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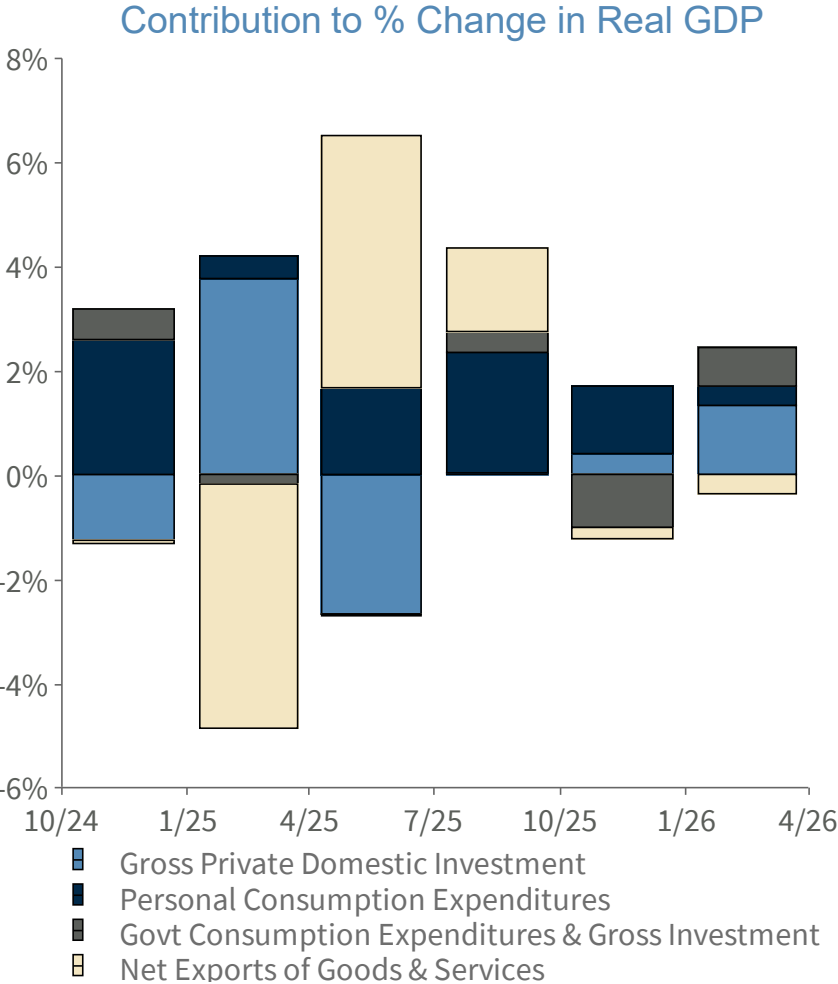
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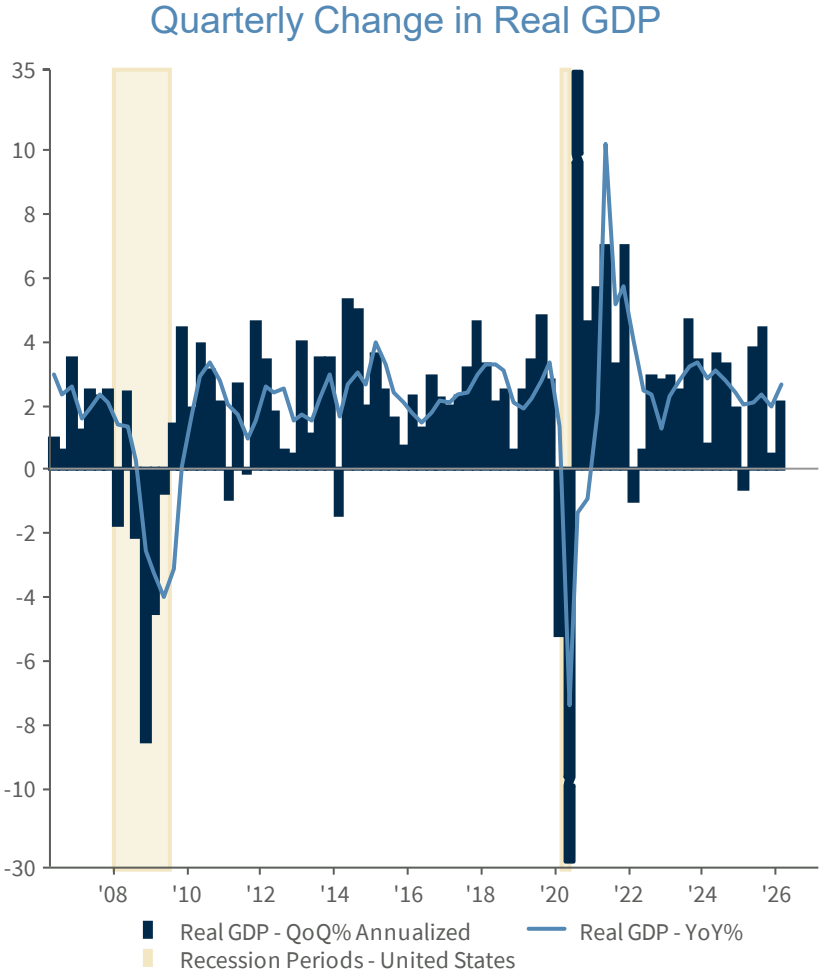
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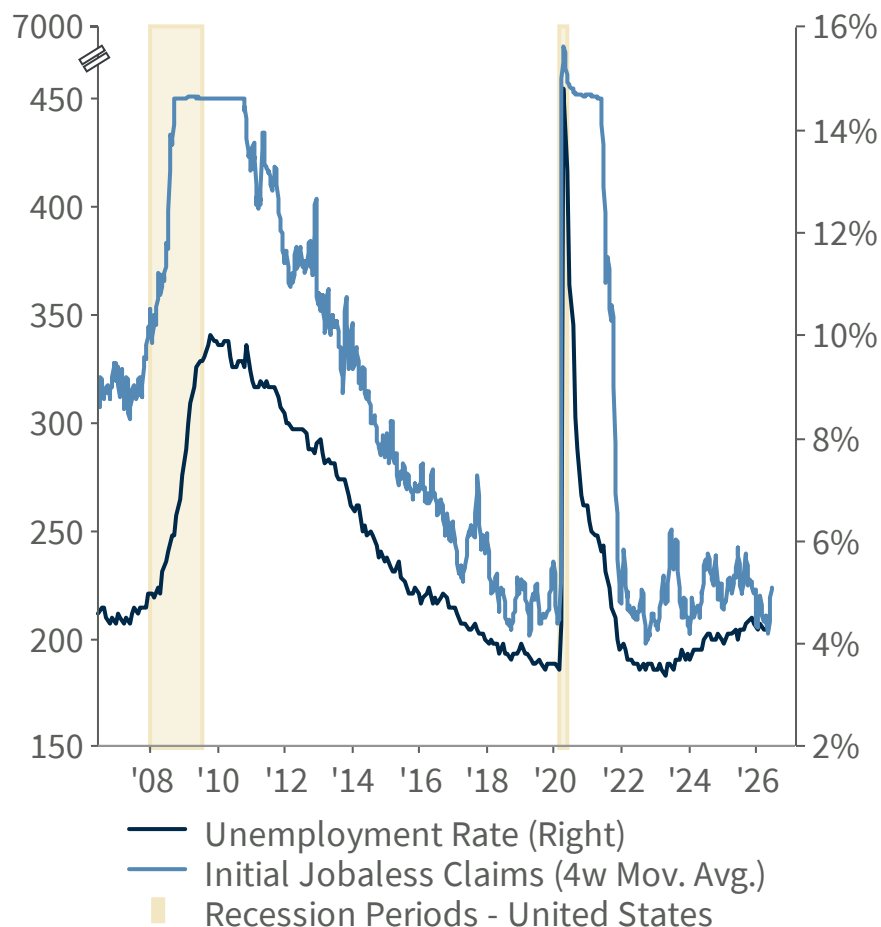
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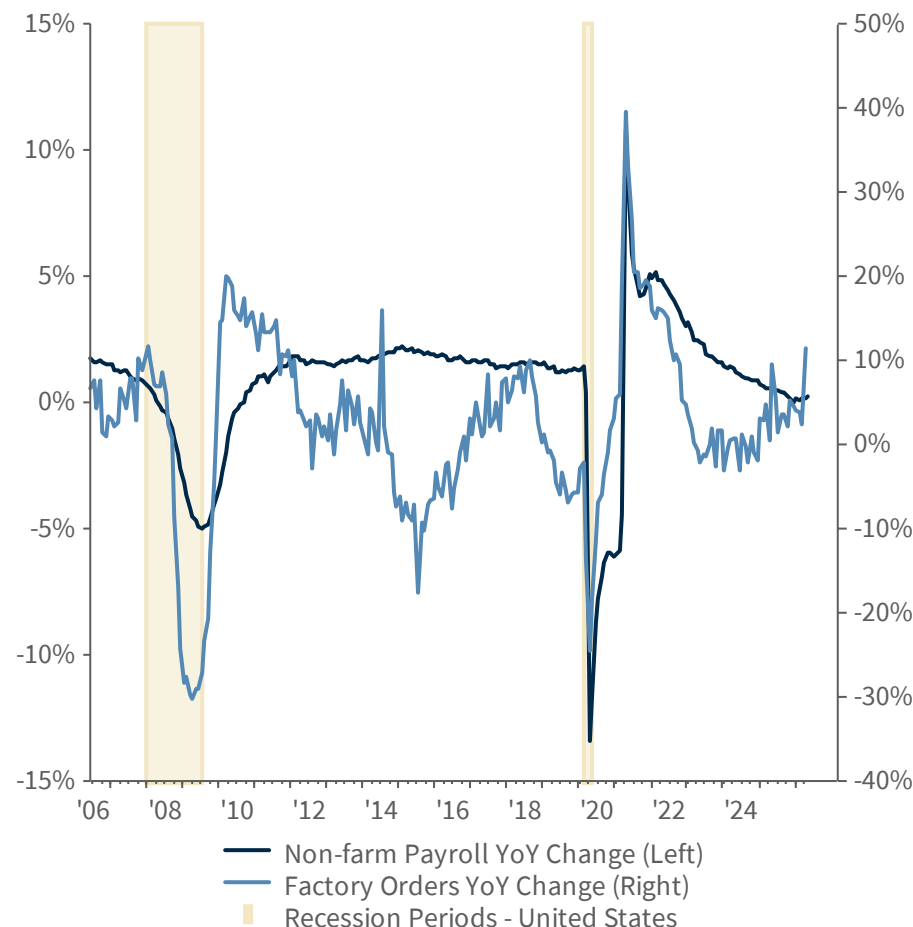
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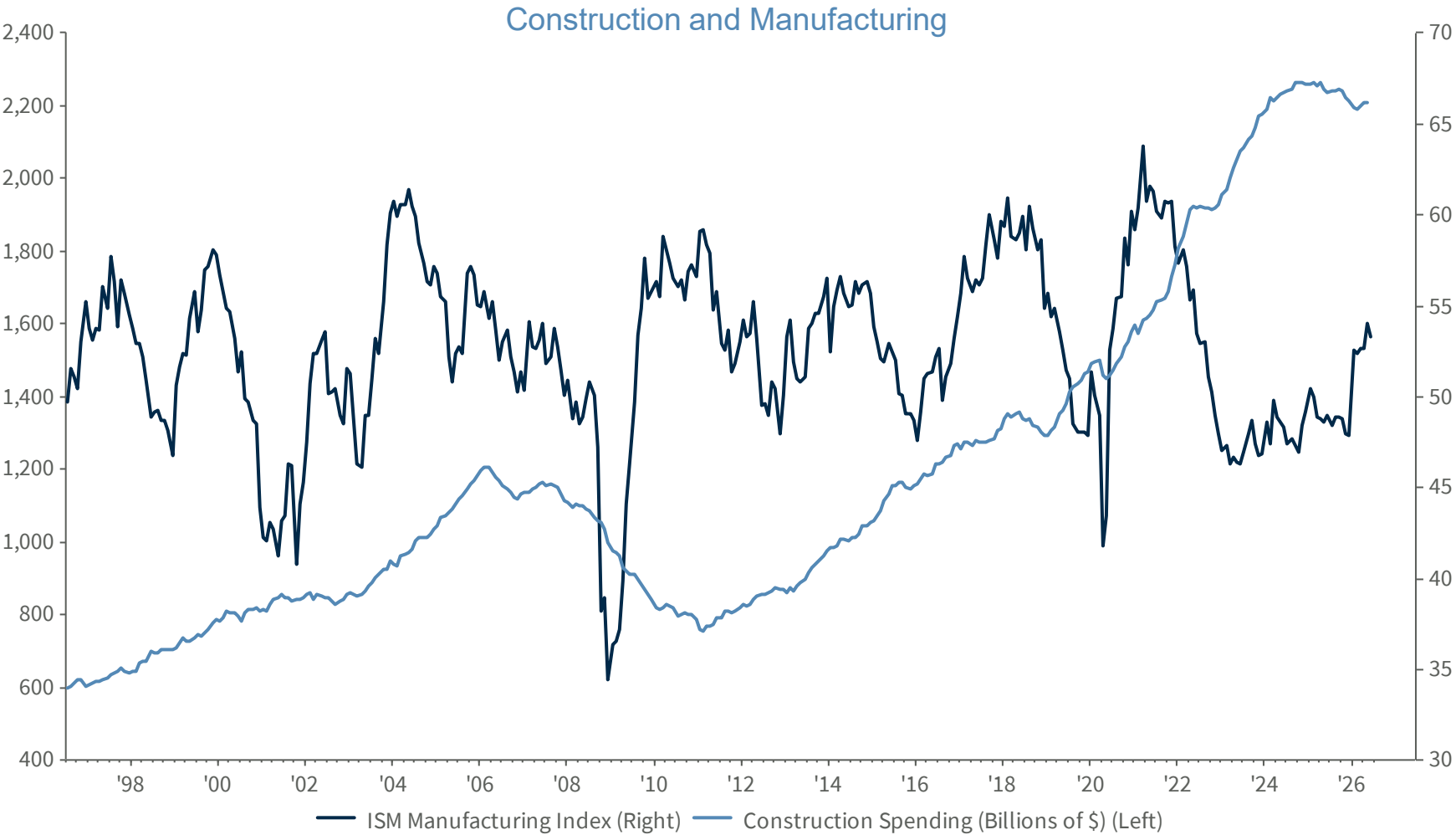
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Non-Farm Payroll and Factory Orders



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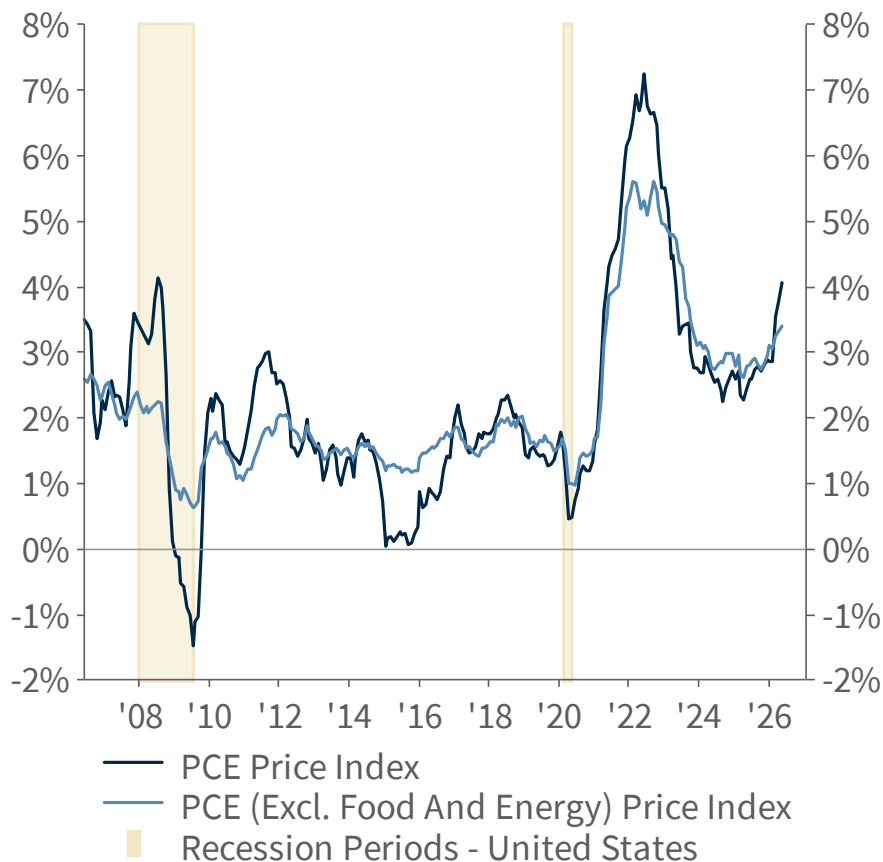
ECONOMIC REVIEW | MAJOR INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO JOB GROWTH



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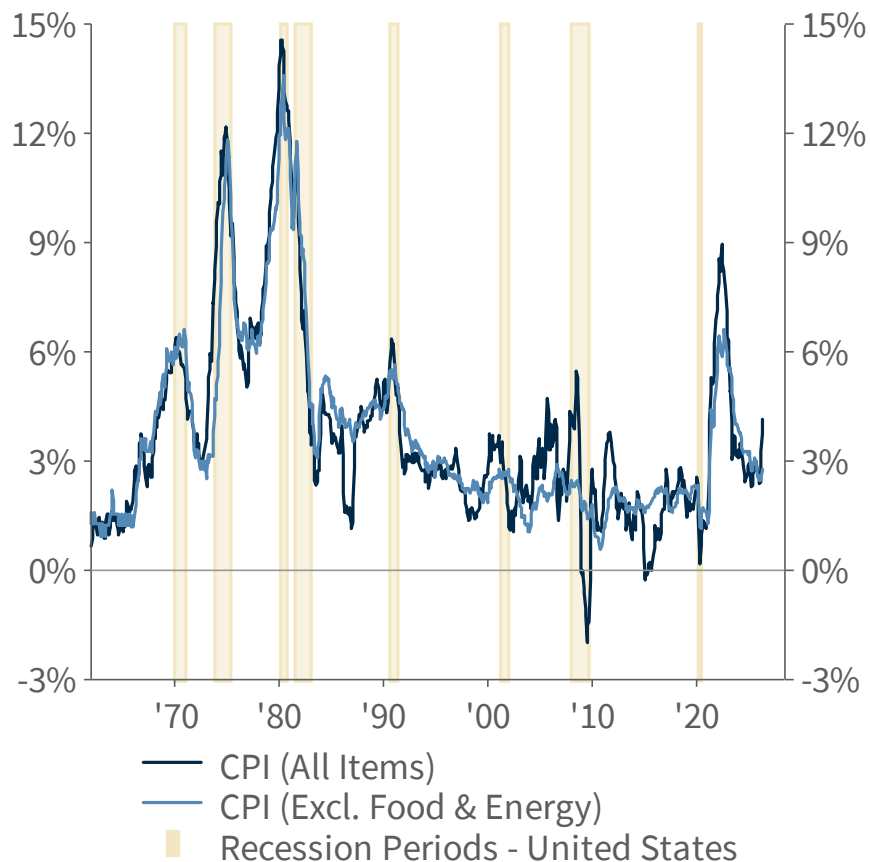
ECONOMIC REVIEW | INFLATION

Personal Consumption Expenditures
(PCE) Price Index (YoY Change)



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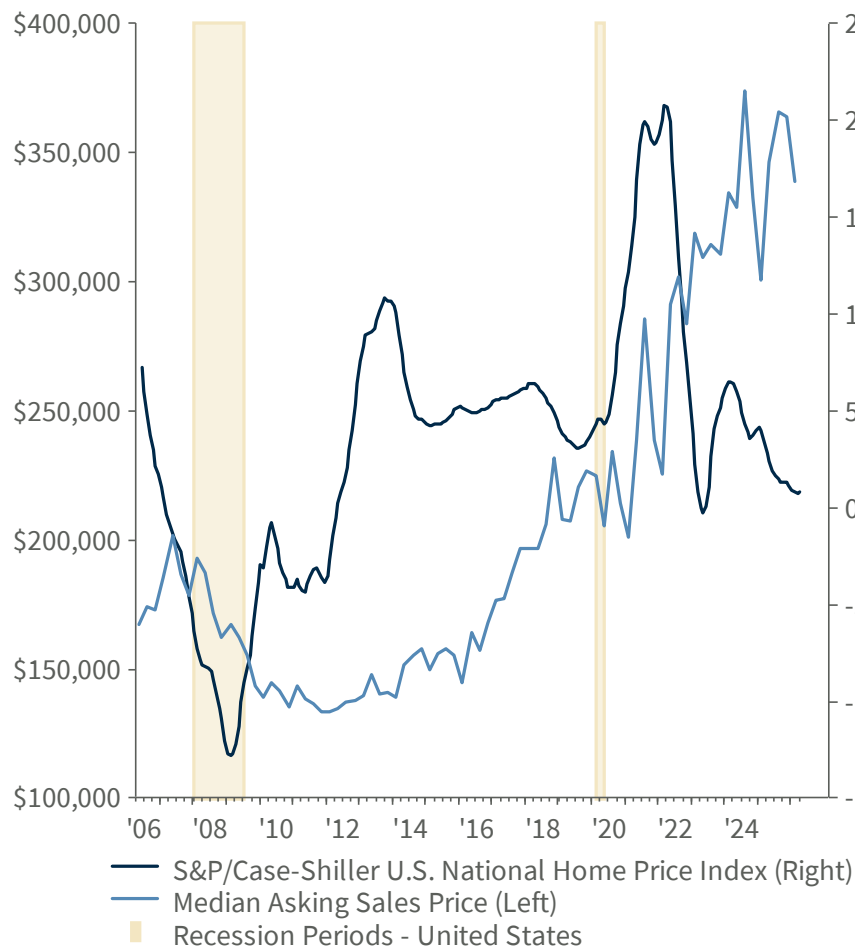
Consumer Price Index (CPI)
(YoY Change)



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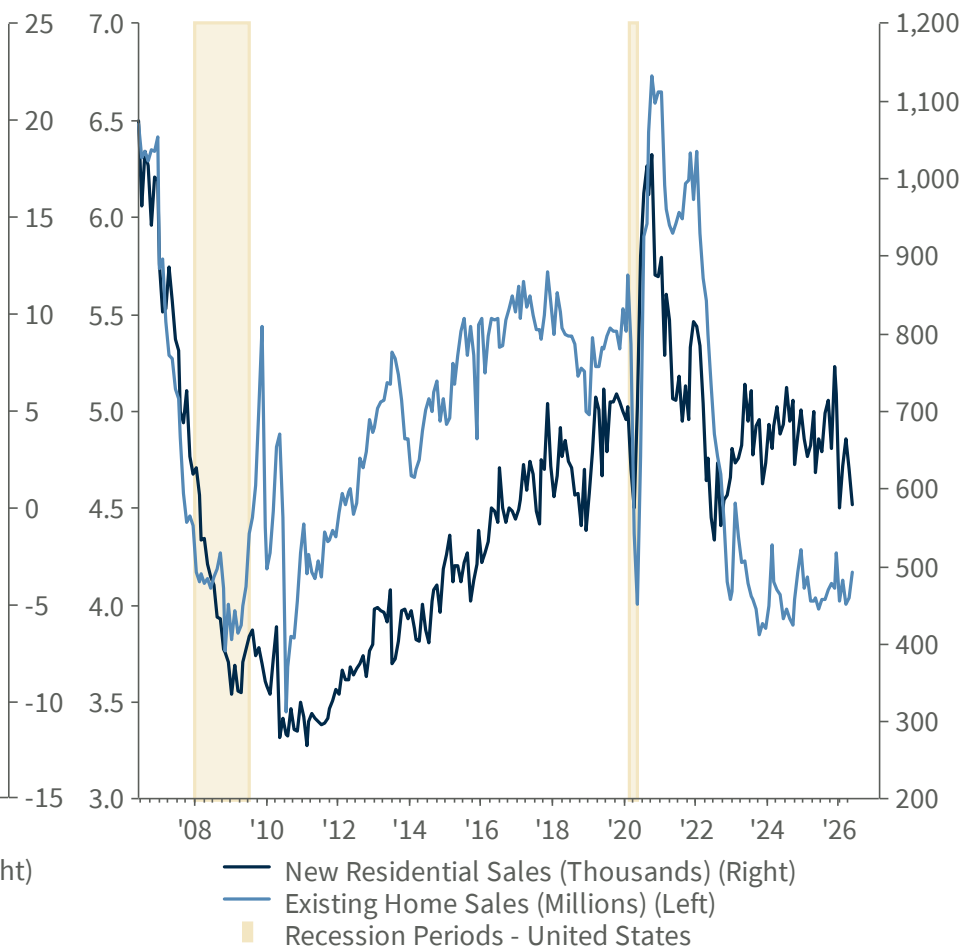
ECONOMIC REVIEW | HOUSING MARKET

National Home Price Index (YoY Change)



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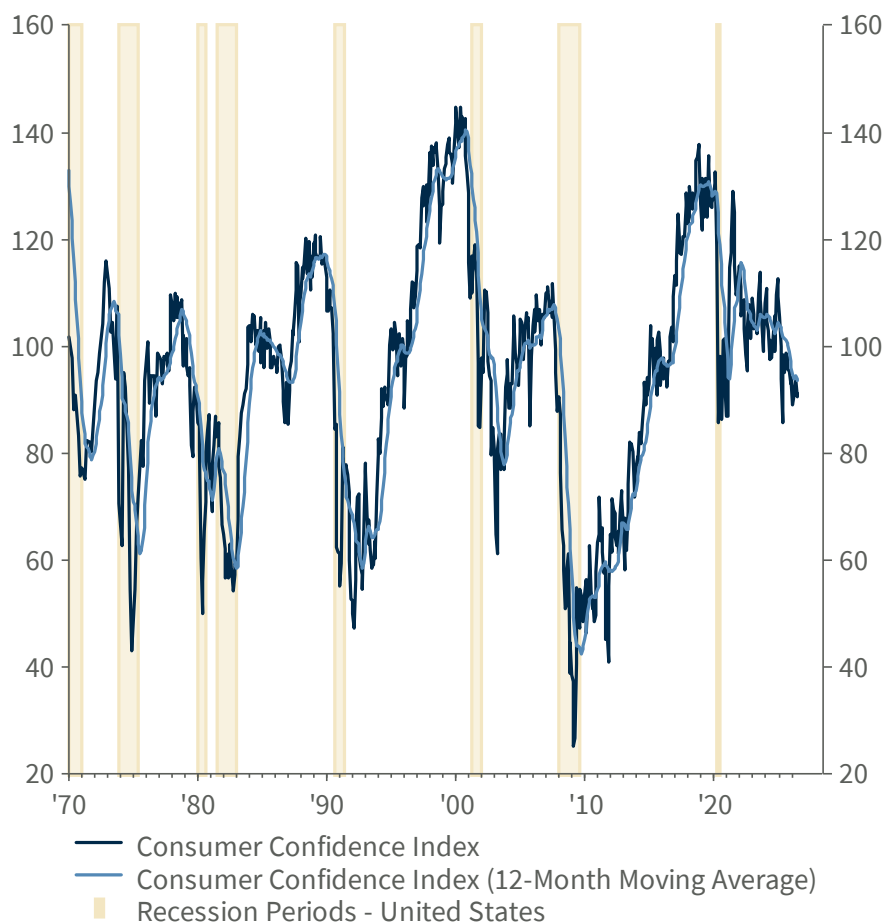
New and Existing Home Sales



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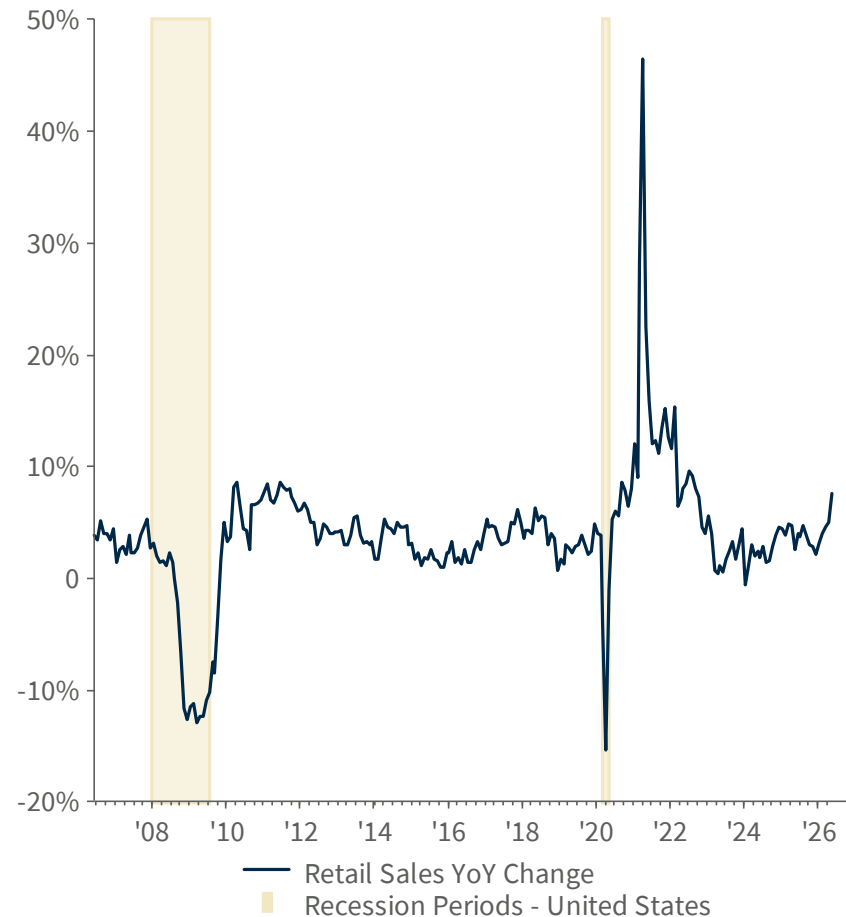
ECONOMIC REVIEW | CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Consumer Confidence



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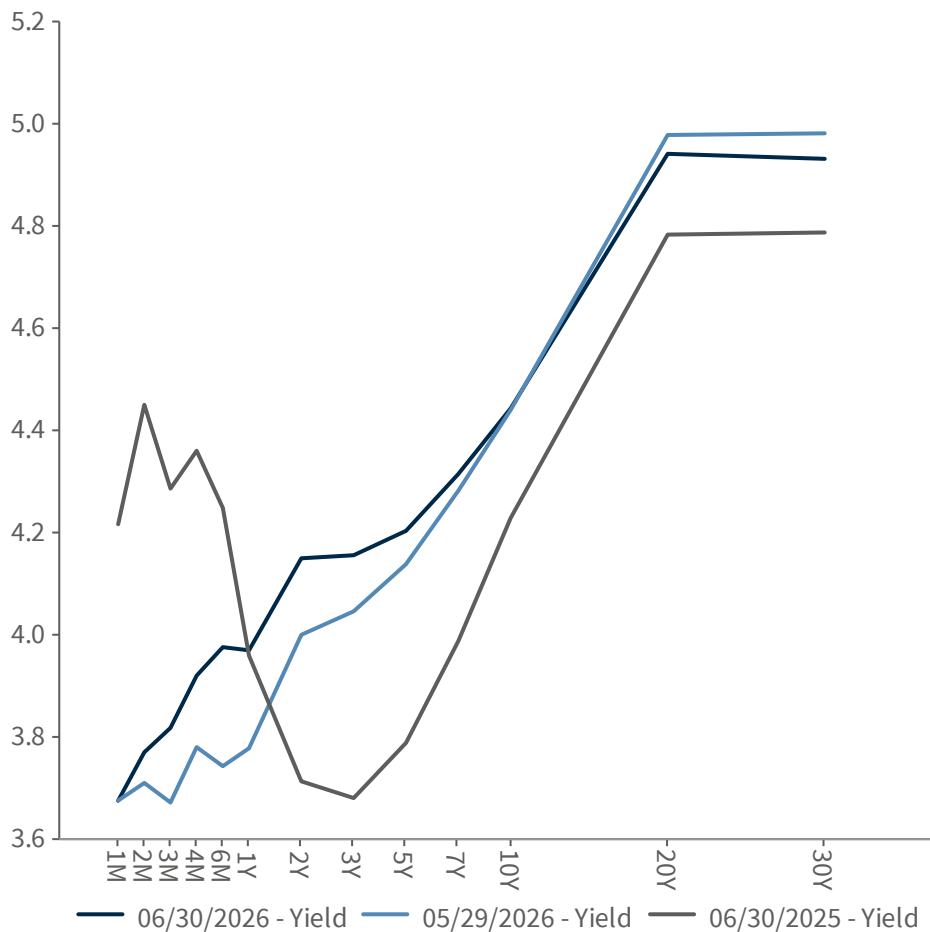
Retail Sales



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CAPITAL MARKETS | US TREASURIES

US Yield Curve



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US 10-Year/US 2-Year Yield Curve



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CAPITAL MARKETS | BROAD ASSET CLASS RETURNS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Real Estate 15.3%	Non-US Equities 24.8%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 1.8%	US Equities 31.5%	US Equities 18.4%	Real Estate 38.6%	Commodities 13.8%	US Equities 26.0%	US Equities 23.8%	Non-US Equities 32.5%	Commodities 14.4%
US Equities 12.0%	US Equities 21.8%	Fixed Income 0.0%	Non-US Equities 23.2%	Blended Portfolio 12.5%	US Equities 28.7%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 1.5%	Non-US Equities 18.6%	Blended Portfolio 12.0%	US Equities 17.1%	Real Estate 12.4%
Commodities 11.4%	Blended Portfolio 15.0%	Blended Portfolio -4.0%	Blended Portfolio 21.1%	Non-US Equities 8.1%	Commodities 27.1%	Fixed Income -13.0%	Blended Portfolio 16.7%	Real Estate 8.4%	Commodities 15.8%	US Equities 10.9%
Blended Portfolio 6.9%	Fixed Income 3.5%	US Equities -4.4%	Real Estate 19.5%	Fixed Income 7.5%	Blended Portfolio 14.3%	Non-US Equities -13.8%	Real Estate 9.8%	Commodities 5.4%	Blended Portfolio 15.5%	Non-US Equities 9.6%
Non-US Equities 3.3%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 0.8%	Real Estate -7.6%	Fixed Income 8.7%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 0.5%	Non-US Equities 13.2%	Blended Portfolio -15.4%	Fixed Income 5.5%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 5.3%	Fixed Income 7.3%	Blended Portfolio 6.6%
Fixed Income 2.6%	Commodities 0.7%	Commodities -13.0%	Commodities 5.4%	Commodities -3.5%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 0.0%	US Equities -18.1%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 5.1%	Non-US Equities 5.3%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 4.3%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 1.8%
Cash & Cash Alternatives 0.3%	Real Estate -0.2%	Non-US Equities -13.6%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 2.2%	Real Estate -13.1%	Fixed Income -1.5%	Real Estate -27.5%	Commodities -12.6%	Fixed Income 1.3%	Real Estate -2.1%	Fixed Income 0.6%

Blended Portfolio Allocation: 45% US Equity / 15% Non-US Equity / 40% Fixed Income

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CAPITAL MARKETS | DOMESTIC EQUITY RETURNS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Small Value 31.3%	Large Growth 27.4%	Large Growth 0.0%	Large Value 31.9%	Large Growth 33.5%	Large Growth 32.0%	Large Value -5.2%	Large Growth 30.0%	Large Growth 36.1%	Large Growth 22.2%	Small Growth 27.0%
Small Blend 26.6%	Large Blend 21.8%	Small Growth -4.1%	Large Blend 31.5%	Mid Growth 22.8%	Small Value 30.9%	Mid Value -6.9%	Large Blend 26.3%	Large Blend 25.0%	Large Blend 17.9%	Small Blend 23.9%
Mid Value 26.5%	Mid Growth 19.9%	Large Blend -4.4%	Large Growth 31.1%	Small Growth 19.6%	Mid Value 30.7%	Small Value -11.0%	Large Value 22.2%	Mid Growth 15.9%	Large Value 13.2%	Mid Growth 21.6%
Small Growth 22.2%	Mid Blend 16.2%	Small Blend -8.5%	Mid Growth 26.3%	Large Blend 18.4%	Large Blend 28.7%	Mid Blend -13.1%	Mid Growth 17.5%	Mid Blend 13.9%	Mid Value 7.6%	Small Value 20.9%
Mid Blend 20.7%	Large Value 15.4%	Large Value -9.0%	Mid Blend 26.2%	Mid Blend 13.7%	Small Blend 26.8%	Small Blend -16.1%	Small Growth 17.1%	Large Value 12.3%	Mid Blend 7.5%	Mid Blend 17.3%
Large Value 17.4%	Small Growth 14.8%	Mid Growth -10.3%	Mid Value 26.1%	Small Blend 11.3%	Large Value 24.9%	Large Blend -18.1%	Mid Blend 16.4%	Mid Value 11.7%	Mid Growth 7.5%	Mid Value 13.0%
Mid Growth 14.8%	Small Blend 13.2%	Mid Blend -11.1%	Small Value 24.5%	Mid Value 3.7%	Mid Blend 24.8%	Mid Growth -19.0%	Small Blend 16.1%	Small Growth 9.6%	Small Value 6.7%	Large Growth 12.0%
Large Blend 12.0%	Mid Value 12.3%	Mid Value -11.9%	Small Blend 22.8%	Small Value 2.5%	Small Growth 22.6%	Small Growth -21.1%	Mid Value 15.4%	Small Blend 8.7%	Small Blend 6.0%	Large Blend 10.2%
Large Growth 6.9%	Small Value 11.5%	Small Value -12.6%	Small Growth 21.1%	Large Value 1.4%	Mid Growth 18.9%	Large Growth -29.4%	Small Value 14.9%	Small Value 7.6%	Small Growth 5.4%	Large Value 8.0%

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CAPITAL MARKETS | FIXED INCOME RETURNS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
High Yield 17.1%	Long-Term Bond 12.2%	T-Bill 1.8%	Long-Term Bond 23.4%	Long-Term Bond 13.3%	US TIPS 5.5%	T-Bill 1.5%	High Yield 13.4%	High Yield 8.2%	Emerging Market Bond 11.1%	Municipal 2.3%
Long-Term Bond 10.2%	Emerging Market Bond 8.2%	Short-Term Bond 1.4%	High Yield 14.3%	Credit 9.4%	High Yield 5.3%	Agency 1.0%	Long-Term Bond 10.7%	Emerging Market Bond 6.6%	High Yield 8.6%	Emerging Market Bond 2.0%
Emerging Market Bond 9.9%	Global Bond ex US 8.0%	Municipal 1.3%	Credit 13.8%	Global Bond ex US 8.9%	Municipal 1.5%	US TIPS -1.8%	Emerging Market Bond 9.1%	T-Bill 5.3%	MBS 8.6%	High Yield 2.0%
Credit 5.6%	High Yield 7.5%	Agency 1.1%	Emerging Market Bond 13.1%	Treasury 8.0%	Agency 1.0%	Short-Term Bond -4.1%	Credit 8.2%	US TIPS 5.2%	Credit 7.8%	T-Bill 1.8%
Aggregate Bond 2.6%	Credit 6.2%	MBS 1.0%	Aggregate Bond 8.7%	Aggregate Bond 7.5%	T-Bill 0.0%	Municipal -8.5%	Municipal 6.4%	Short-Term Bond 3.8%	Long-Term Bond 7.8%	US TIPS 1.5%
Agency 2.6%	Municipal 5.4%	Treasury 0.9%	Municipal 7.5%	High Yield 7.1%	Short-Term Bond -0.6%	High Yield -11.2%	Aggregate Bond 5.5%	Credit 2.0%	Aggregate Bond 7.3%	Long-Term Bond 1.1%
US TIPS 2.5%	Aggregate Bond 3.5%	US TIPS 0.7%	Treasury 6.9%	Emerging Market Bond 6.5%	MBS -1.0%	MBS -11.8%	T-Bill 5.1%	Aggregate Bond 1.3%	Treasury 6.3%	Agency 1.0%
Global Bond ex US 2.2%	Agency 2.9%	Aggregate Bond 0.0%	MBS 6.4%	Municipal 5.2%	Credit -1.1%	Treasury -12.5%	MBS 5.0%	MBS 1.2%	US TIPS 5.7%	MBS 1.0%
MBS 1.7%	MBS 2.5%	Global Bond ex US -0.3%	US TIPS 4.5%	MBS 3.9%	Long-Term Bond -1.2%	Aggregate Bond -13.0%	US TIPS 4.6%	Municipal 1.1%	Short-Term Bond 5.0%	Credit 0.8%
Treasury 1.0%	Treasury 2.3%	High Yield -2.1%	Global Bond ex US 4.5%	US TIPS 3.8%	Aggregate Bond -1.5%	Credit -15.3%	Treasury 4.1%	Agency 1.0%	Global Bond ex US 4.9%	Aggregate Bond
Short-Term Bond 0.6%	T-Bill 0.8%	Credit -2.1%	Short-Term Bond 3.3%	Short-Term Bond 3.1%	Emerging Market Bond -1.7%	Emerging Market Bond -15.3%	Short-Term Bond 3.7%	Treasury 0.6%	T-Bill 4.3%	Short-Term Bond 0.5%
T-Bill 0.3%	US TIPS 0.4%	Emerging Market Bond -2.5%	T-Bill 2.2%	Agency 1.0%	Treasury -2.3%	Global Bond ex US -21.6%	Global Bond ex US 2.1%	Long-Term Bond -2.0%	Municipal 4.2%	Treasury 0.3%
Municipal 0.2%	Short-Term Bond 0.3%	Long-Term Bond -6.8%	Agency 1.0%	T-Bill 0.5%	Global Bond ex US -9.5%	Long-Term Bond -25.3%	Agency 1.0%	Global Bond ex US -8.8%	Agency 1.0%	Global Bond ex US -3.4%

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CAPITAL MARKETS | INTERNATIONAL EQUITY RETURNS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
EM Eastern Europe 38.8%	EM Asia 43.3%	EM Eastern Europe -3.4%	EM Eastern Europe 31.0%	EM Asia 28.8%	US Large Cap 28.7%	EM Latin America 9.5%	EM Eastern Europe 48.7%	US Large Cap 25.0%	EM Eastern Europe 76.6%	EM Asia 28.4%
EM Latin America 31.5%	Emerging Markets 37.8%	US Large Cap -4.4%	US Large Cap 25.7%	Emerging Markets 18.7%	EM Eastern Europe 18.6%	United Kingdom -4.8%	EM Latin America 33.5%	EM Asia 12.6%	EM Latin America 55.7%	Emerging Markets 24.0%
US Large Cap 12.0%	Europe ex UK 27.8%	EM Latin America -6.2%	EM Latin America 10.5%	US Large Cap 18.4%	United Kingdom 18.5%	Pacific ex Japan -5.9%	US Large Cap 26.3%	Japan 8.7%	Europe ex UK 36.6%	Japan 16.0%
Emerging Markets 11.6%	Pacific ex Japan 26.0%	Pacific ex Japan -10.2%	Europe ex UK 7.7%	Japan 14.9%	Europe ex UK 16.5%	Developed Markets -14.0%	Europe ex UK 22.7%	Emerging Markets 8.1%	United Kingdom 35.1%	EM Eastern Europe 14.6%
Pacific ex Japan 8.0%	Developed Markets 25.6%	Japan -12.6%	Pacific ex Japan 6.4%	Europe ex UK 11.6%	Developed Markets 11.8%	Japan -16.3%	Japan 20.8%	United Kingdom 7.5%	Emerging Markets 34.4%	EM Latin America 10.8%
EM Asia 6.5%	Japan 24.4%	Developed Markets -13.4%	Developed Markets 6.3%	Developed Markets 8.3%	Pacific ex Japan 4.8%	Europe ex UK -17.3%	Developed Markets 18.9%	Pacific ex Japan 4.7%	EM Asia 32.9%	US Large Cap 10.2%
Japan 2.7%	EM Latin America 24.2%	United Kingdom -14.1%	Japan 5.0%	Pacific ex Japan 6.6%	Japan 2.0%	US Large Cap -18.1%	United Kingdom 14.1%	Developed Markets 4.3%	Developed Markets 31.9%	Developed Markets 9.8%
Developed Markets 1.5%	United Kingdom 22.4%	Emerging Markets -14.2%	United Kingdom 4.1%	United Kingdom -10.4%	Emerging Markets -2.2%	Emerging Markets -19.7%	Emerging Markets 10.3%	Europe ex UK 1.0%	Japan 25.1%	Europe ex UK 8.9%
Europe ex UK 0.3%	US Large Cap 21.8%	Europe ex UK -14.4%	Emerging Markets 2.0%	EM Eastern Europe -11.3%	EM Asia -4.8%	EM Asia -20.8%	EM Asia 8.2%	EM Eastern Europe -0.9%	Pacific ex Japan 20.7%	Pacific ex Japan 6.9%
United Kingdom 0.0%	EM Eastern Europe 18.1%	EM Asia -15.2%	EM Asia 1.5%	EM Latin America -13.5%	EM Latin America -7.7%	EM Eastern Europe -82.1%	Pacific ex Japan 6.5%	EM Latin America -26.0%	US Large Cap 17.9%	United Kingdom 6.2%

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CAPITAL MARKETS | S&P EQUITY SECTOR RETURNS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Energy 27.4%	Information Technology 38.8%	Health Care 6.5%	Information Technology 50.3%	Information Technology 43.9%	Energy 54.6%	Energy 65.7%	Information Technology 57.8%	Comm Services 40.2%	Comm Services 33.6%	Industrials 20.2%
Comm Services 23.5%	Materials 23.8%	Utilities 4.1%	Comm Services 32.7%	Consumer Discretionary 33.3%	Real Estate 46.2%	Utilities 1.6%	Comm Services 55.8%	Information Technology 36.6%	Information Technology 24.0%	Information Technology 19.8%
Financials 22.8%	Consumer Discretionary 23.0%	Consumer Discretionary 0.8%	Financials 32.1%	Comm Services 23.6%	Financials 35.0%	Consumer Staples -0.6%	Consumer Discretionary 42.4%	Financials 30.6%	Industrials 19.4%	Energy 19.7%
Industrials 18.9%	Financials 22.2%	Information Technology -0.3%	S&P 500 31.5%	Materials 20.7%	Information Technology 34.5%	Health Care -2.0%	S&P 500 26.3%	Consumer Discretionary 30.1%	S&P 500 17.9%	Real Estate 14.8%
Materials 16.7%	Health Care 22.1%	Real Estate -2.2%	Industrials 29.4%	S&P 500 18.4%	S&P 500 28.7%	Industrials -5.5%	Industrials 18.1%	S&P 500 25.0%	Utilities 16.0%	Materials 12.0%
Utilities 16.3%	S&P 500 21.8%	S&P 500 -4.4%	Real Estate 29.0%	Health Care 13.4%	Materials 27.3%	Financials -10.5%	Materials 12.5%	Utilities 23.4%	Financials 15.0%	S&P 500 10.2%
Information Technology 13.8%	Industrials 21.0%	Consumer Staples -8.4%	Consumer Discretionary 27.9%	Industrials 11.1%	Health Care 26.1%	Materials -12.3%	Real Estate 12.3%	Industrials 17.5%	Health Care 14.6%	Consumer Staples 8.0%
S&P 500 12.0%	Consumer Staples 13.5%	Comm Services -12.5%	Consumer Staples 27.6%	Consumer Staples 10.7%	Consumer Discretionary 24.4%	S&P 500 -18.1%	Financials 12.1%	Consumer Staples 14.9%	Materials 10.5%	Utilities 7.7%
Consumer Discretionary 6.0%	Utilities 12.1%	Financials -13.0%	Utilities 26.3%	Utilities 0.5%	Comm Services 21.6%	Real Estate -26.1%	Health Care 2.1%	Energy 5.7%	Energy 8.7%	Health Care 3.5%
Consumer Staples 5.4%	Real Estate 10.8%	Industrials -13.3%	Materials 24.6%	Financials -1.7%	Industrials 21.1%	Information Technology -28.2%	Consumer Staples 0.5%	Real Estate 5.0%	Consumer Discretionary 6.0%	Comm Services 0.8%
Real Estate 3.4%	Energy -1.0%	Materials -14.7%	Health Care 20.8%	Real Estate -2.2%	Consumer Staples 18.6%	Consumer Discretionary -37.0%	Energy -1.3%	Health Care 2.6%	Consumer Staples 3.9%	Consumer Discretionary -0.8%
Health Care -2.7%	Comm Services -1.3%	Energy -18.1%	Energy 11.8%	Energy -33.7%	Utilities 17.7%	Comm Services -39.9%	Utilities -7.1%	Materials 0.0%	Real Estate 2.7%	Financials -1.2%

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CAPITAL MARKETS | TRAILING 12-MONTH AND Q1 RETURNS

Broad Asset Class Total Returns		Domestic Equity Total Returns		S&P 500 Sectors Total Returns		International Equity Total Returns		Fixed Income Total Returns	
T12	Q2	T12	Q2	T12	Q2	T12	Q2	T12	Q2
Commodities 25.5%	US Equities 15.4%	Small Value 39.7%	Small Growth 23.7%	Information Technology 37.5%	Information Technology 31.8%	EM Asia 49.4%	EM Asia 30.3%	Emerging Market Bond 8.0%	Emerging Market Bond 3.4%
US Equities 22.8%	Non-US Equities 10.5%	Small Blend 37.5%	Large Growth 21.9%	Energy 29.0%	S&P 500 15.2%	Emerging Markets 44.2%	Emerging Markets 24.1%	Municipal 7.0%	Municipal 2.5%
Non-US Equities 21.6%	Real Estate 9.3%	Small Growth 35.6%	Small Blend 19.7%	Industrials 27.3%	Industrials 14.9%	EM Eastern Europe 34.4%	US Large Cap 15.2%	High Yield 5.9%	High Yield 2.5%
Real Estate 16.7%	Blended Portfolio 8.8%	Mid Growth 30.0%	Mid Growth 17.0%	S&P 500 22.3%	Real Estate 9.5%	EM Latin America 32.4%	Japan 14.2%	MBS 5.2%	Long-Term Bond 2.3%
Blended Portfolio 15.0%	Cash & Cash Alternatives 0.9%	Mid Blend 25.9%	Small Value 15.9%	Comm Services 21.1%	Consumer Discretionary 9.3%	Japan 29.5%	EM Eastern Europe 14.0%	Long-Term Bond 5.0%	Credit 1.3%
Cash & Cash Alternatives 4.0%	Fixed Income 0.7%	Large Growth 25.7%	Large Blend 15.2%	Health Care 19.9%	Financials 9.0%	US Large Cap 22.3%	Europe ex UK 13.5%	Credit 4.3%	Agency 1.0%
Fixed Income 3.8%	Commodities -8.1%	Large Blend 22.3%	Mid Blend 14.5%	Materials 16.7%	Health Care 8.8%	Developed Markets 20.8%	United Kingdom 4.1%	T-Bill 4.0%	T-Bill 0.9%
		Mid Value 21.7%	Mid Value 11.9%	Real Estate 14.3%	Comm Services 8.3%	United Kingdom 20.3%	Pacific ex Japan 3.8%	Aggregate Bond 3.8%	Aggregate Bond 0.7%
		Large Value 18.4%	Large Value 8.0%	Utilities 14.2%	Materials 2.0%	Europe ex UK 19.0%	EM Latin America -3.4%	US TIPS 3.5%	MBS 0.6%
				Consumer Discretionary 9.5%	Consumer Staples 0.3%	Pacific ex Japan 12.5%		Treasury 2.7%	US TIPS 0.6%
				Consumer Staples 5.5%	Utilities -0.5%			Short-Term Bond 2.7%	Treasury 0.3%
				Financials 4.1%	Energy -13.4%			Agency 1.0%	Short-Term Bond 0.3%
								Global Bond ex US -7.8%	Global Bond ex US -0.4%

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CAPITAL MARKETS | FIXED INCOME YIELDS

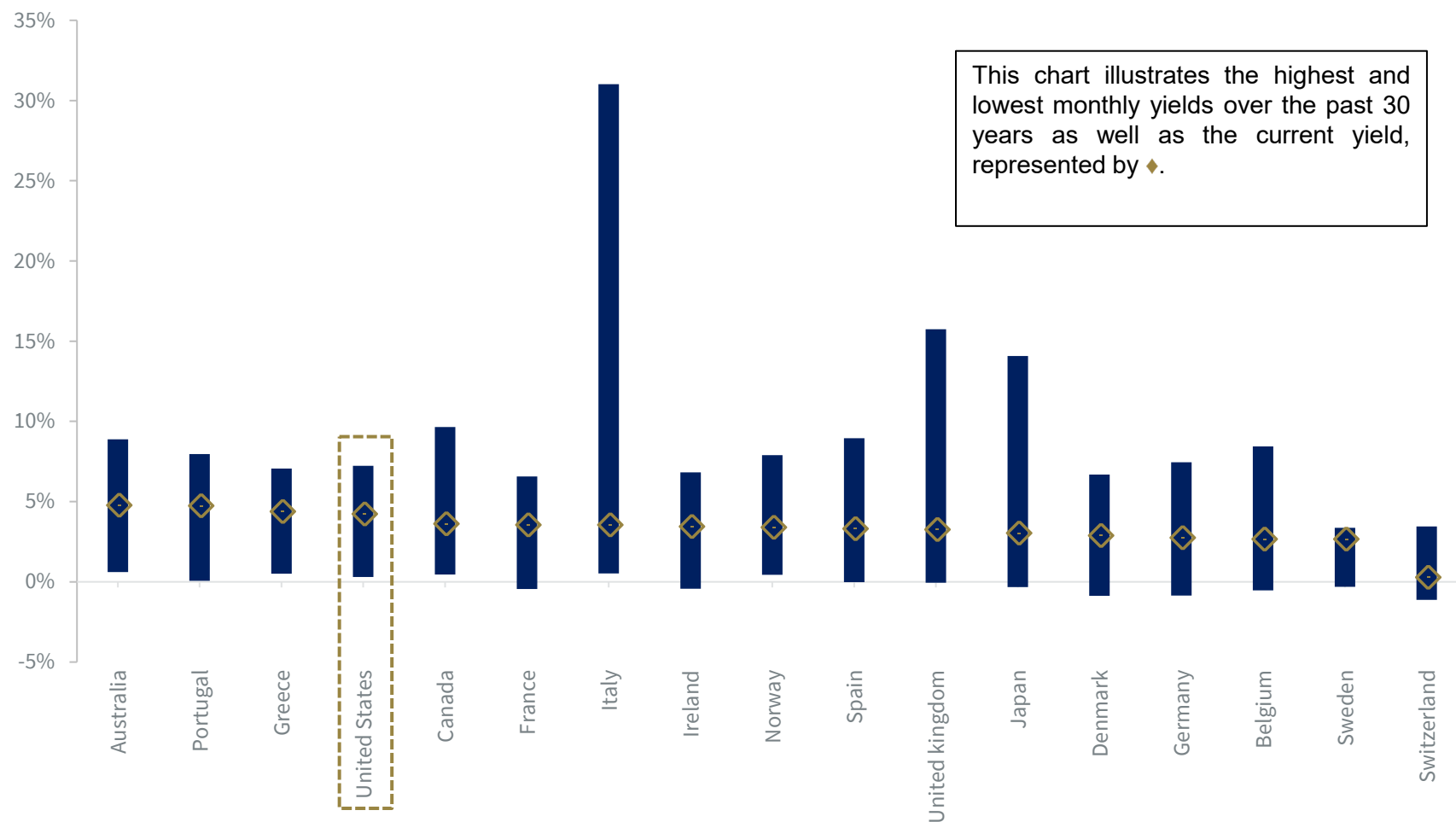
US Yield to Worst



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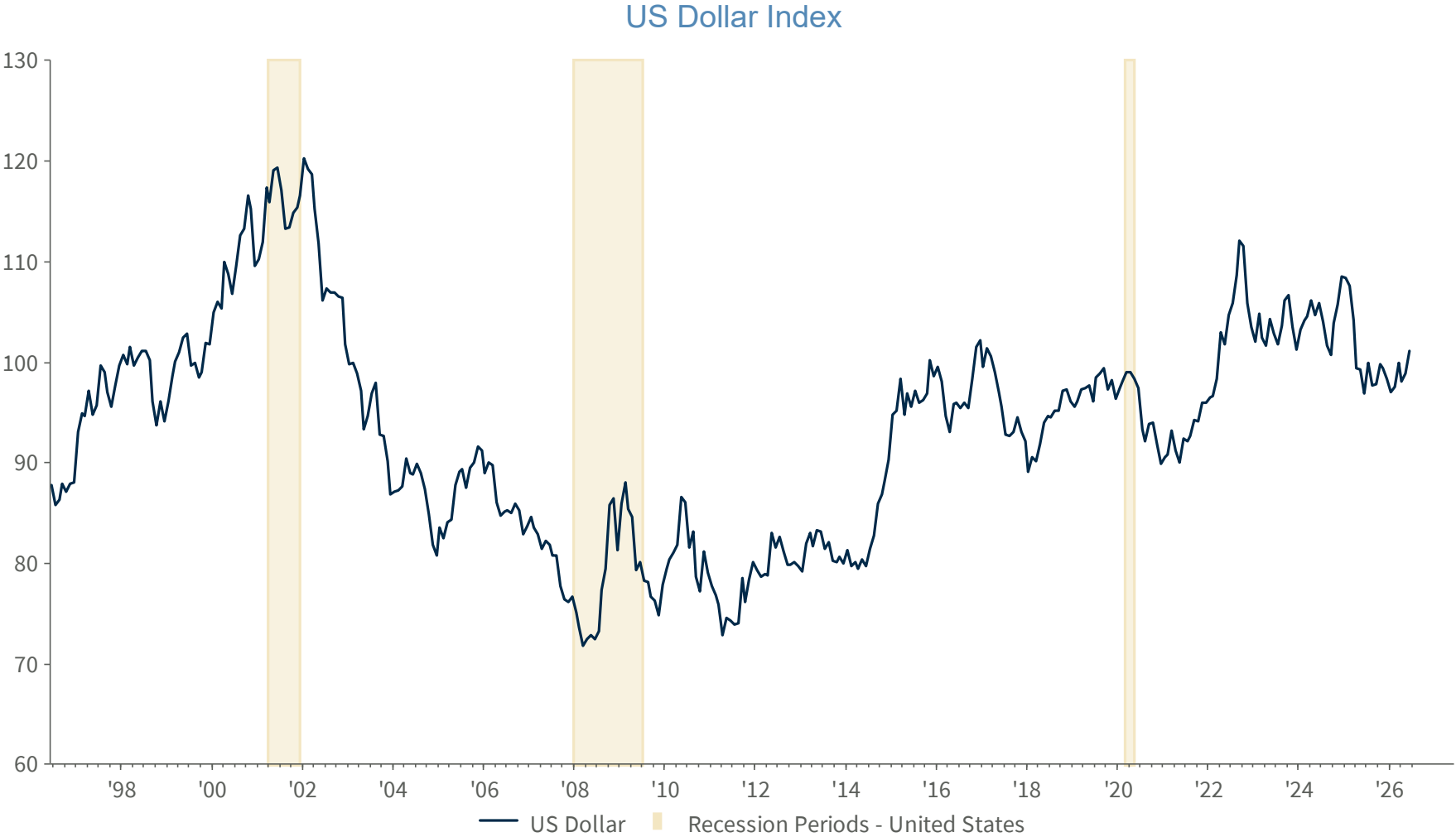
CAPITAL MARKETS | GLOBAL SOVEREIGN DEBT YIELDS

10-Year Sovereign Debt Yields

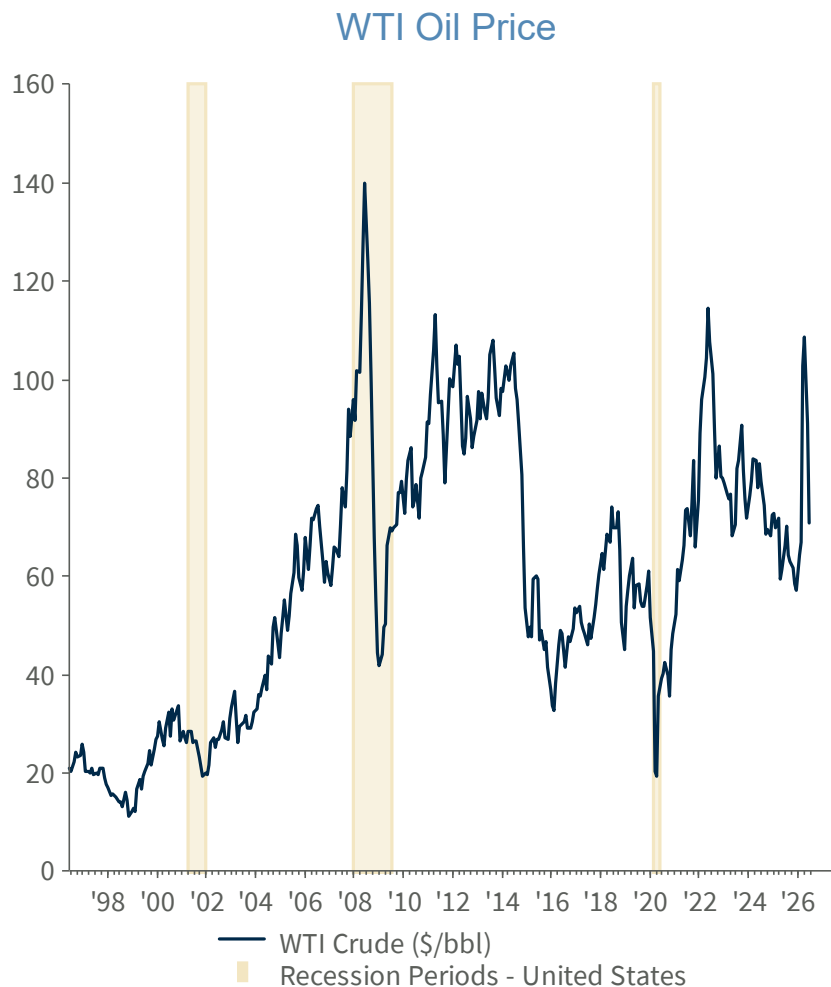


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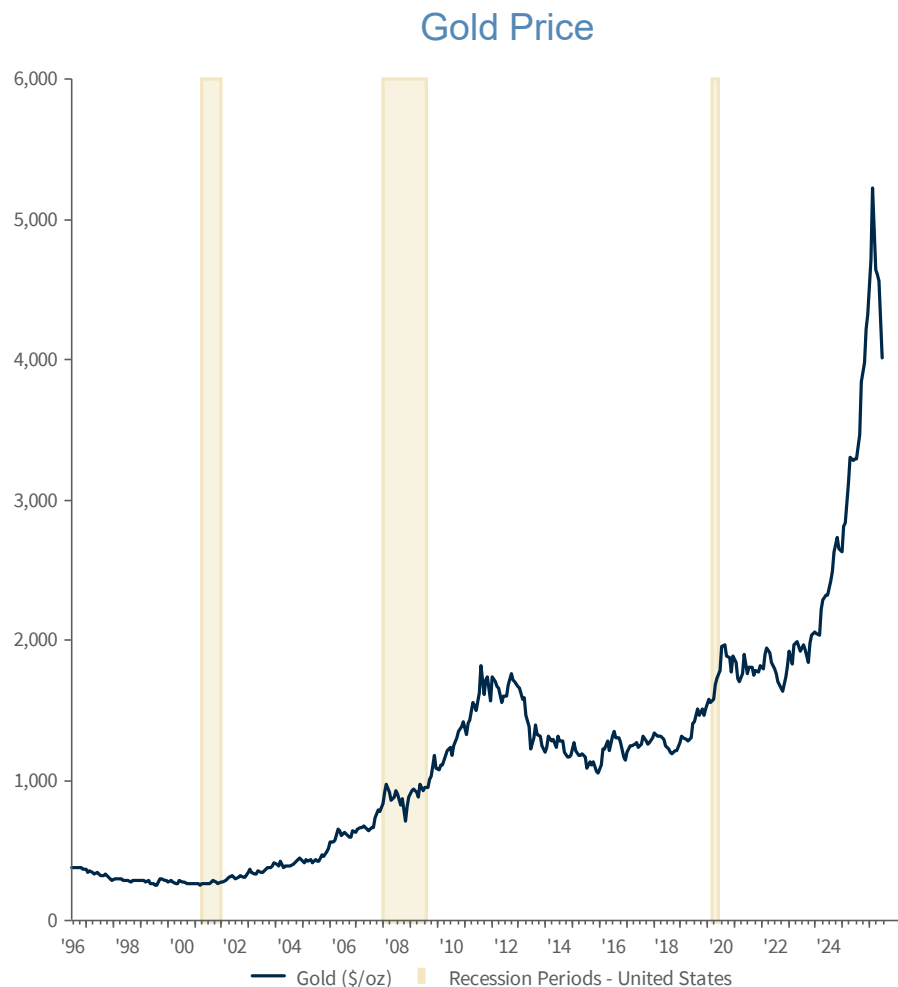
CAPITAL MARKETS | FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES



CAPITAL MARKETS | COMMODITY PRICES



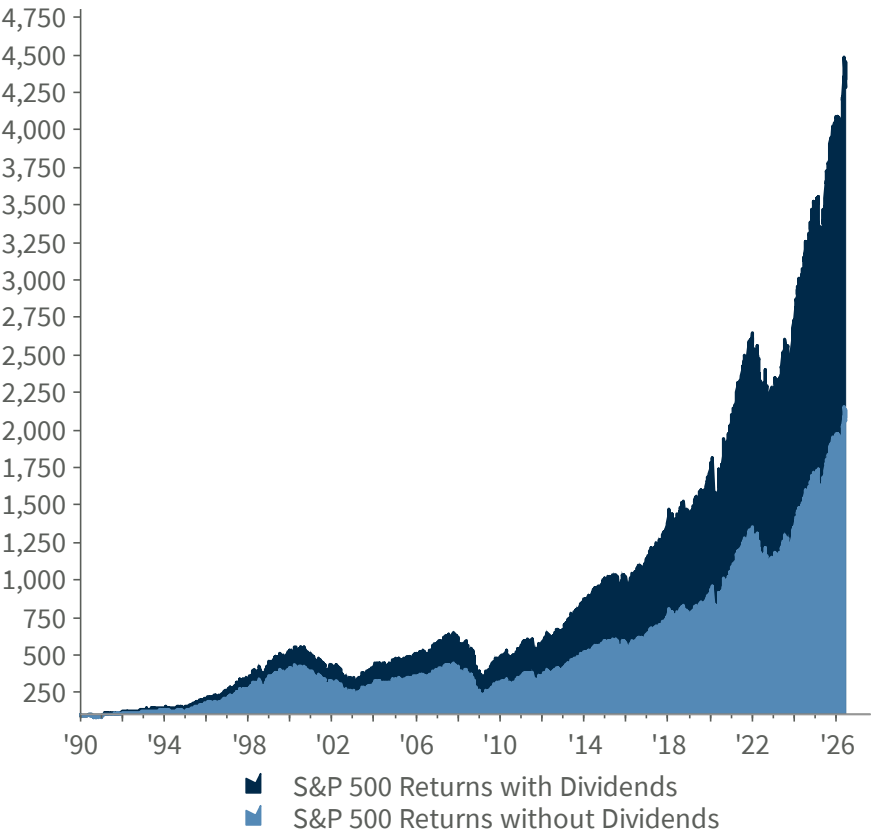
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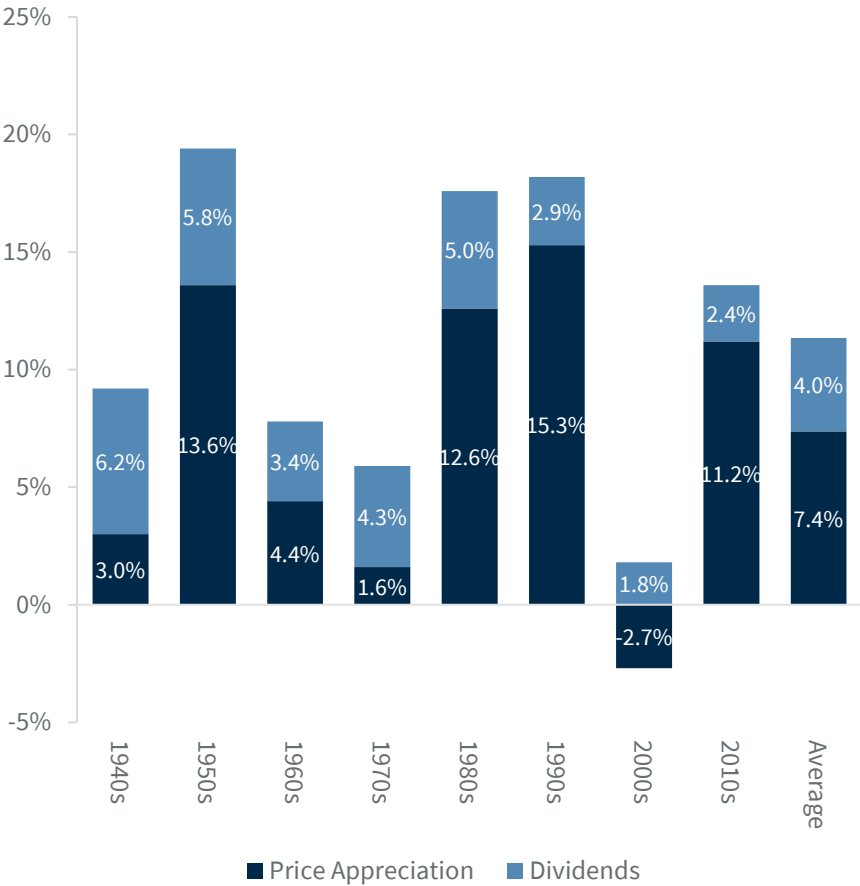
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CAPITAL MARKETS | PRICE AND TOTAL RETURN

Growth of \$100



S&P 500 Price Appreciation and Dividends

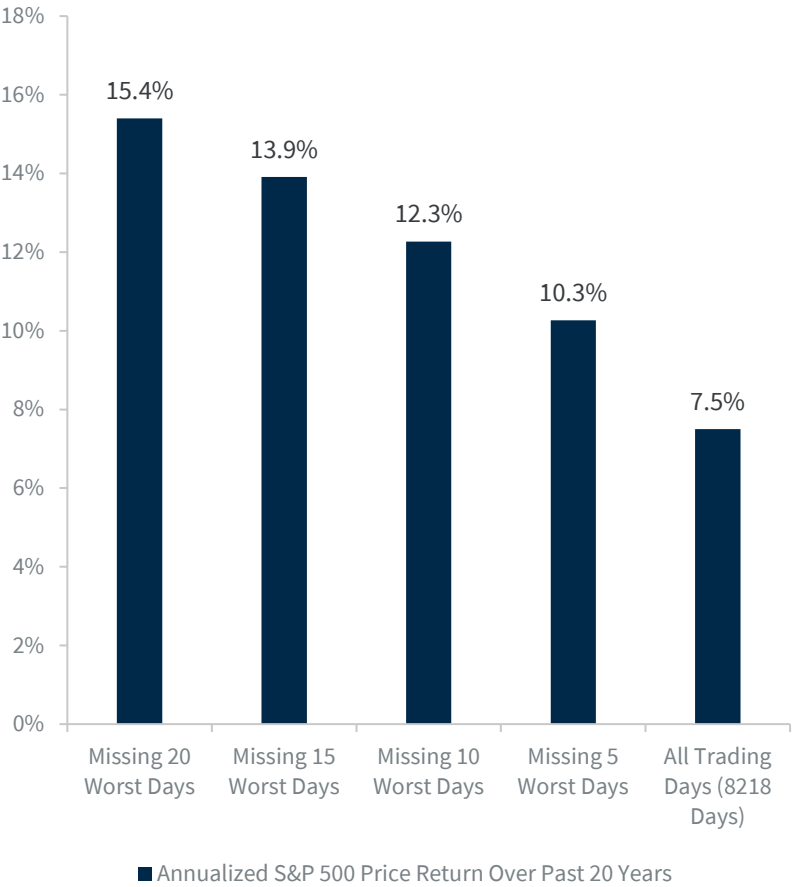


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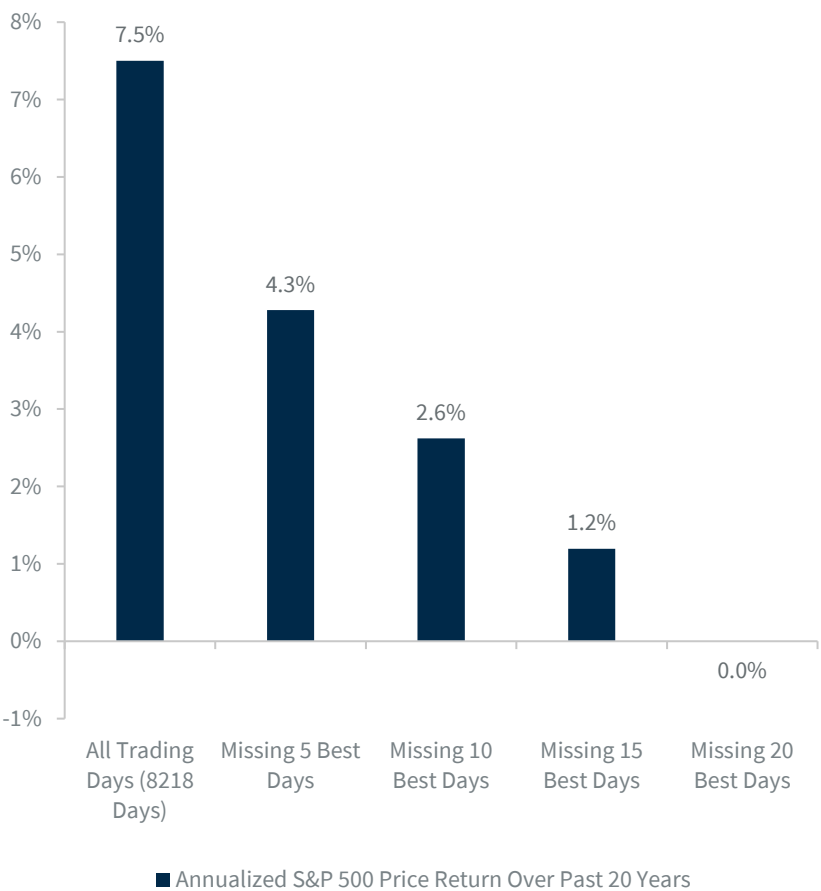
ASSET ALLOCATION | MISSING BEST AND WORST DAYS

Missing the Worst Days



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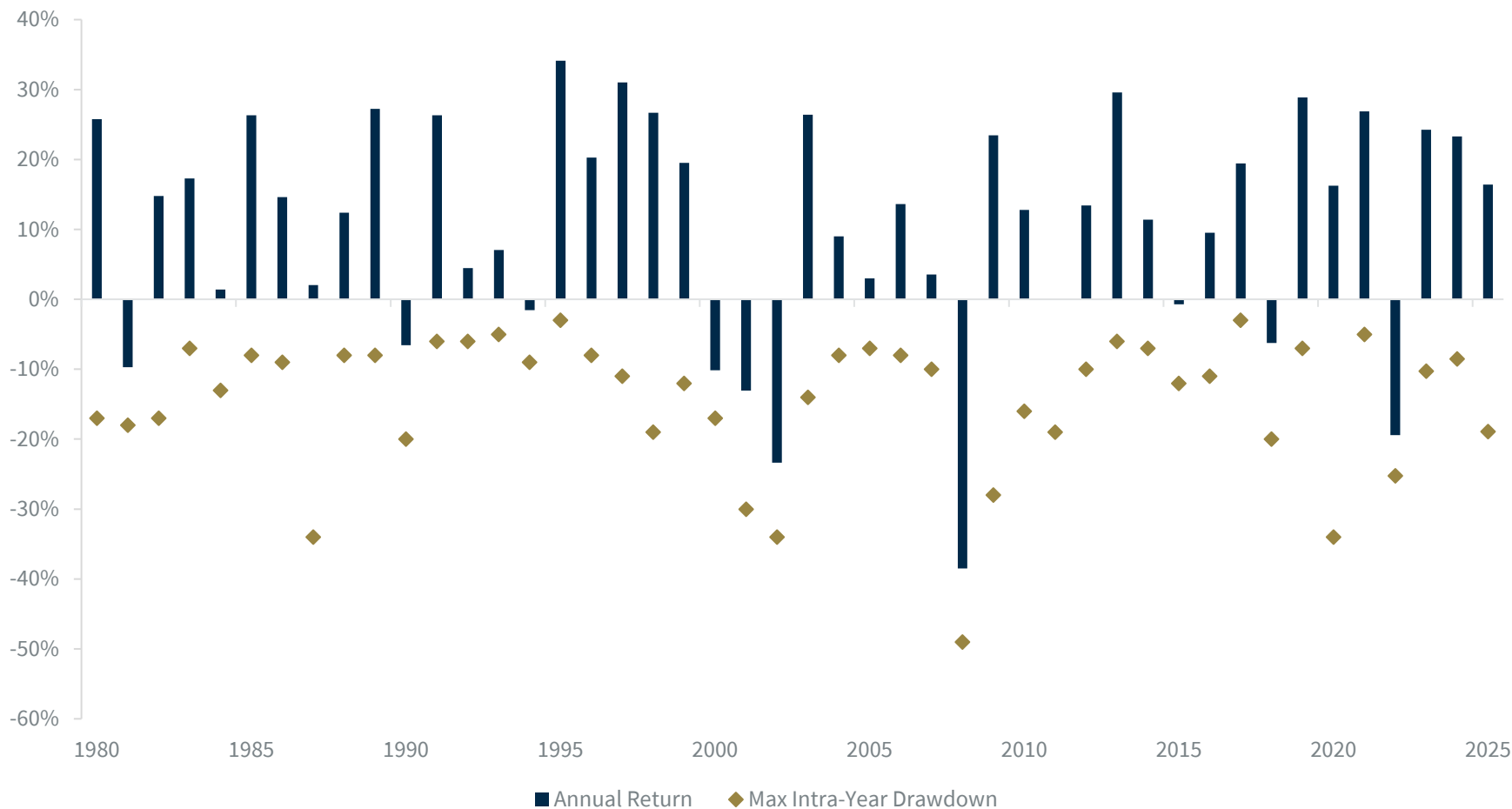
Missing the Best Days



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ASSET ALLOCATION | S&P 500 MAXIMUM INTRA-YEAR DRAWDOWNS & RETURNS

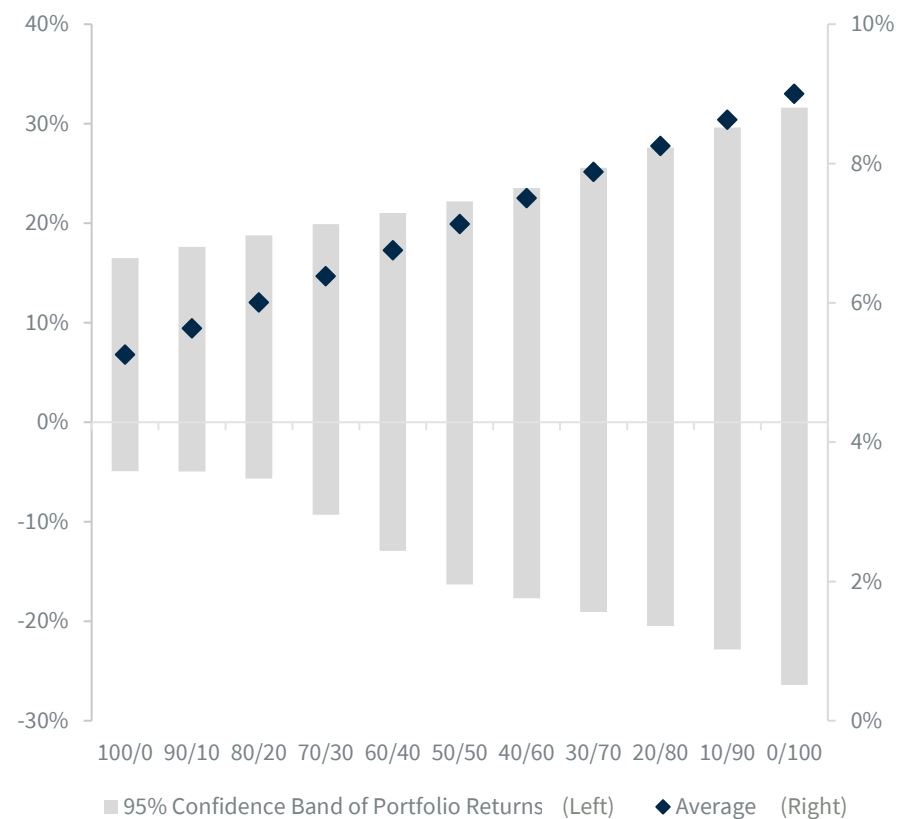
S&P Annual Price Returns & Maximum Intra-Year Drawdowns Over the Years



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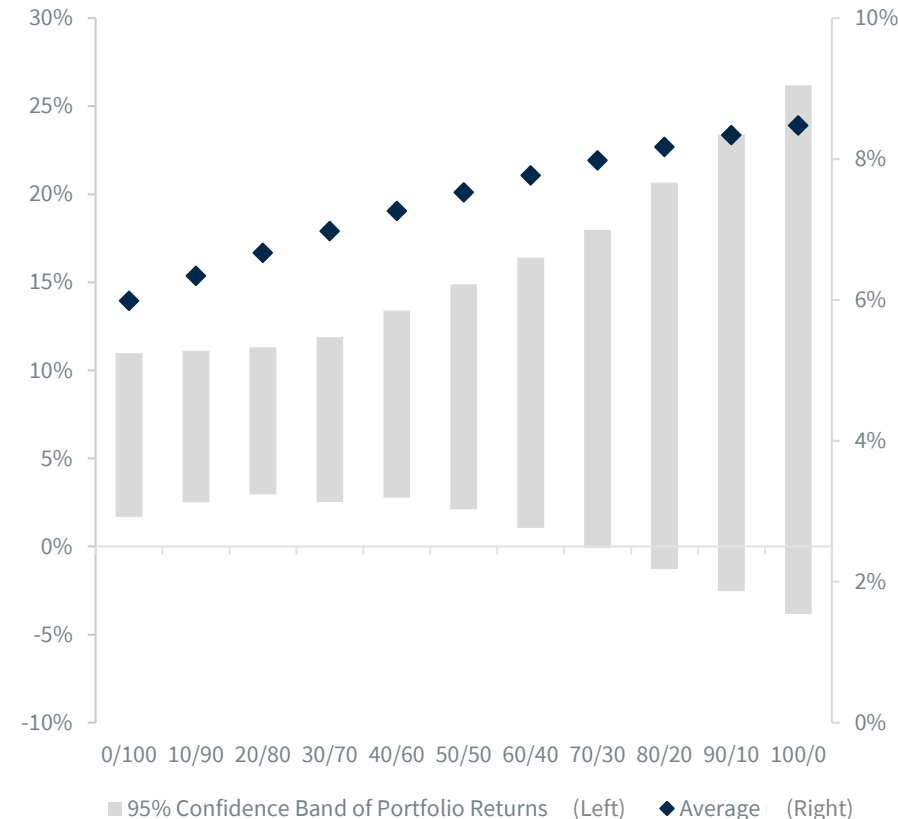
ASSET ALLOCATION | PORTFOLIO BUCKET RETURNS

1-Year Annual Return by Portfolio Bucket



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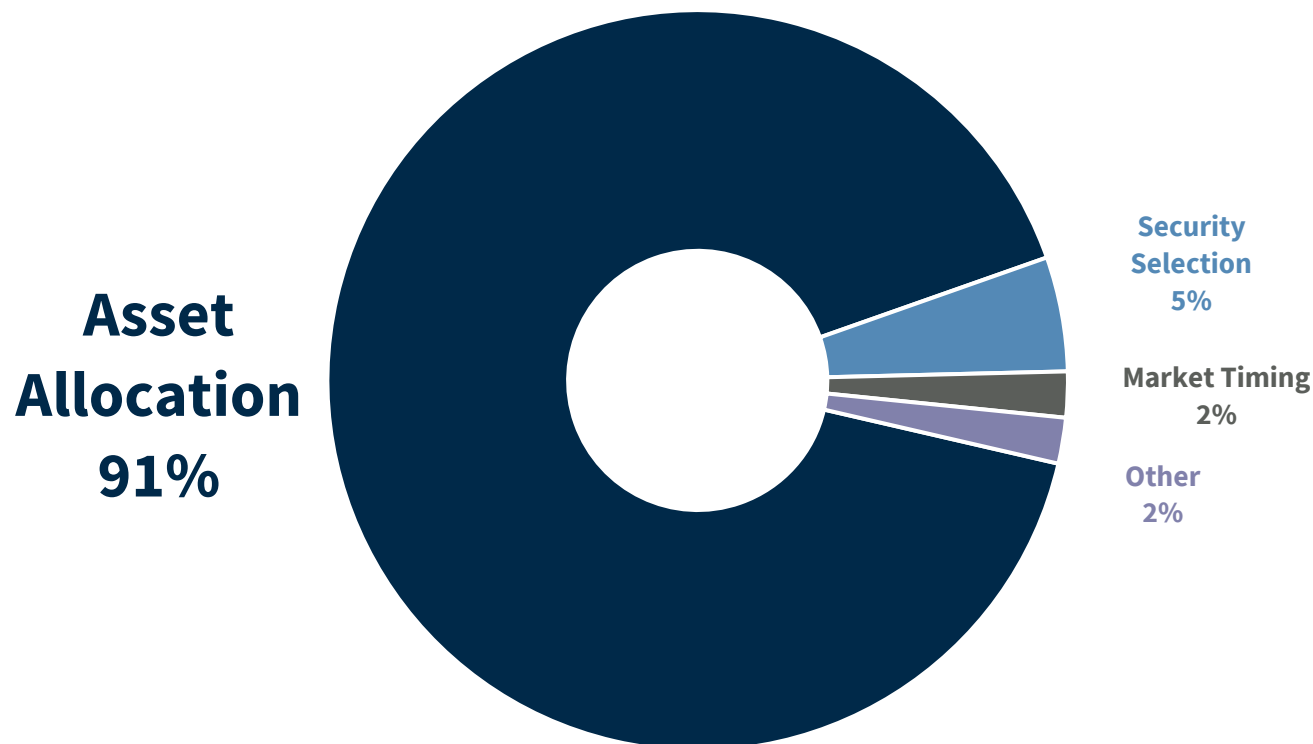
5-Year Annual Return by Portfolio Bucket



Source: FactSet, as of 6/30/2026

ASSET ALLOCATION | DETERMINANTS OF PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

Asset Allocation is Critical to Portfolio Construction



Source: Determinants of Portfolio Performance, Gary P. Brinson, L. Randolph Hood and Gilbert L. Beebower, Financial Analysts Journal, Vol. 42, No. 4 (Jul. - Aug., 1986), pp. 39-44

QUARTERLY TOPICS | IN THE FED WE TRUST?

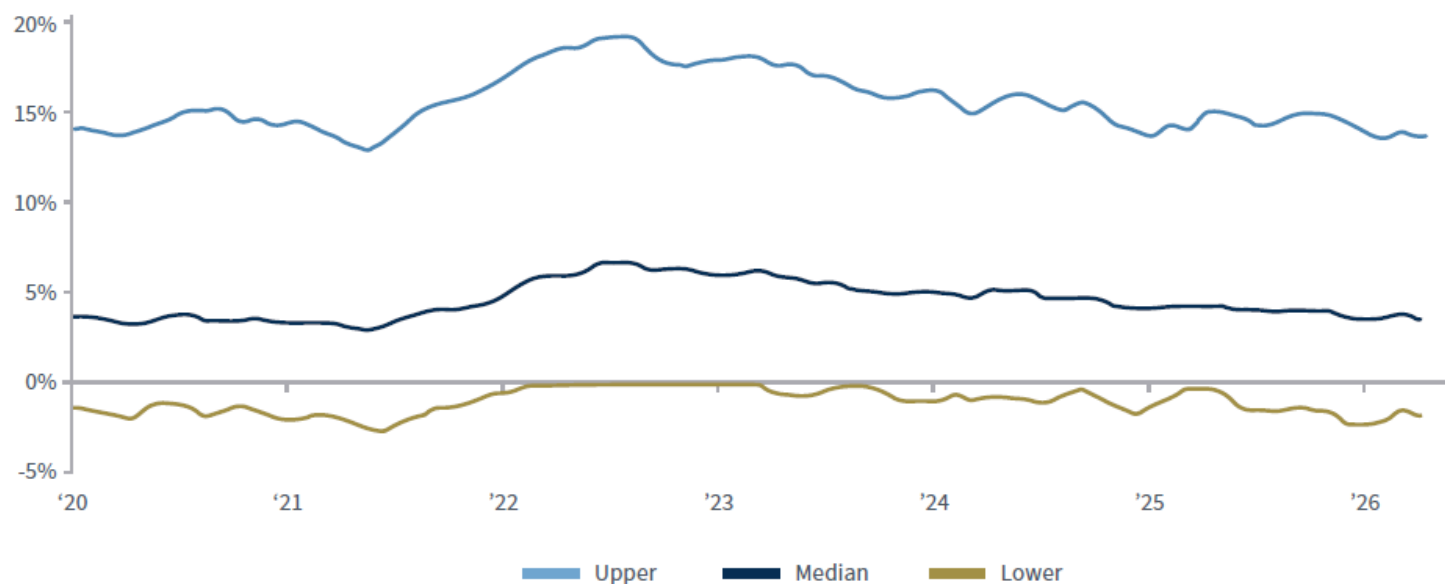
“The two-speed consumer economy remains firmly in place, with higher-income households continuing to drive spending.”

-**Eugenio J. Alemán, Ph.D.**, *Chief Economist*, Raymond James

-**Giampiero Fuentes, CFP®**, *Economist*, Raymond James

Wage Tracker by Household Income

(YoY change, 3-month moving average)



Source: Investment Strategy Quarterly July 2026

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QUARTERLY TOPICS | Q&A: MIDTERM ELECTIONS AND GEOPOLITICAL RISK WILL DRIVE THE MARKET

“Divided government has historically been positive for equities.”

-**Ed Mills**, *Washington Policy Analyst*, Equity Research

As we move through 2026, the political and geopolitical landscapes remain key drivers of policy uncertainty. For the midterm elections, our base case is a Democratic House and Republican Senate, a historically favorable outcome for equities. Meanwhile, the US-China relationship has stabilized modestly, and multiple Trump-Xi meetings are expected this year, creating opportunities for incremental progress, with key questions around export controls and access to advanced technology unresolved. Geopolitical risks remain elevated, particularly amid the ongoing US-Iran tensions. While markets have remained resilient to geopolitical flareups so far, a prolonged conflict or sustained pressure on energy prices could weigh on economic activity and introduce greater market volatility.

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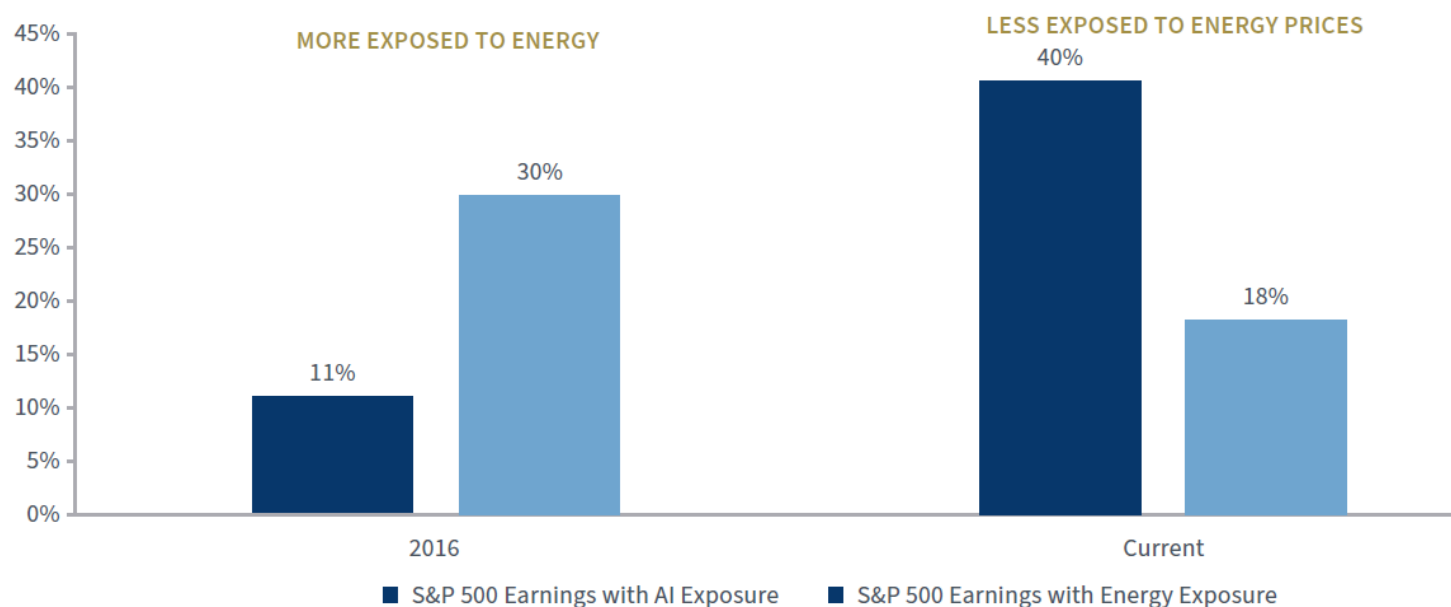
QUARTERLY TOPICS | HOW INDEX EVOLUTION DRIVES EARNINGS STRENGTH

“S&P 500 earnings durability reflects a structural shift toward asset-light, less energy-intensive, and technology-driven businesses rather than uniform strength across sectors.”

-**Matt Barry, CFA**, *Senior Investment Strategist*, Investment Strategy

-**Mike Payne**, *Investment Strategy Analyst*, Investment Strategy

Composition of S&P 500 Earnings Has Evolved Over Time



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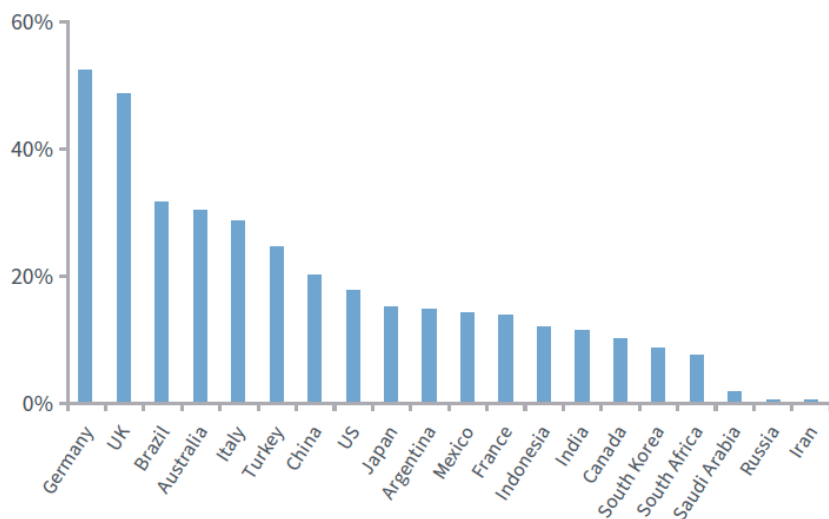
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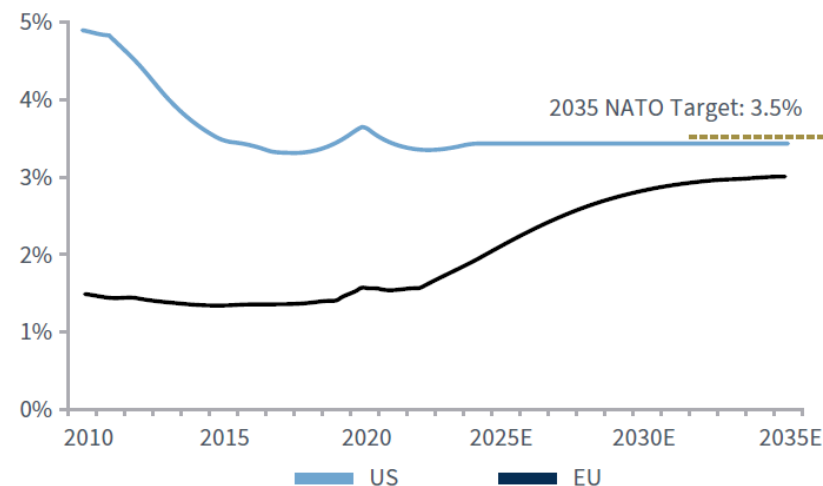
“Energy-vulnerable economies in Asia are likely to follow Europe’s lead in bolstering domestic generation of renewable and nuclear power.”

-**Pavel Molchanov**, *Senior Investment Strategist*, Investment Strategy

Non-Hydro Renewables Share of Electricity Mix, 2025E



Amid Conflicts, Europe Ramps Up Defense Spending



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ASSET CLASS	BENCHMARK
Cash & Cash Alternatives	Bloomberg US Treasury - Bills (1-3 M)
Fixed Income	Bloomberg US Aggregate
US Equities	Russell 3000
World Equities	MSCI World ex USA
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity Index
Real Estate	FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global
Materials	S&P 500 (TR) / Materials - SEC
Industrials	S&P 500 (TR) / Industrials - SEC
Comm Services	S&P 500 (TR) / Communication Services - SEC
Utilities	S&P 500 (TR) / Utilities - SEC
Consumer Discretionary	S&P 500 (TR) / Consumer Discretionary - SEC
Consumer Staples	S&P 500 (TR) / Consumer Staples - SEC
Health Care	S&P 500 (TR) / Health Care - SEC
Information Technology	S&P 500 (TR) / Information Technology - SEC
Energy	S&P 500 (TR) / Energy - SEC
Financials	S&P 500 (TR) / Financials - SEC
Real Estate	S&P 500 (TR) / Real Estate - IG
S&P 500	S&P 500 (TR)
Large Value	S&P 500 Value
Large Blend	S&P 500
Large Growth	S&P 500 Growth
Mid Value	S&P Mid Cap 400 Value
Mid Blend	S&P Mid Cap 400
Mid Growth	S&P Mid Cap 400 Growth
Small Value	S&P Small Cap 600 Value

ASSET CLASS	BENCHMARK
Small Blend	S&P Small Cap 600
Small Growth	S&P Small Cap 600 Growth
US Large Cap	S&P 500
EM Eastern Europe	MSCI EM Eastern Europe
Europe ex UK	MSCI Europe ex UK
Developed Markets	MSCI EAFE
United Kingdom	MSCI United Kingdom
Japan	MSCI Japan
EM Latin America	MSCI EM Latin America
Emerging Markets	MSCI EM (Emerging Markets)
EM Asia	MSCI EM Asia
Pacific ex Japan	MSCI Pacific ex JP
Long-Term Bond	Bloomberg US Aggregate Credit - Long
High Yield	Bloomberg US High Yield - Corporate
Aggregate Bond	Bloomberg US Aggregate
Credit	Bloomberg US Aggregate Credit
Emerging Market Bond	Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate
Treasury	Bloomberg US Aggregate Government - Treasury
Municipal	Bloomberg Municipal Bond
Agency	Bloomberg US Agency CMBS
MBS	Bloomberg MBS 1000
Global Bond ex US	Bloomberg Global G6 (G7 x US)
US TIPS	Bloomberg US TIPS (1-3 Y)
Short-Term Bond	Bloomberg US Treasury Bellwethers (2 Y)
T-Bill	Bloomberg US Treasury - Bills (1-3 M)

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DOMESTIC EQUITY DEFINITION

US EQUITIES | The **Russell 3000 Index**: The index is a capitalization-weighted stock market index that seeks to be a benchmark of the entire U.S. stock market.

LARGE GROWTH | **S&P 500 Growth Total Return Index**: This index represents a segment of the S&P 500 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation.

LARGE VALUE | **S&P 500 Value Total Return Index**: This index represents a segment of the S&P 500 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

SMALL GROWTH | **S&P Small Cap 600 Growth Total Return Index**: This index represents a segment of the S&P 600 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation.

SMALL BLEND | **Russell 2000 Total Return Index**: This index covers 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which ranks the 3000 largest US companies by market capitalization. The Russell 2000 represents approximately 10% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

SMALL VALUE | **S&P Small Cap 600 Value Total Return Index**: This index represents a segment of the S&P 600 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

MID VALUE | **S&P 400 Value Total Return Index**: This index represents a segment of the S&P 400 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

MID GROWTH | **S&P 400 Growth Total Return Index**: This index represents a segment of the S&P 400 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation.

MID BLEND | **S&P Small Cap 400 Total Return Index**: The index measures the investment return of mid-capitalization stocks in the United States.

COMMODITIES | **Bloomberg Commodity Index**: The index is a broadly diversified commodity price index distributed by Bloomberg Index Services Limited. The index tracks prices of futures contracts on physical commodities on the commodity markets and is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector.

REAL ESTATE | **The FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index** is designed to measure the stock performance of companies engaged in specific real estate activities of global real estate markets.

ISM MANUFACTURING | **The ISM Manufacturing Index** indicates the level of demand for products by measuring the amount of ordering activity at the nation's factories.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX | The price of a weighted average market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX | A survey, administered by The Conference Board, that measures how optimistic or pessimistic consumers are regarding their expected financial situation.

S&P/CASE-SHILLER U.S. NATIONAL HOME PRICE INDEX | Measures the change in the value of the U.S. residential housing market by tracking the purchase prices of single-family homes.

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FIXED INCOME DEFINITION

AGGREGATE BOND | **Bloomberg US Agg Bond Total Return Index:** The index is a measure of the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of roughly 6,000 SEC-registered securities with intermediate maturities averaging approximately 10 years. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors.

MUNICIPAL | **Bloomberg Municipal Total Return Index:** The index is a measure of the long-term tax-exempt bond market with securities of investment grade (rated at least Baa by Moody's Investors Service and BBB by Standard and Poor's). This index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and prerefunded bonds.

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY DEFINITION

EMERGING MARKETS EASTERN EUROPE | **MSCI EM Eastern Europe Net Return Index:** The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across four Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Eastern Europe. With 50 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS CAPITAL AGGREGATE BOND TOTAL RETURN INDEX | This index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with 22 components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. The index is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector. It currently has 22 commodity futures in seven sectors. No one commodity can compose less than 2% or more than 15% of the index, and no sector can represent more than 33% of the index (as of the annual weightings of the components).

EMERGING MARKETS ASIA | **MSCI EM Asia Net Return Index:** The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across eight Emerging Markets countries. With 554 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS LATIN AMERICA | **MSCI EM Latin America Net Return Index:** The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across five Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Latin America. With 116 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS | **MSCI Emerging Markets Net Return Index:** This index consists of 23 countries representing 10% of world market capitalization. The index is available for a number of regions, market segments/sizes and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each of the 23 countries.

PACIFIC EX-JAPAN | **MSCI Pacific Ex Japan Net Return Index:** The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across four of 5 Developed Markets (DM) countries in the Pacific region (excluding Japan). With 150 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

JAPAN | **MSCI Japan Net Return Index:** The index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. With 319 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan.

FOREIGN DEVELOPED MARKETS | **MSCI EAFE Net Return Index:** This index is designed to represent the performance of large and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets, including countries in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The index is available for a number of regions, market segments/sizes and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each of the 21 countries.

EUROPE EX UK | **MSCI Europe Ex UK Net Return Index:** The index captures large and mid cap representation across 14 Developed Markets (DM) countries in Europe. With 337 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization across European Developed Markets excluding the UK.

MSCI EAFE | The **MSCI EAFE** (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the United States & Canada. The EAFE consists of the country indices of 22 developed nations.

WORLD EQUITIES | The MSCI World ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries*-- excluding the United States. With 1,003 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

PCE PRICE INDEX | A measure of the prices that people living in the United States, or those buying on their behalf, pay for goods and services. The PCE price index is known for capturing inflation (or deflation) across a wide range of consumer expenses and reflecting changes in consumer behavior

COMMODITY DEFINITIONS

US DOLLAR INDEX | The US dollar index (USDX) is a measure of the value of the US dollar relative to the value of a basket of currencies of the majority of the US's most significant trading partners. This index is similar to other trade-weighted indexes, which also use the exchange rates from the same major currencies.

DATA SOURCE: FactSet

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