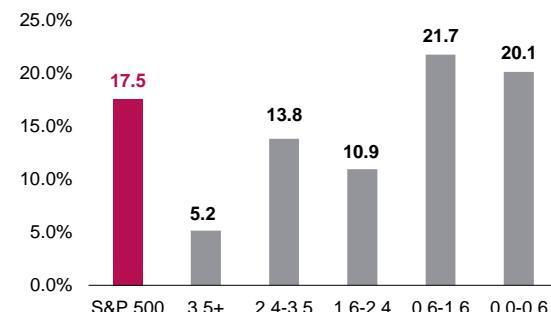
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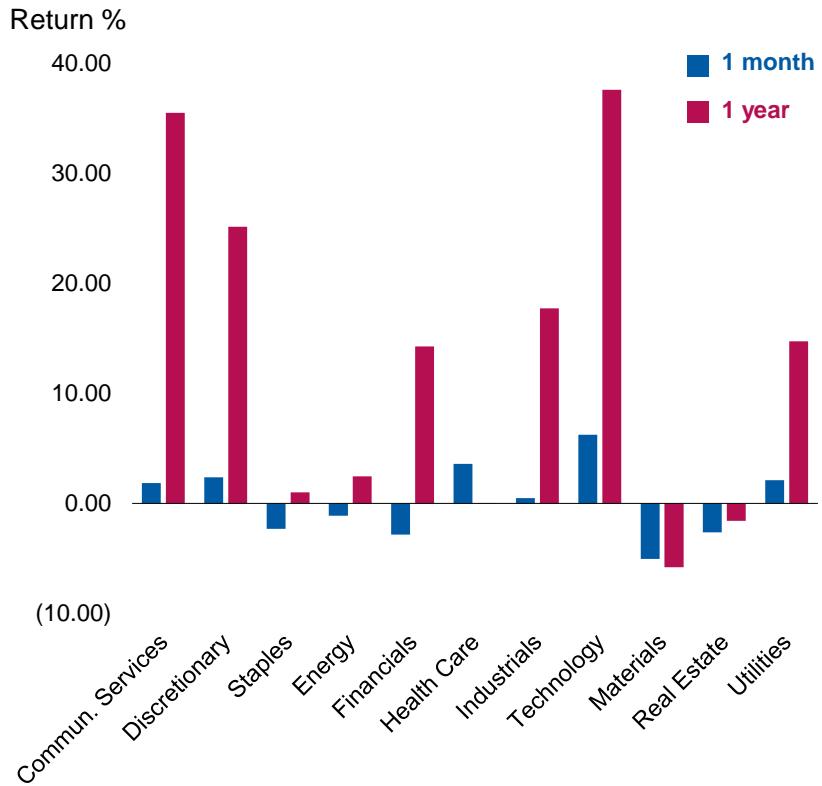
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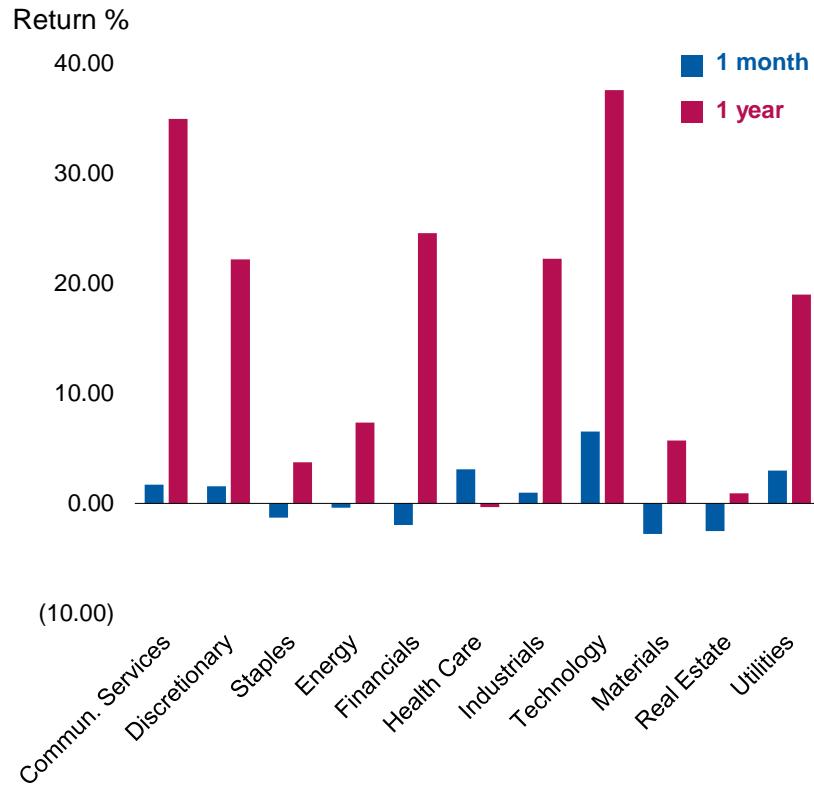
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# Index Sectors: Return Analysis

### S&P 500



### MSCI World



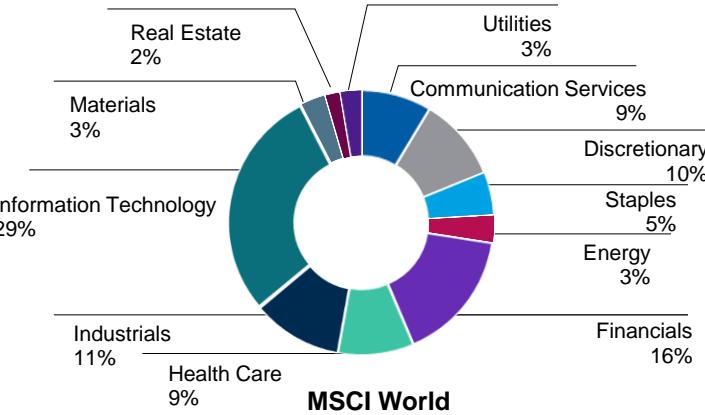
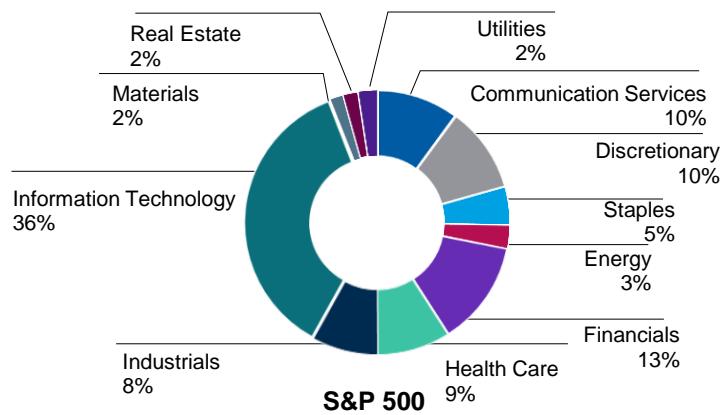
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# Current Characteristics and Sector Weights

	S&P 500	R2000	R1000G	R1000V	MSCI World	MSCI World ex USA Small Cap	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM	MSCI Europe	MSCI Asia Pac
<b>Number of Holdings</b>	503	1958	391	870	1321	2192	693	1190	402	1234
<b>Maximum Market Cap</b>	\$4,920.51B	\$32.46B	\$4,920.51B	\$3,159.76B	\$4,950.52B	\$12.21B	\$426.96B	\$1,207.73B	\$426.96B	\$1,207.73B
<b>Minimum Market Cap</b>	\$6.83B	\$0.02B	\$1.05B	\$1.05B	\$1.73B	\$0.14B	\$2.61B	\$0.18B	\$2.87B	\$0.18B
<b>Dividend Yield</b>	1.09	1.20	0.46	1.83	1.58	2.74	2.79	2.27	2.99	2.11
<b>NTM PE</b>	22.89	24.54	31.38	17.09	20.63	14.59	15.48	14.20	14.79	16.13
<b>Price to Book</b>	5.51	2.18	15.81	2.94	3.94	1.53	2.18	2.27	2.36	2.12
<b>Price to Cash Flow</b>	19.72	16.18	32.16	13.16	16.11	8.93	10.08	9.63	9.42	11.31
<b>Price to Sales</b>	3.45	1.35	6.64	2.03	2.65	0.98	1.56	1.78	1.54	1.72
<b>Est 3-5 Yr EPS Growth</b>	11.43	10.52	13.01	9.82	10.61	8.84	7.95	13.48	8.87	10.33
<b>5Yr. Div Growth Rate</b>	6.29	8.90	4.53	6.42	6.59	8.16	6.76	2.13	8.15	2.63



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## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
U.S. Equities	S&P 500	2.34	8.23	17.52	21.45	22.68	17.64	14.64	25.02	26.29	-18.11	28.71
	Russell 1000 Defensive	0.43	5.60	10.15	12.44	17.16	13.28	12.54	18.55	20.23	-16.43	26.93
	Russell 1000 Dynamic	3.76	10.09	23.87	29.85	27.54	20.58	16.01	30.63	33.34	-21.94	25.57
	Russell 2500	0.67	7.65	10.21	11.94	12.42	11.84	9.99	12.00	17.42	-18.37	18.18
	Russell 1000 Growth	3.63	10.36	21.50	30.52	30.69	19.24	18.28	33.36	42.68	-29.14	27.60
	Russell 1000 Value	0.44	5.19	12.15	11.15	13.39	14.28	9.97	14.37	11.46	-7.54	25.16
	Russell Mid Cap	-0.83	2.55	9.51	10.79	14.09	12.33	10.63	15.34	17.23	-17.32	22.58
	Russell 2000	1.81	12.48	12.39	14.41	11.94	11.50	9.36	11.54	16.93	-20.44	14.82
	CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite BXM	2.57	5.43	4.86	11.48	12.33	10.91	6.88	20.12	11.82	-11.37	20.47
Global Equities	MSCI World	2.00	8.03	19.78	22.02	21.69	15.58	11.79	18.67	23.79	-18.14	21.82
	MSCI EAFE	1.18	7.51	26.61	23.03	20.06	12.33	7.48	3.82	18.24	-14.45	11.26
	MSCI EM	4.18	13.06	32.86	27.91	21.10	7.46	7.69	7.50	9.83	-20.09	-2.54
	MSCI AC Asia Pac	3.63	11.93	28.22	25.37	21.54	8.29	7.93	9.56	11.45	-17.22	-1.46
	MSCI ACWI	2.24	8.56	21.09	22.64	21.64	14.61	11.31	17.49	22.20	-18.36	18.54
	MSCI Europe	0.74	6.27	28.44	23.19	20.41	13.66	7.47	1.79	19.89	-15.06	16.30
	MSCI World Small Cap	0.17	7.42	16.78	16.91	14.44	11.24	8.98	8.15	15.76	-18.76	15.75
	MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap	-0.67	6.56	28.67	25.75	17.98	9.81	7.60	2.76	12.62	-20.59	11.14
	FTSE 100	1.59	6.53	28.58	26.86	20.43	16.30	6.66	7.73	14.38	-7.01	17.36
	FTSE All Small	-0.16	3.00	17.85	15.69	17.25	11.89	6.55	8.62	12.57	-23.06	22.15
	STOXX Europe 600	0.75	5.99	28.67	23.53	20.60	13.44	7.53	1.97	19.87	-16.14	16.09
Sectors	Nikkei 225 Average	11.83	25.39	35.97	34.67	24.30	10.83	9.66	8.45	22.05	-19.49	-4.69
	S&P 500 Comm. Services	1.86	11.41	26.82	35.44	39.74	17.99	13.54	40.23	55.80	-39.89	21.57
	S&P 500 Cons Disc	2.37	9.26	7.80	25.10	21.43	11.74	13.03	30.14	42.41	-37.03	24.43
	S&P 500 Cons Staples	-2.32	-2.31	1.49	1.01	6.60	8.62	8.09	14.87	0.52	-0.62	18.63
	S&P 500 Energy	-1.13	2.03	5.83	2.44	2.76	30.48	6.89	5.72	-1.33	65.72	54.64
	S&P 500 Financials	-2.84	0.34	9.55	14.25	17.62	19.21	12.60	30.56	12.15	-10.53	35.04
	S&P 500 Health Care	3.58	11.10	6.29	-0.03	4.59	9.07	9.23	2.58	2.06	-1.95	26.13
	S&P 500 Industrials	0.47	2.44	18.94	17.71	19.99	17.27	12.85	17.47	18.13	-5.48	21.12
	S&P 500 Info Tech	6.23	14.32	29.93	37.55	39.62	26.10	24.70	36.61	57.84	-28.19	34.53
	S&P 500 Materials	-5.04	-1.66	3.80	-5.81	7.22	8.51	8.86	-0.04	12.55	-12.27	27.28
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	S&P 500 Utilities	2.10	4.66	20.17	14.72	13.63	10.81	10.99	23.43	-7.08	1.57	17.67
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## EQUITIES

## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 2025
Higher ↑	Growth 5.67	Small-Cap 21.31	Emerging Markets 37.28	Growth -1.51	Growth 36.39	Growth 38.49	S&P 500 28.71	Value -7.54	Growth 42.68	Growth 33.36	Emerging Markets 32.86
	International Small-Cap 5.46	Value 17.34	International Small-Cap 31.04	S&P 500 -4.38	S&P 500 31.49	Small-Cap 19.96	Growth 27.60	International -14.45	S&P 500 26.29	S&P 500 25.02	International Small-Cap 28.67
	S&P 500 1.38	Mid-Cap 13.80	Growth 30.21	Value -8.27	Mid-Cap 30.54	S&P 500 18.40	Value 25.16	Mid-Cap -17.32	Global 22.20	Global 17.49	International 26.61
	International -0.81	S&P 500 11.96	International 25.03	Mid-Cap -9.06	Global 26.60	Emerging Markets 18.31	Mid-Cap 22.58	S&P 500 -18.11	International 18.24	Mid-Cap 15.34	Growth 21.50
	Global -2.36	Emerging Markets 11.19	Global 23.97	Global -9.42	Value 26.54	Mid-Cap 17.10	Global 18.54	Global -18.36	Mid-Cap 17.23	Value 14.37	Global 21.09
	Mid-Cap -2.44	Global 7.86	S&P 500 21.83	Small-Cap -11.01	Small-Cap 25.52	Global 16.25	Small-Cap 14.82	Emerging Markets -20.09	Small-Cap 16.93	Small-Cap 11.54	S&P 500 17.52
	Value -3.83	Growth 7.08	Mid-Cap 18.52	International -13.79	International Small-Cap 25.41	International Small-Cap 12.78	International 11.26	Small-Cap -20.44	International Small-Cap 12.62	Emerging Markets 7.50	Small-Cap 12.39
	Small-Cap -4.41	International Small-Cap 4.32	Small-Cap 14.65	Emerging Markets -14.58	International 22.01	International 7.82	International Small-Cap 11.14	International Small-Cap -20.59	Value 11.46	International 3.82	Value 12.15
	Emerging Markets -14.92	International 1.00	Value 13.66	International Small-Cap -18.07	Emerging Markets 18.42	Value 2.80	Emerging Markets -2.54	Growth -29.14	Emerging Markets 9.83	International Small-Cap 2.76	Mid-Cap 9.51
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## ALTERNATIVES

## Developed Market Currency Performance and Yields

Currency	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)					Spot Returns vs. EUR (%)					Local Interest Rates (%)	
	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y	
U.S. Dollar (USD)	-	-	-	-	-	1.80	-10.28	-5.94	-5.04	0.18	3.68	
Euro (EUR) *	-1.77	11.46	6.31	5.31	-0.18	-	-	-	-	-	1.89	
British Pound (GBP)	-2.41	4.91	2.19	4.50	0.32	-0.65	-5.88	-3.88	-0.77	0.50	3.70	
Japanese Yen (JPY)	-4.13	2.02	-1.12	-1.19	-7.46	-2.41	-8.48	-7.00	-6.17	-7.29	0.92	
Australian Dollar (AUD)	-1.22	5.73	-0.05	0.79	-1.39	0.56	-5.14	-5.99	-4.29	-1.21	3.59	
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	-0.70	2.64	-0.51	-0.89	-0.99	1.09	-7.91	-6.42	-5.89	-0.81	2.29	
New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	-1.38	2.21	-3.78	-0.48	-2.83	0.40	-8.30	-9.50	-5.49	-2.65	3.40	
Norwegian Krone (NOK)	-1.38	12.26	9.03	0.91	-1.13	0.40	0.72	2.55	-4.17	-0.95	3.88	
Swedish Krona (SEK)	-0.92	16.40	12.72	5.20	-1.28	0.86	4.43	6.03	-0.11	-1.10	1.76	
Danish Krone (DKK)	-1.80	11.32	6.19	5.20	-0.24	-0.04	-0.13	-0.12	-0.10	-0.06	1.63	
Swiss Franc (CHF)	-0.88	12.89	7.72	7.63	2.69	0.90	1.28	1.32	2.20	2.88	-0.28	

## U.S. Dollar Index



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## ALTERNATIVES

## Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields

Currency	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)					Spot Returns vs. EUR (%)					Local Interest Rates (%)	
	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y	
<b>Asia, excluding Japan</b>												
Chinese Renminbi (CNY)	0.07	2.61	0.03	0.86	-1.19	1.87	-7.94	-5.91	-4.22	-1.01	1.39	
Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	0.49	6.77	4.56	4.13	-0.16	2.30	-4.21	-1.65	-1.12	0.03	2.83	
Indian Rupee (INR)	0.02	-3.56	-5.28	-2.30	-3.55	1.82	-13.48	-10.90	-7.23	-3.37	5.63	
Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)	0.21	-3.22	-5.62	-2.11	-2.54	2.02	-13.17	-11.23	-7.05	-2.36	4.59	
Philippine Peso (PHP)	-1.10	-1.71	-1.26	-0.51	-3.83	0.68	-11.82	-7.12	-5.53	-3.66	4.02	
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	-0.94	4.82	1.65	2.83	0.97	0.84	-5.96	-4.39	-2.35	1.15	1.22	
South Korean Won (KRW)	-1.52	3.33	-3.14	-0.01	-4.45	0.25	-7.30	-8.89	-5.05	-4.27	2.43	
Taiwanese Dollar (TWD)	-0.86	6.65	4.23	1.58	-1.43	0.93	-4.32	-1.96	-3.54	-1.25	1.13	
Thai Baht (THB)	0.22	5.44	4.36	5.58	-0.73	2.02	-5.40	-1.84	0.26	-0.55	1.31	
<b>Latin America</b>												
Brazilian Real (BRL)	-1.11	14.72	7.49	-0.86	1.38	0.68	2.92	1.11	-5.86	1.56	14.13	
Chilean Peso (CLP)	2.06	5.56	2.04	0.06	-3.86	3.90	-5.30	-4.02	-4.98	-3.68	4.68	
Colombian Peso (COP)	1.44	14.12	14.31	8.15	-0.03	3.26	2.38	7.52	2.70	0.15	9.23	
Mexican Peso (MXN)	-1.18	12.08	8.00	2.28	2.78	0.60	0.55	1.59	-2.88	2.97	7.39	
Peruvian New Sol (PEN)	2.79	11.43	11.64	5.74	1.40	4.64	-0.03	5.01	0.41	1.59	4.01	

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## ALTERNATIVES

## Emerging Market Currency Performance and Yields

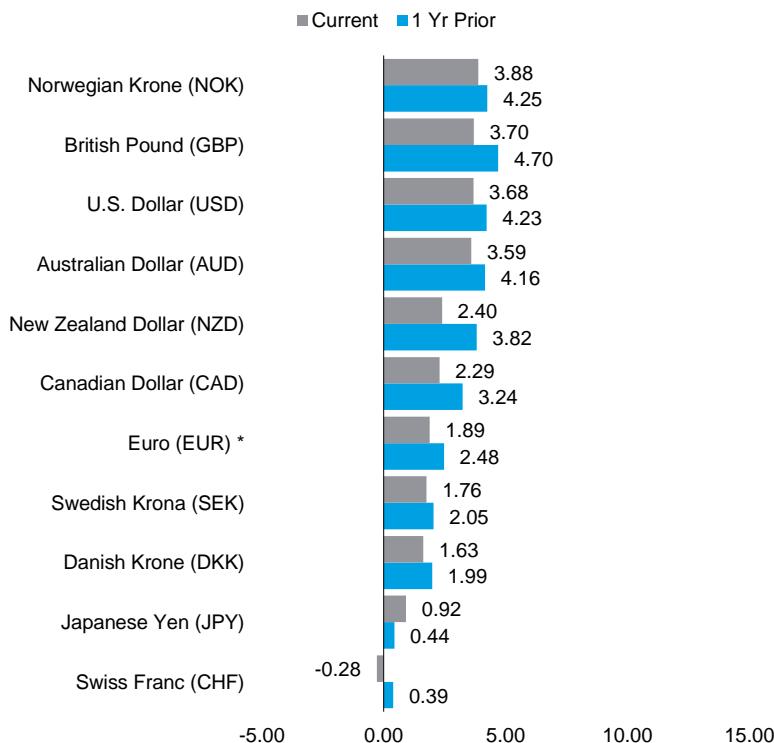
Currency	Spot Returns vs. USD (%)					Spot Returns vs. EUR (%)					Local Interest Rates (%)	
	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	1Y	
<b>Europe</b>												
Czech Koruna (CZK)	-1.81	15.30	10.57	5.51	2.12	-0.04	3.44	4.00	0.20	2.31	2.82	
Hungarian Forint (HUF)	-1.33	18.23	11.93	7.28	-1.28	0.44	6.07	5.28	1.88	-1.10	6.08	
Polish Zloty (PLN)	-1.68	11.94	8.62	8.94	1.44	0.09	0.43	2.17	3.45	1.63	3.43	
Romanian Leu (RON)	-1.86	9.05	3.99	4.08	-1.07	-0.09	-2.17	-2.19	-1.16	-0.89	6.35	
Russian Ruble (RUB)	2.10	35.83	20.36	-8.60	-0.33	3.94	21.86	13.21	-13.20	-0.14	--	
Turkish New Lira (TRY)	-1.11	-15.90	-18.45	-23.80	-27.57	0.67	-24.55	-23.29	-27.64	-27.43	37.32	
<b>Middle East and Africa</b>												
Ghanaian Cedi (GHS)	13.76	34.86	49.08	8.70	-11.77	15.81	20.99	40.23	3.22	-11.61	17.90	
Israeli Shekel (ILS)	1.51	11.97	14.96	2.65	0.92	3.34	0.45	8.13	-2.53	1.11	3.97	
Kenyan Shilling (KES)	0.00	0.15	-0.12	-2.06	-3.37	1.80	-10.15	-6.05	-6.99	-3.19	9.34	
Moroccan Dirham (MAD)	-2.16	8.93	5.82	5.61	-0.15	-0.40	-2.27	-0.47	0.29	0.04	2.19	
Nigerian Naira (NGN)	4.00	8.21	17.75	-32.40	-22.99	5.87	-2.91	10.75	-35.81	-22.85	18.37	
South African Rand (ZAR)	-0.46	8.87	2.00	1.97	-1.28	1.33	-2.33	-4.05	-3.17	-1.10	7.40	
Ugandan Shilling (UGX)	0.14	6.32	5.17	2.97	1.45	1.95	-4.61	-1.07	-2.22	1.64	14.95	
Zambian Kwacha (ZMK)	7.72	25.48	20.27	-10.05	-1.50	9.66	12.57	13.13	-14.58	-1.32	14.50	

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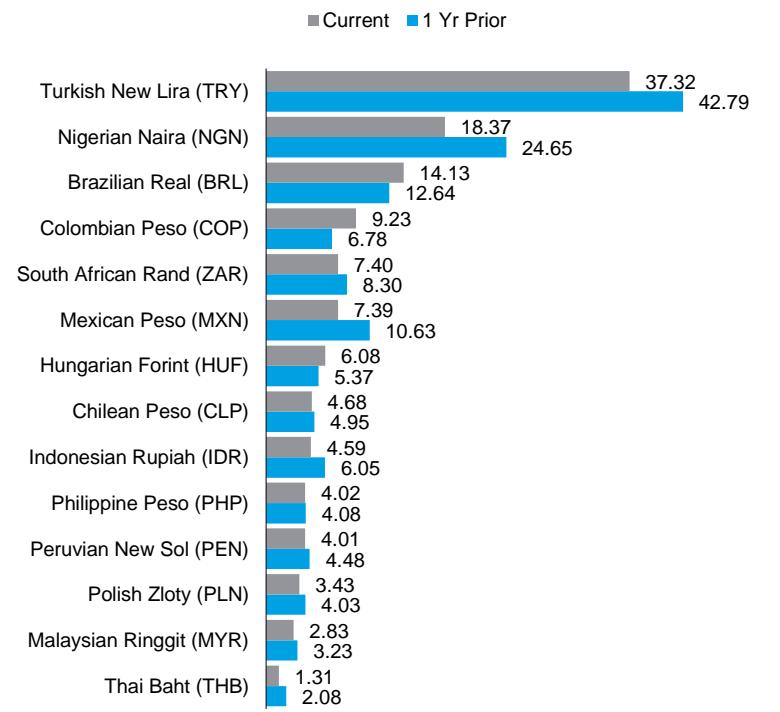
## ALTERNATIVES

## Local Sovereign Currency Yields

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



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



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## ALTERNATIVES

## Commodities Return Analysis (%)

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Bloomberg Commodity Index	2.89	7.13	12.54	14.15	3.06	11.86
Bloomberg Sub Agriculture	4.61	5.20	1.61	4.77	-1.86	9.78
Coffee	4.94	36.87	34.66	76.70	44.93	37.05
Corn	4.19	4.36	-9.22	-0.77	-13.28	5.55
Cotton	-0.02	-1.54	-6.91	-10.77	-1.89	3.06
Soybean	9.93	12.09	11.85	13.78	-0.27	9.67
Soybean Oil	-1.15	-10.02	21.24	8.72	-7.49	16.27
Sugar	-12.78	-14.44	-20.53	-32.19	2.69	7.45
Wheat	5.47	-0.91	-10.63	-15.31	-22.31	-9.01
<b>Bloomberg Sub Energy</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>-5.03</b>	<b>-3.77</b>	<b>6.22</b>	<b>-12.73</b>	<b>10.20</b>
Brent Crude	-0.97	-6.67	-2.09	1.81	0.69	27.38
Heating Oil	3.63	2.09	18.06	21.90	2.56	36.61
Natural Gas	2.33	-6.25	-14.43	7.31	-46.40	-24.68
Unleaded Gas	0.75	-0.20	2.92	6.30	5.98	32.32
WTI Crude Oil	-1.38	-8.66	-3.70	1.29	0.47	23.71

Index	1-Mo.	3-Mo.	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
<b>Bloomberg Sub Industrial Metals</b>	<b>4.78</b>	<b>12.06</b>	<b>13.52</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>7.74</b>	<b>8.54</b>
Aluminum	7.90	13.44	15.49	12.69	8.67	8.61
Copper	5.13	16.50	25.15	15.61	16.37	11.85
Nickel	-0.21	1.67	-1.71	-4.29	-11.60	0.10
Zinc	4.38	13.30	5.51	4.02	7.38	6.67
<b>Bloomberg Sub Precious Metals</b>	<b>3.54</b>	<b>22.95</b>	<b>53.11</b>	<b>44.07</b>	<b>34.04</b>	<b>15.26</b>
Gold	3.52	20.57	49.88	43.73	33.53	15.37
Platinum	-1.56	21.21	74.34	57.94	20.91	14.11
Silver	3.60	30.82	63.76	45.10	35.29	14.51
<b>Bloomberg Sub Livestock</b>	<b>-3.79</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>19.48</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>12.86</b>	<b>11.27</b>
Lean Hogs	-8.09	0.24	2.83	-4.37	0.25	8.30
Live Cattle	-1.85	3.26	29.21	32.63	20.75	13.07

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## ALTERNATIVES

## Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 2025
Higher	Multi-Strategy 3.84	MLP 18.31	Long/Short Equity 13.41	Fixed Income Arbitrage 1.10	Long/Short Equity 12.17	Convertible Arbitrage 10.25	MLP 40.17	MLP 30.92	MLP 26.56	MLP 24.41	Currency 11.25
	Long/Short Equity 3.55	Commodity 11.77	Currency 11.54	Global Macro -0.11	Global Macro 10.38	Long/Short Equity 7.86	Commodity 27.11	Managed Futures 19.12	Long/Short Equity 10.93	Long/Short Equity 14.78	Long/Short Equity 11.05
	Equity Market Neutral 1.69	Convertible Arbitrage 6.60	Equity Market Neutral 8.45	Multi-Strategy -1.05	Managed Futures 9.01	Event Driven 6.95	Event Driven 12.92	Commodity 16.09	Event Driven 9.30	Event Driven 13.03	Equity Market Neutral 10.19
	Convertible Arbitrage 0.81	Multi-Strategy 4.41	Multi-Strategy 6.83	Convertible Arbitrage -2.26	Event Driven 8.22	Global Macro 6.53	Global Macro 9.60	Global Macro 15.89	Currency 8.44	Multi-Strategy 8.66	Commodity 9.38
	Fixed Income Arbitrage 0.59	Fixed Income Arbitrage 4.29	Fixed Income Arbitrage 6.52	Currency -3.33	Convertible Arbitrage 8.15	Multi-Strategy 5.60	Long/Short Equity 8.35	Equity Market Neutral 1.71	Multi-Strategy 8.04	Fixed Income Arbitrage 8.49	Fixed Income Arbitrage 7.98
	Global Macro 0.18	Global Macro 3.58	Event Driven 6.30	Event Driven -3.95	Commodity 7.69	Fixed Income Arbitrage 3.64	Managed Futures 8.19	Multi-Strategy 1.27	Fixed Income Arbitrage 7.71	Equity Market Neutral 8.05	Global Macro 7.69
	Managed Futures -0.93	Currency 3.54	Convertible Arbitrage 5.01	Long/Short Equity -4.62	Multi-Strategy 7.25	Managed Futures 1.86	Multi-Strategy 6.97	Fixed Income Arbitrage -0.97	Equity Market Neutral 6.73	Convertible Arbitrage 7.35	Multi-Strategy 7.02
	Event Driven -6.29	Event Driven 2.68	Managed Futures 3.29	Equity Market Neutral -5.00	MLP 6.56	Currency 1.73	Convertible Arbitrage 6.33	Convertible Arbitrage -3.32	Convertible Arbitrage 4.04	Global Macro 5.52	Event Driven 6.96
	Currency -7.61	Long/Short Equity -3.43	Global Macro 2.14	Managed Futures -6.67	Fixed Income Arbitrage 6.10	Equity Market Neutral 1.69	Equity Market Neutral 6.16	Long/Short Equity -5.77	Managed Futures -2.78	Commodity 5.38	Convertible Arbitrage 6.47
	Commodity -24.66	Equity Market Neutral -4.58	Commodity 1.70	Commodity -11.25	Currency 5.20	Commodity -3.12	Fixed Income Arbitrage 5.22	Event Driven -6.80	Global Macro -5.19	Managed Futures 2.87	MLP 5.75
	MLP -32.59	Managed Futures -6.84	MLP -6.52	MLP -12.42	Equity Market Neutral 1.58	MLP -28.69	Currency -3.09	Currency -7.14	Commodity -7.91	Currency -1.08	Managed Futures -1.16

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## TRANSITION

## Major Asset Classes Correlation Table

	S&P 500	International	Emerging Markets	Small Cap	U.S. Aggregate	Municipal	High Yield	Bank Loan	Commodities
S&P 500	1.00	0.84	0.68	0.86	0.39	0.43	0.79	0.61	0.41
International	0.81	1.00	0.79	0.76	0.45	0.49	0.79	0.60	0.45
Emerging Markets	0.62	0.75	1.00	0.61	0.42	0.47	0.69	0.56	0.47
Small Cap	0.83	0.75	0.57	1.00	0.30	0.35	0.76	0.64	0.38
U.S. Aggregate	0.62	0.69	0.62	0.52	1.00	0.84	0.51	0.15	-0.03
Municipal	0.67	0.69	0.68	0.56	0.89	1.00	0.58	0.29	0.07
High Yield	0.84	0.83	0.62	0.78	0.74	0.73	1.00	0.81	0.49
Bank Loan	0.56	0.56	0.51	0.58	0.33	0.34	0.67	1.00	0.49
Commodities	0.25	0.31	0.32	0.21	0.03	0.02	0.28	0.31	1.00

5 Years ended Oct 31, 2025

10 Years ended Oct 31, 2025

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It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Source: Morningstar as of 10/31/25. The table above shows the return correlation between various asset classes (represented by market indices as defined in this disclosure) over the past five and ten years. Data provided is for informational use only. See end of report for important additional information. S&P 500 is represented by the S&P 500 Index. International is represented by MSCI EAFE Index. Emerging Markets is represented by MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Small-Cap is represented by Russell 2000 Index. US Aggregate is represented by the Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond Index. Municipal is represented by Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index. High Yield is represented by ICE BofA US High Yield Index. Bank Loan is represented by Morningstar LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan Index. Commodities is represented by Bloomberg Commodity Index.

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## Fund and ETF Flows by Category

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Intermediate Core Bond	8,931	31,883	51,878
Multisector Bond	5,236	15,499	37,194
Global Bond-USD Hedged	3,180	6,959	12,070
Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	2,494	7,351	4,180
High Yield Muni	1,978	1,680	6,187
Ultrashort Bond	1,733	5,664	19,268
Miscellaneous Region	1,540	3,086	9,017
Muni National Interim	1,380	4,426	11,957
Multistrategy	1,244	2,578	5,252
High Yield Bond	1,194	1,678	458

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Mid-Cap Value	-2,358	-6,669	-21,472
Diversified Emerging Mkts	-2,837	-8,145	-33,918
Mid-Cap Blend	-3,119	-8,233	-21,917
Small Blend	-3,670	-11,434	-23,691
Foreign Large Growth	-3,715	-8,575	-39,621
Moderate Allocation	-3,723	-10,254	-43,586
Mid-Cap Growth	-4,180	-9,942	-36,850
Large Value	-8,427	-24,173	-89,835
Large Growth	-13,136	-40,896	-145,889
Large Blend	-32,848	-78,748	-164,876

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Large Blend	30,763	94,245	376,260
Foreign Large Blend	11,989	31,138	92,694
Commodities Focused	9,938	18,393	39,067
Large Value	9,201	18,015	76,463
Large Growth	7,280	21,089	100,169
Technology	5,904	12,396	26,607
Intermediate Core Bond	5,874	16,126	63,199
Digital Assets	5,650	22,246	61,149
Diversified Emerging Mkts	5,179	9,333	24,128
Ultrashort Bond	4,788	22,172	102,059

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

	1 Mo.	3 Mo.	12 Mo.
Short Government	-84	857	4,937
Utilities	-164	1,776	4,318
Japan Stock	-264	-1,064	-1,651
Equity Energy	-427	-1,612	-11,795
Miscellaneous Region	-508	-1,485	460
Mid-Cap Value	-514	-1,621	-4,043
Trading--Leveraged Debt	-722	-539	-171
Europe Stock	-771	-1,181	2,772
Foreign Large Growth	-3,190	-2,597	-3,201
Trading--Leveraged Equity	-6,793	-17,098	-11,388

Source: Morningstar as of 9/30/25. Flow data is on a one-month lag. Data provided is for informational use only. See end of report for important additional information.

## TRANSITION

## Major Asset Class Return Analysis (%)

Higher ↑

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD 2025
Higher ↑	Municipal 3.30	Small-Cap 21.31	Emerging Markets 37.28	Municipal 1.28	S&P 500 31.49	Small-Cap 19.96	S&P 500 28.71	Commodities 16.09	S&P 500 26.29	S&P 500 25.02	Emerging Markets 32.86
	S&P 500 1.38	High Yield 17.49	International 25.03	Bank Loan 0.44	Small-Cap 25.52	S&P 500 18.40	Commodities 27.11	Bank Loan -0.77	International 18.24	Small-Cap 11.54	International 26.61
	US Agg 0.55	S&P 500 11.96	S&P 500 21.83	US Agg 0.01	International 22.01	Emerging Markets 18.31	Small-Cap 14.82	Municipal -8.53	Small-Cap 16.93	Asset Allocation 9.79	S&P 500 17.52
	Bank Loan -0.69	Commodities 11.77	Small-Cap 14.65	High Yield -2.26	Asset Allocation 18.70	Asset Allocation 11.95	Asset Allocation 11.43	High Yield -11.22	Asset Allocation 14.09	Bank Loan 8.95	Asset Allocation 14.33
	International -0.81	Emerging Markets 11.19	Asset Allocation 14.02	S&P 500 -4.38	Emerging Markets 18.42	International 7.82	International 11.26	US Agg -13.01	High Yield 13.46	High Yield 8.20	Commodities 12.54
	Asset Allocation -2.03	Bank Loan 10.16	High Yield 7.48	Asset Allocation -5.40	High Yield 14.41	US Agg 7.51	High Yield 5.36	Asset Allocation -13.04	Bank Loan 13.32	Emerging Markets 7.50	Small-Cap 12.39
	Small-Cap -4.41	Asset Allocation 8.61	Municipal 5.45	Small-Cap -11.01	US Agg 8.72	High Yield 6.17	Bank Loan 5.20	International -14.45	Emerging Markets 9.83	Commodities 5.38	High Yield 7.27
	High Yield -4.64	US Agg 2.65	Bank Loan 4.12	Commodities -11.25	Bank Loan 8.64	Municipal 5.21	Municipal 1.52	S&P 500 -18.11	Municipal 6.40	International 3.82	US Agg 6.80
	Emerging Markets -14.92	International 1.00	US Agg 3.54	International -13.79	Commodities 7.69	Bank Loan 3.12	US Agg -1.54	Emerging Markets -20.09	US Agg 5.53	US Agg 1.25	Bank Loan 4.86
	Commodities -24.66	Municipal 0.25	Commodities 1.70	Emerging Markets -14.57	Municipal 7.54	Commodities -3.12	Emerging Markets -2.54	Small-Cap -20.44	Commodities -7.91	Municipal 1.05	Municipal 3.91

↓ Lower

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# Index Definitions

The **Bloomberg Bitcoin Index** measures a single bitcoin's USD performance, using DAR's vetted price, calculated as a time-weighted average, and is priced in USD.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FNMA, and FHLMC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Japan Index** is an unmanaged index designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japan market.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) World Index** is an unmanaged index of equity securities in the developed markets.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) World ex USA Small Cap Index** is an unmanaged index of small-cap equity securities in the developed markets, excluding the United States.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World (MSCI AC World) Index** is an unmanaged free float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe (MSCI Europe) Index** is an unmanaged free float-adjusted market-capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in Europe.

**Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australasia, Far East (MSCI EAFE) Index** is an unmanaged index of equities in the developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

**MSCI USA Index** is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 625 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

**MSCI China** captures large and mid-cap representation across China A-shares, B-shares, H-shares, Red-chips and P-chips. It reflects the Mainland China and Hong Kong opportunity set from an international investor's perspective.

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

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# Index Definitions, Terms and About Risk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Municipal-to-Treasury Yield Ratios** are relative value indicators that measure the richness or cheapness of Municipal bond yields to comparable maturity Treasury bond yields.

## Terms

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

## About Risk

**Bank Loans** – There can be no assurance that the liquidation of collateral securing an investment will satisfy the issuer's obligation in the event of non-payment or that collateral can be readily liquidated. The ability to realize the benefits of any collateral may be delayed or limited. **Commodities** – The value of commodities investments will generally be affected by overall market movements and factors specific to a particular industry or commodity including weather, embargoes, tariffs, or health, political, international and regulatory developments. **Credit** – Investments in income securities may be affected by changes in the creditworthiness of the issuer and are subject to the risk of non-payment of principal and interest. The value of income securities also may decline because of real or perceived concerns about the issuer's ability to make principal and interest payments. **Duration** – Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter durations. **Equity** – Equity investment values are sensitive to stock market volatility. **Foreign** – Investments in foreign instruments or currencies can involve greater risk and volatility than U.S. investments because of adverse market, economic, political, regulatory, geopolitical, or other conditions. In emerging countries, these risks may be more significant. **Gov't Agency** – While certain U.S. Government-sponsored agencies may be chartered or sponsored by acts of Congress, their securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. **Income Market** – An imbalance in supply and demand in the income market may result in valuation uncertainties and greater volatility, less liquidity, widening credit spreads and a lack of price transparency in the market. There generally is limited public information about Municipal issuers. **Inflation-Linked** – Interest payments on inflation-linked securities may vary widely and will fluctuate as principal and interest are adjusted for inflation. Investments in inflation-linked securities may lose value in the event that the actual rate of inflation is different than the rate of the inflation index. **Interest Rate** – As interest rates rise, the value of certain income investments is likely to decline.. **Lower-Rated** – Investments rated below Investment Grade (typically referred to as "junk") are generally subject to greater price volatility and illiquidity than higher rated investments. **Maturity** – Longer-term bonds typically are more sensitive to interest rate changes than shorter-term bonds. **Preferred Stocks** – When interest rates rise, the value of preferred stocks will generally decline. **Prepayment - MBS** – Mortgage-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk. **Prepayment - Bank Loan** – Bank Loans are subject to prepayment risk. **Real Estate** – Changes in real estate values or economic downturns can have a significant negative effect on issuers in the real estate industry, including REITs.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Risk Considerations

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of loss.

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