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Summary (1/2)

Big question for investors: by how much do you expect equities to outperform government bonds over the long-run? (slides 6-15)

- Over 155 years of history, they have outperformed by 4.8% a year in the US
 - But starting point matters: outcomes on a 10-year horizon vary substantially from 4.8%
- Relative valuations matter: equities outperform bonds by more when their “earnings yield” is high vs bond yields
 - “Yield gap” is low right now, a negative signal about equities’ relative prospects over the medium to long term
- But there are 10yr periods when this metric is low yet equities still did well. What was behind these “surprises”?
 - usually strong real EPS growth, valuations often declined
- Current consensus US EPS forecasts are high in nominal and real terms; long-term growth forecast is higher even than in the Dotcom era:
 - 32% 2026, 16% 2027, 16% 2028, 25% long-term (2029-30)
- If allow for these, expected outperformance of US equities over bonds has been on an increasing trend, even as bond yields have risen
 - Realised and forecast earnings still have positive momentum and the equity-bull story can remain intact so long as this continues

Summary (2/2)

- 2026 performance recap (slide 20):
 - Value > growth
 - EM, Japan > US
 - In the US: small cap > large cap, Magnificent-7 underperforming
- Confounding popular narratives, UK and European value stocks have outperformed the S&P 500 over 1, 3, 5 years (slide 21)
- Despite mega cap cheapening, aggregate valuations remain high in most markets, across most valuation metrics (slides 18-19).
 - EM stands out as cheap on a forward P/E basis. This hinges on whether sky-high consensus earnings growth forecasts materialise (slide 16)



Global equities

Charts of the month

A big question: by how much do you expect equities to outperform government bonds over the long-run?

Return 1871-2026, p.a.

	US equities	US long-term government bonds	Difference
Return	9.4%	4.6%	4.8%

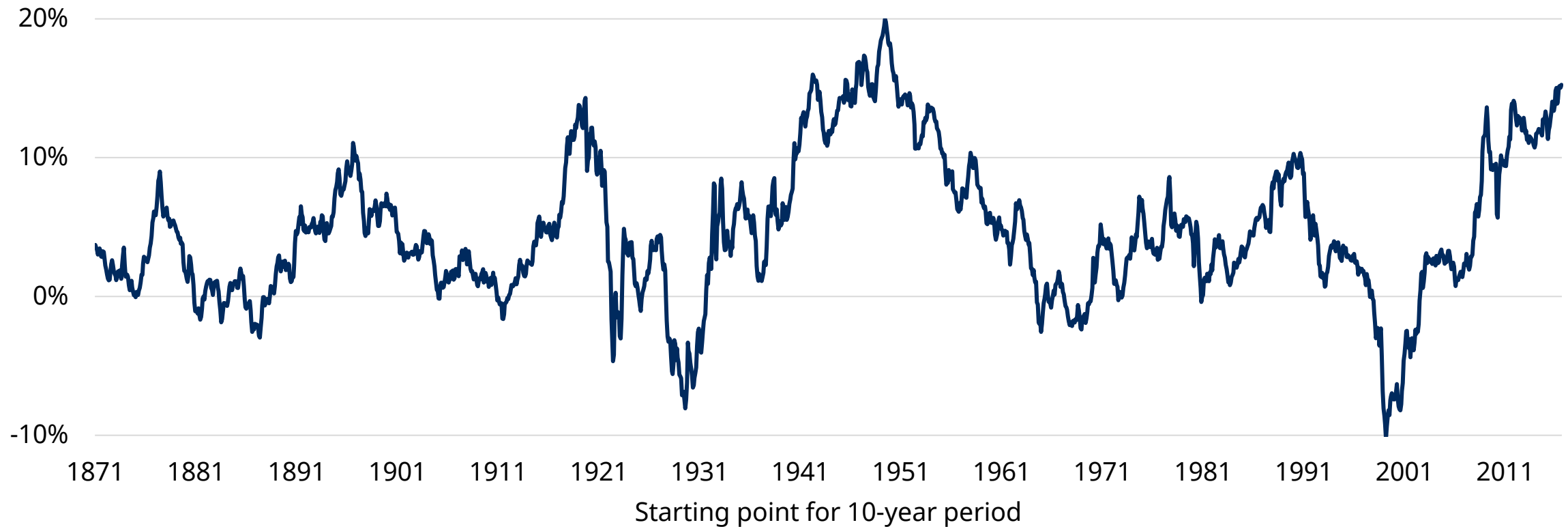
155 years of history suggests 4.8% a year is a reasonable assumption

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Inflation has been 2.1%, making the long-term historical real return on US equities around 7.3%, bonds around 2.5%. Data January 1871-August 2026. Source: Robert Shiller, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

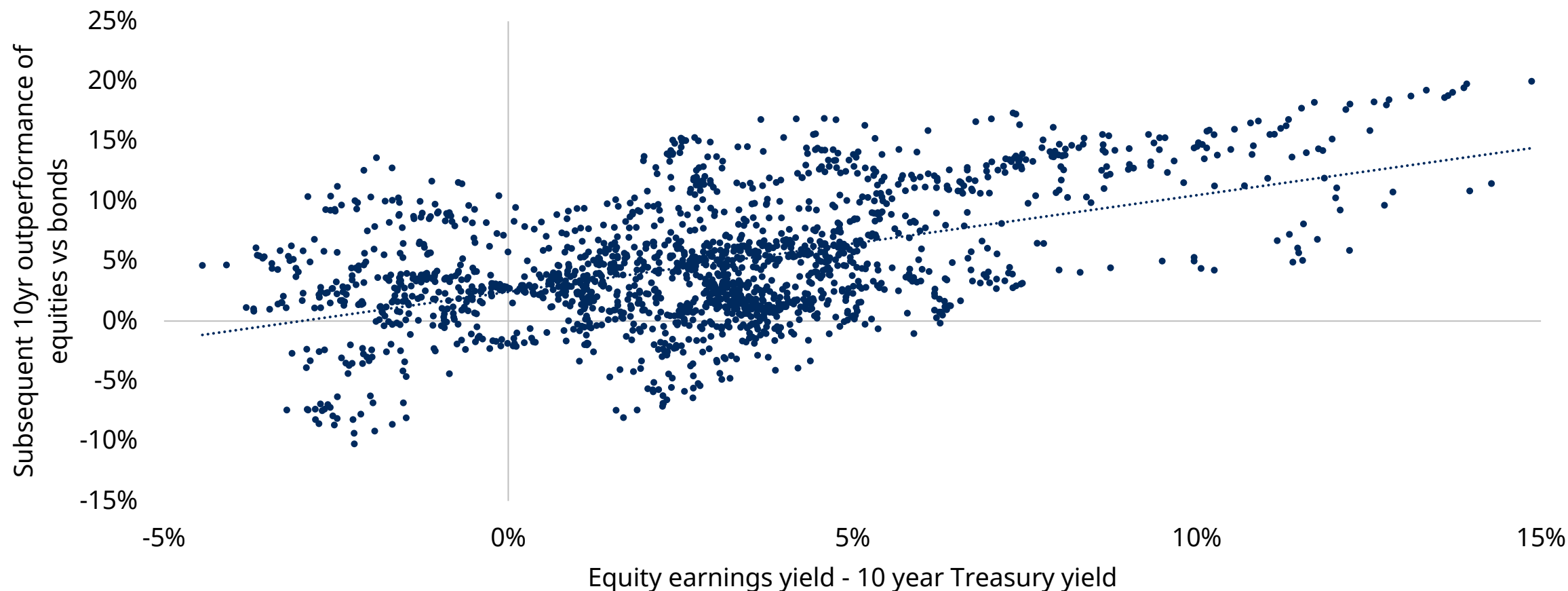
Starting point matters: outcomes on a 10-year horizon vary substantially from 4.8%

Rolling 10-year return difference: US equities – US government bonds % p.a.



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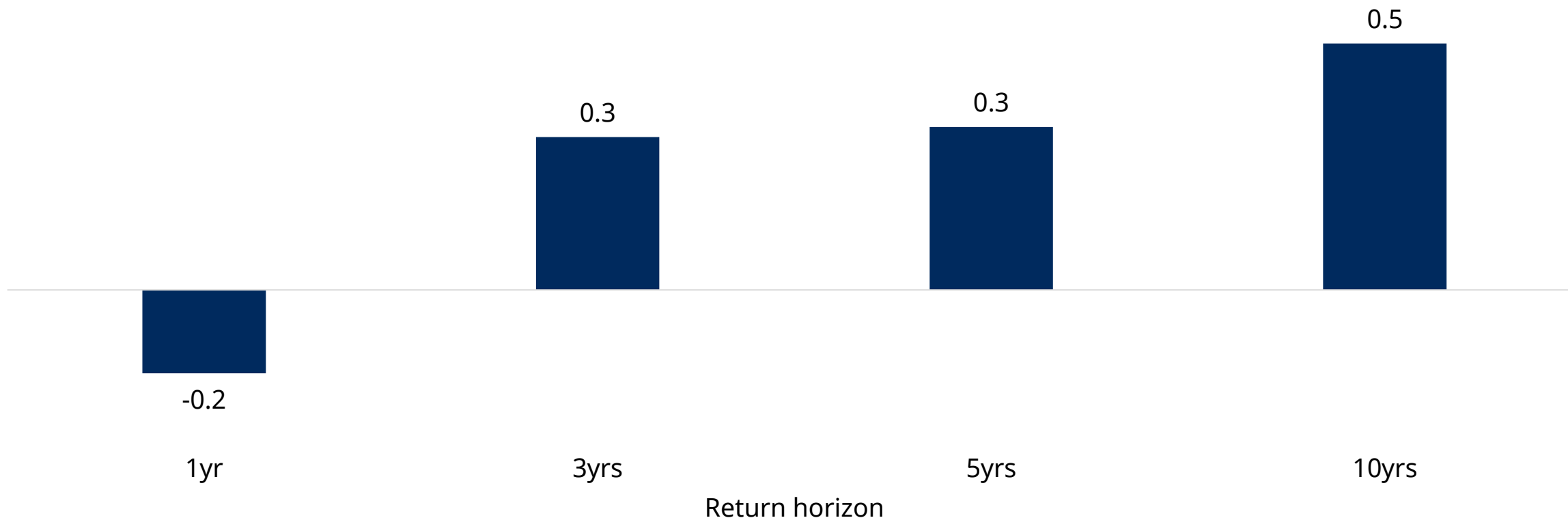


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Earnings yield = earnings divided by price, the inverse of the price/earnings multiple. Based on monthly data on US equities (S&P 500) and US 10-year Treasuries, January 1871-August 2026. Source: Robert Shiller, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

This “yield gap” is useful for long-term strategic thinking, but useless in the short-term

Correlation between yield-gap and subsequent equity performance vs bonds over different horizons

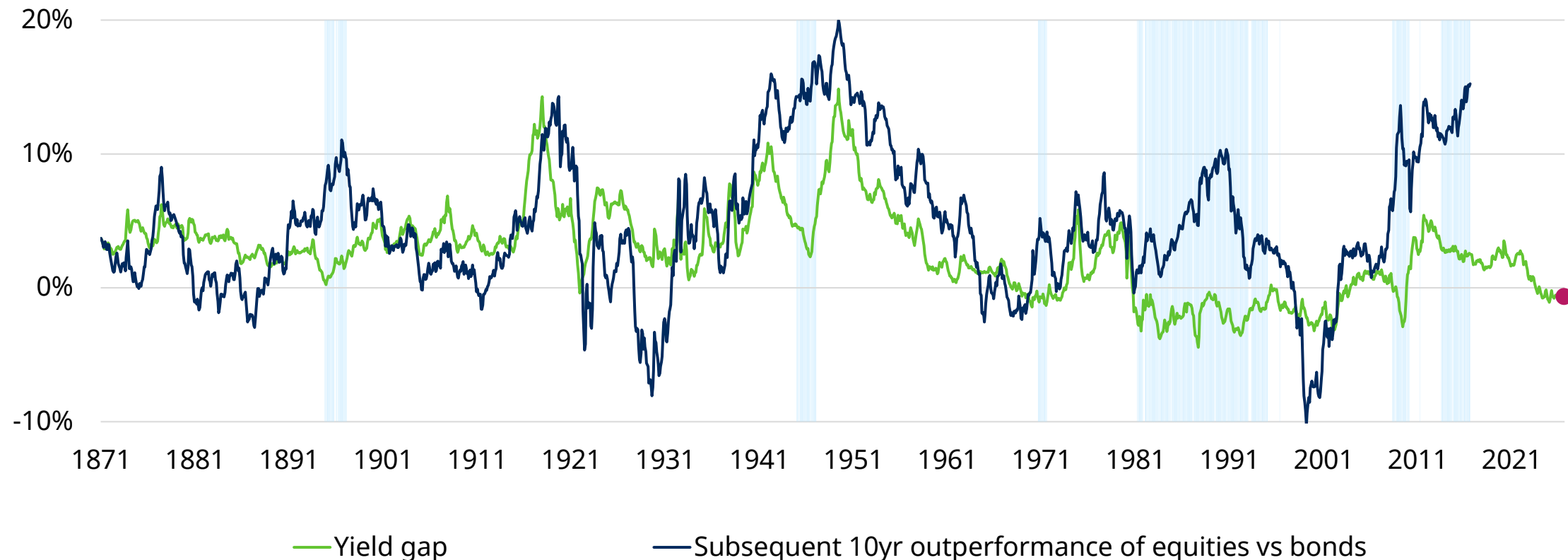


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Yield gap is currently depressed but this hasn't always preceded poor long-term equity performance vs bonds

Shaded areas = notable times when outperformance was strong relative to the yield-gap

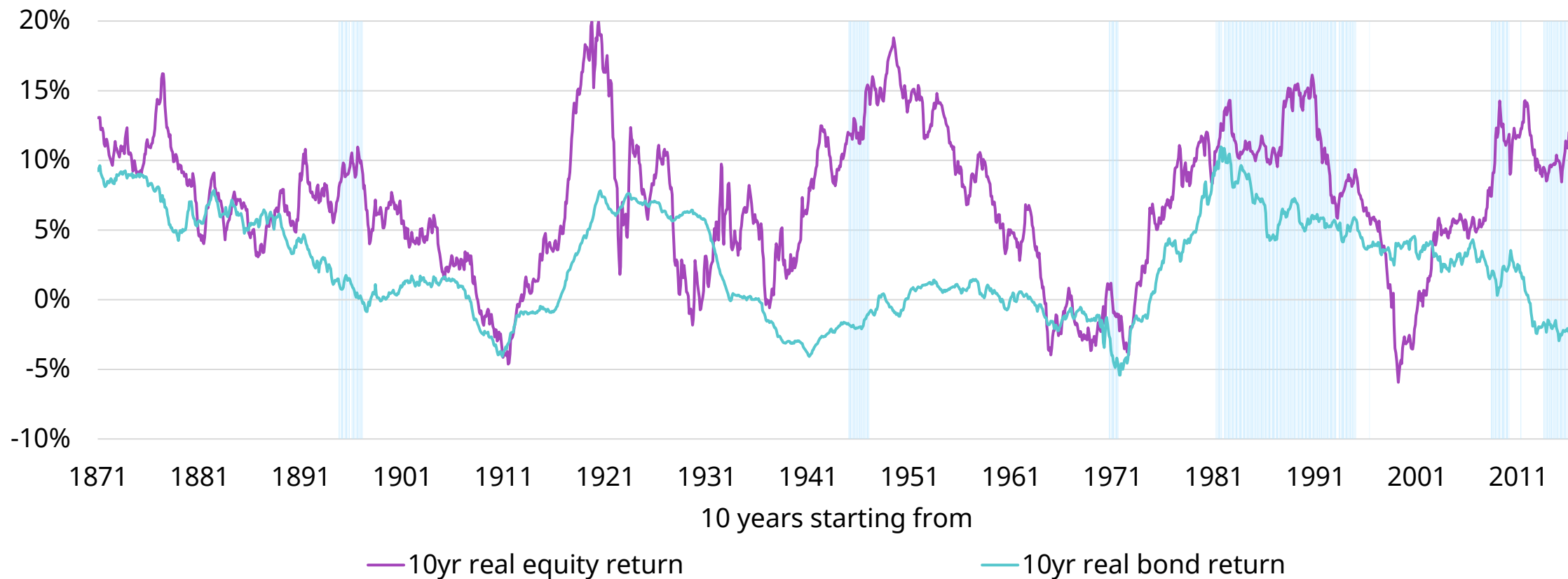


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Shaded areas highlight some notable times when a low yield-gap preceded strong outperformance from equities. Based on monthly data on US equities (S&P 500) and US 10-year Treasuries, January 1871-August 2026. Source: Robert Shiller, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Positive “surprises” usually driven by real equity returns of around 10% or more: could this repeat?

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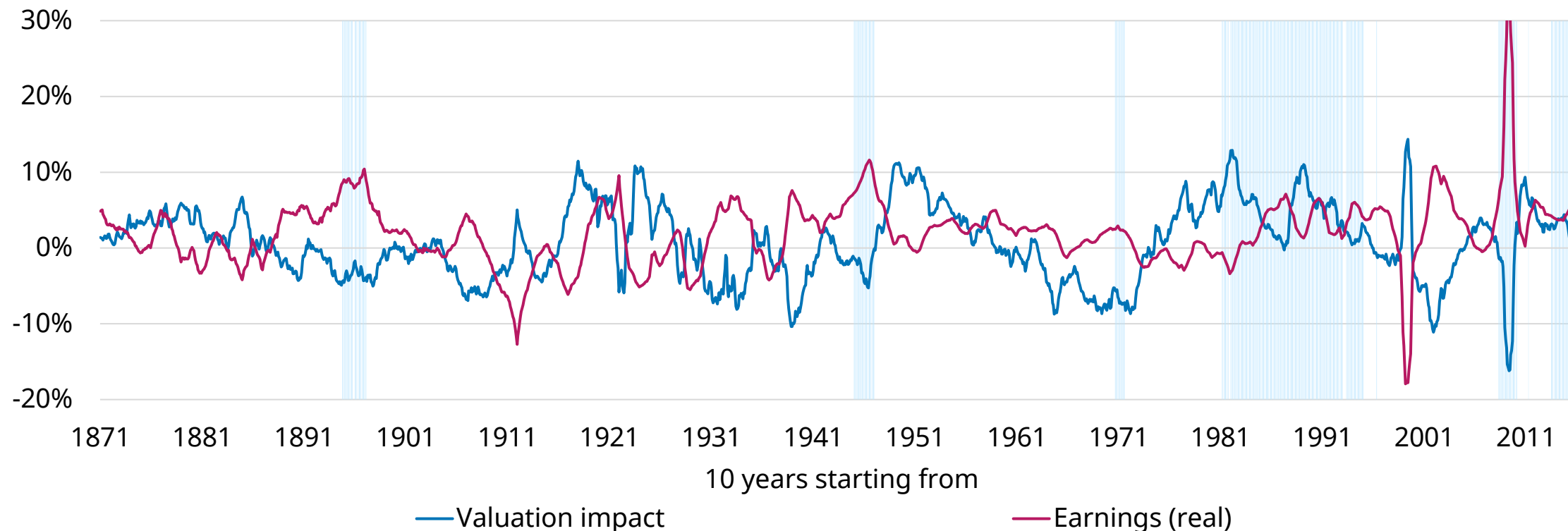
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Strong real EPS growth has usually been the engine of these equity returns, with valuations often falling: could that repeat?

Decomposition of major drivers of 10yr real equity return decomposition

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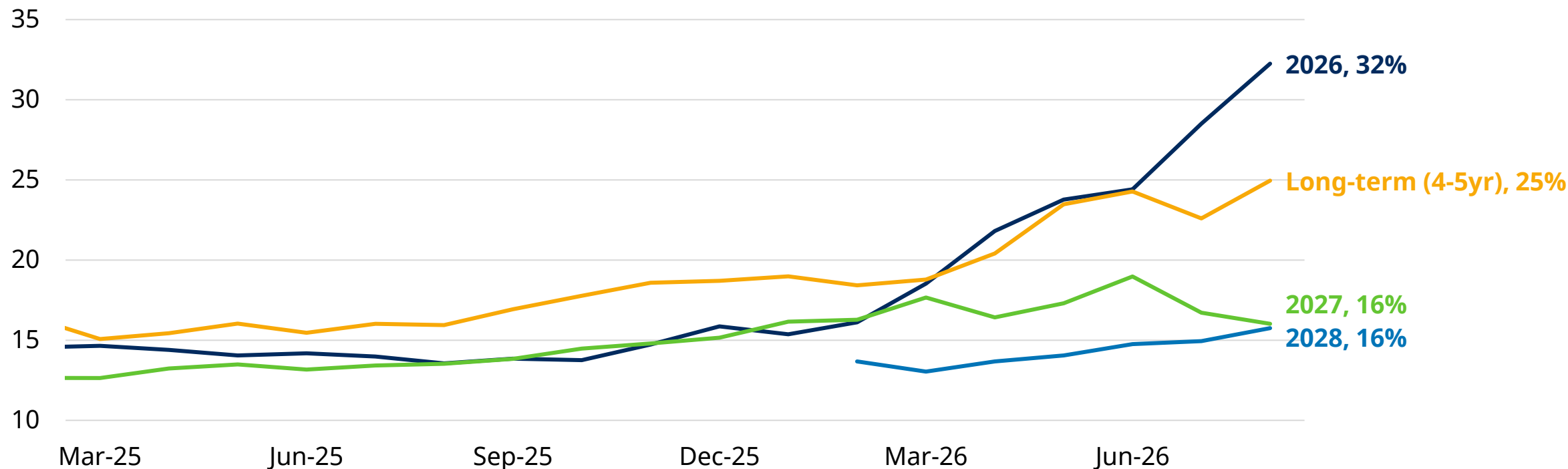


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The consensus thinks so: consensus forecasts for near- and longer-term US EPS growth have been soaring

Consensus US EPS growth forecasts, %

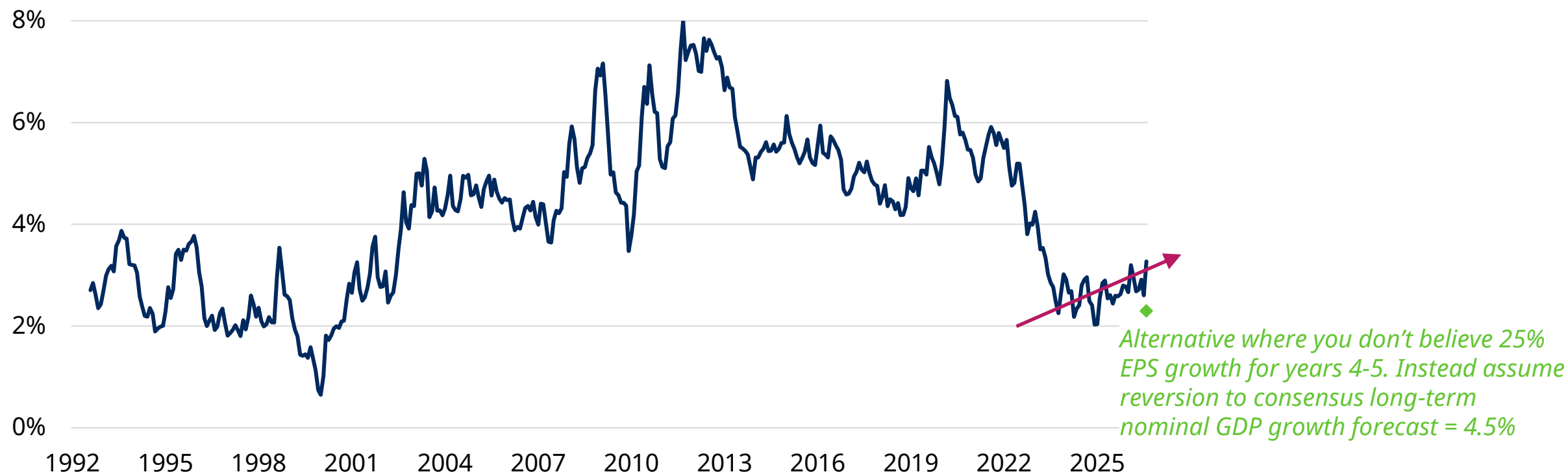


These nominal forecasts are consistent with tremendously strong real EPS growth (consensus expectations are for inflation to be 2.6% over 2026-2030)

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Consensus forecasts relate to MSCI USA index. Source: I/B/E/S, LSEG Datastream, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Incorporating these growth upgrades, US equities have been improving in appeal vs bonds, even as bond yields have risen

Equity return that is priced-in = discount rate that sets future projected cashflows equal to current price



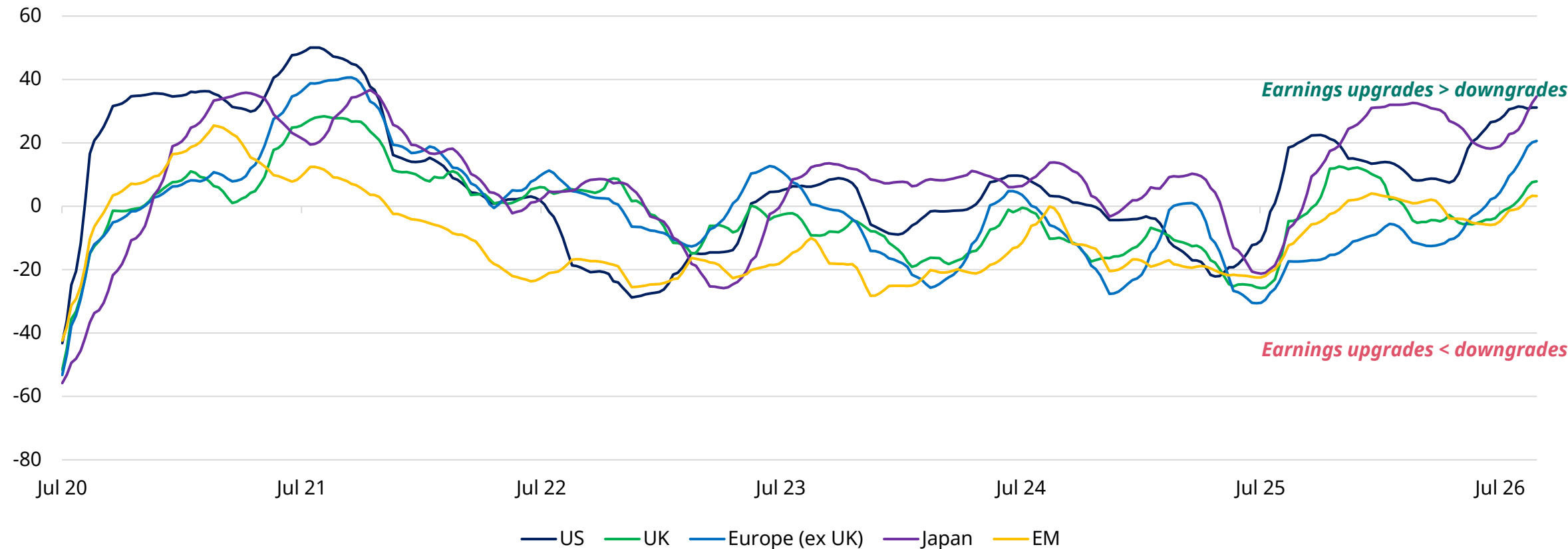
The case for equities vs bonds is stronger than valuations suggest - so long as earnings deliver

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Bond = 10-year Treasury yield, equity market = MSCI USA index. Equity return = discount rate which sets the market price equal to the sum of discounted future cashflows. Cashflow projections are based on consensus expectations for EPS for up to five years and GDP growth, and inflation thereafter. Data March 1992-August 2026. Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Survey of Professional Forecasters, LSEG Datastream, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Earnings revisions have positive momentum

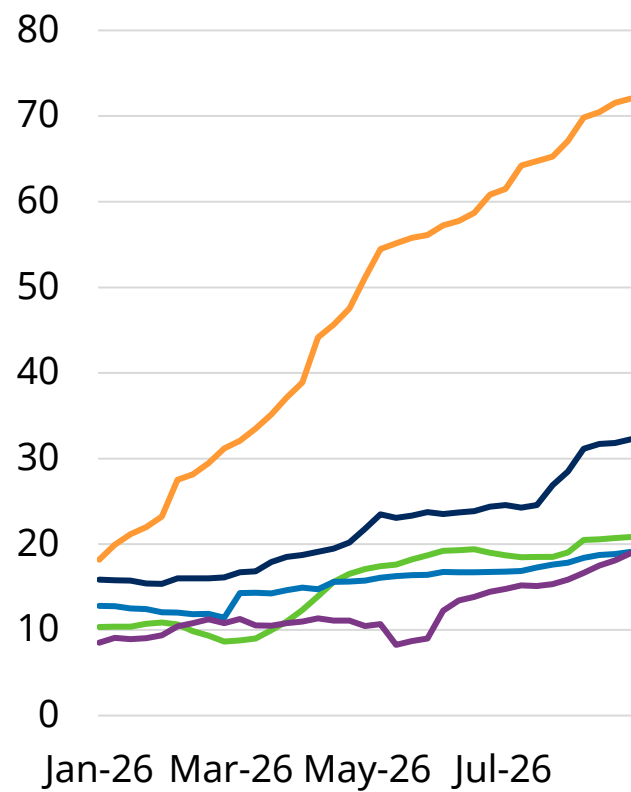
13-week earnings revisions ratio , (upgrades – downgrades) / total revisions



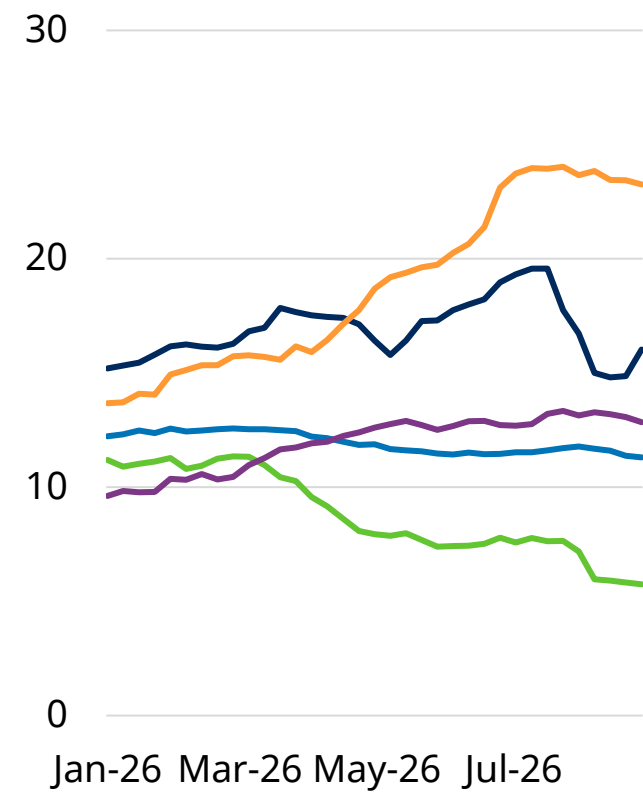
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Source: LSEG Datastream and Schroders. Data to 31 August 2026. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62
Notes; 13w earnings revisions = sum of 13 week positive minus negative 12m forward EPS revisions / total revisions.

Earnings expectations are high, EM exceptionally so

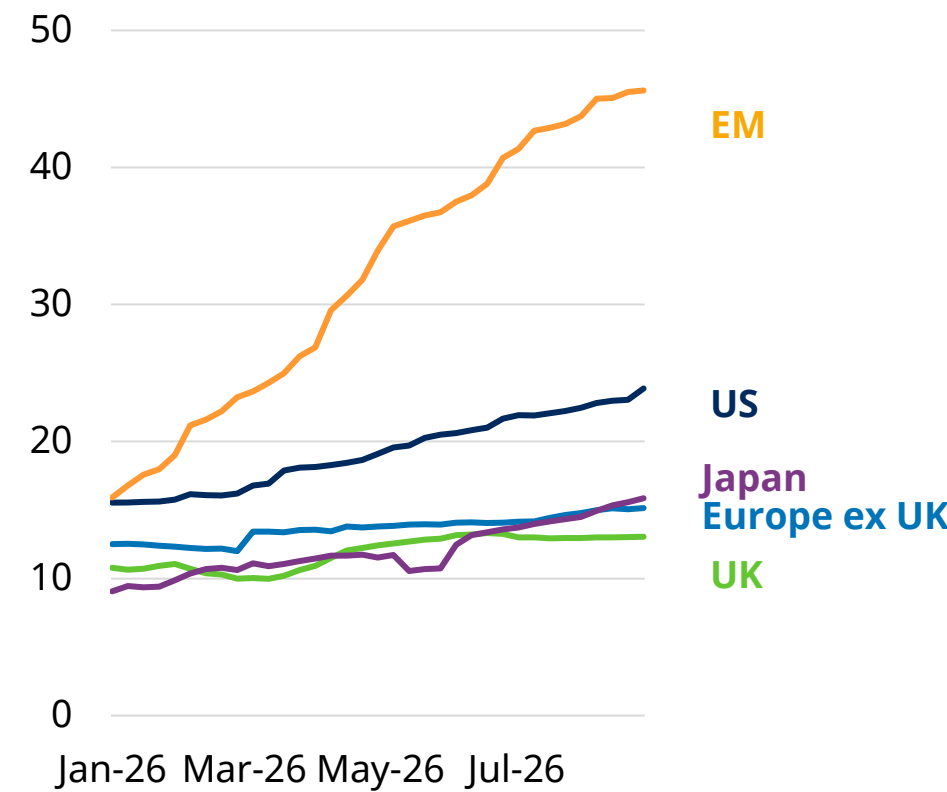
Consensus: 2026 EPS growth %



2027 EPS growth



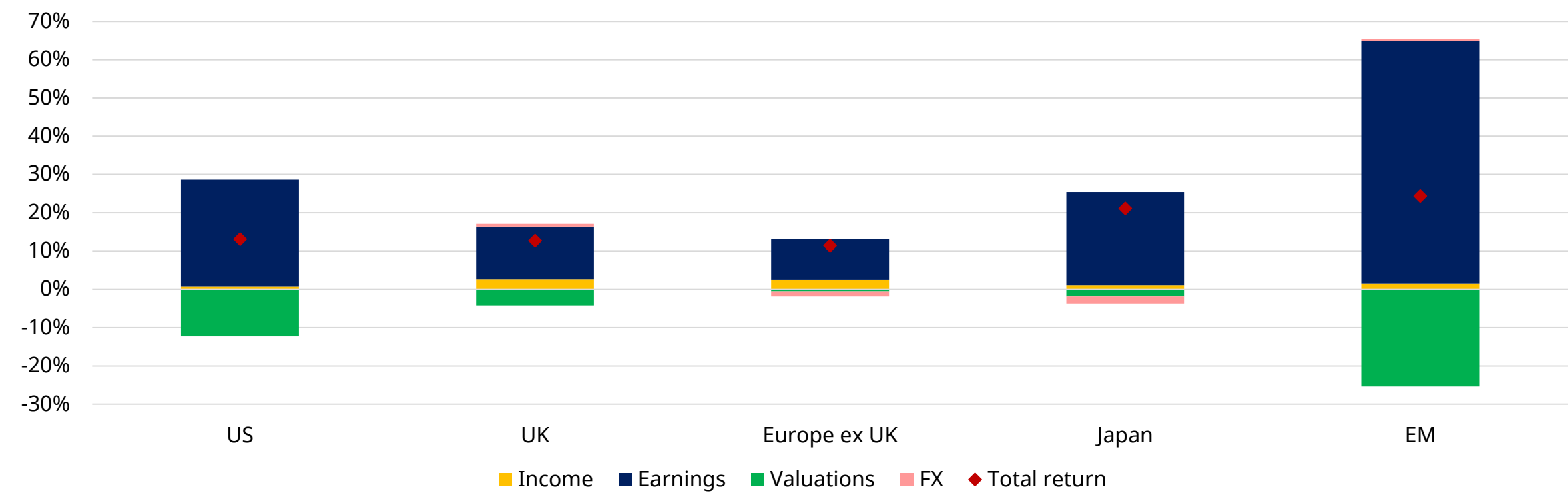
2026-27 combined EPS growth p.a.



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Source: LSEG Datastream and Schroders. Data as of 27 August 2026. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62
Charts show consensus expectations. Notes: Japan EPS is 4 quarter sum until 31 August of next calendar year, e.g. 2026 = 31/03/2026 – 31/03/2027.

Equity gains are being driven by earnings – most markets are cheaper in valuations than at the start of the year

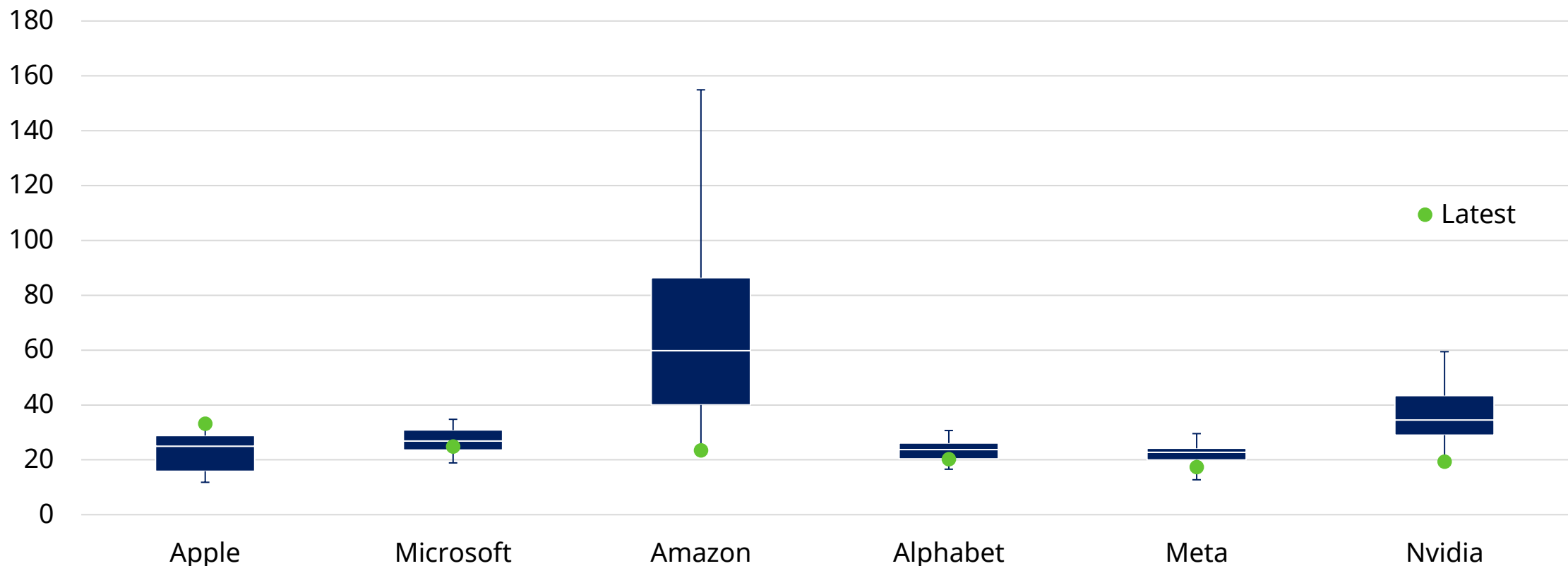
Decomposition of drivers of 2026 YTD returns to 31 August, USD terms



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Valuations for many of the big tech companies are cheap compared with the last decade

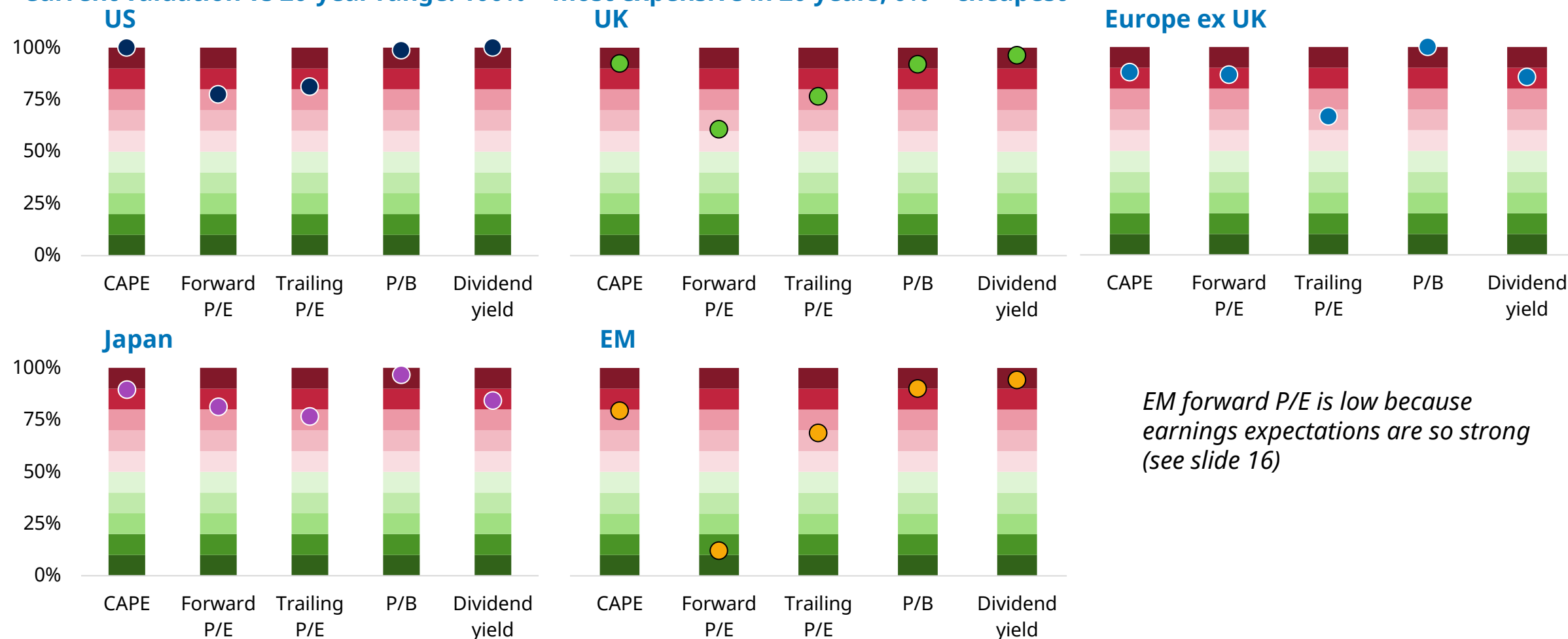
Current forward price/earnings multiple compared with distribution over the past decade



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The securities shown above are for illustrative purposes only and are not to be considered a recommendation to buy/sell. Blue bars show the interquartile range. 50% of data points lie within this range with 25% higher and 25% lower. The white lines across the blue bars highlight the median. Source: LSEG Datastream, Schroders. Based on month-end data 31 August 2016-31 August 2026. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

At the aggregate level and across the last 20yrs, most valuation measures in most markets are still elevated

Current valuation vs 20-year range: 100% = most expensive in 20 years, 0% = cheapest



EM forward P/E is low because earnings expectations are so strong (see slide 16)

2026 recap:

Value > growth

EM, Japan > US

US: small cap > large cap, Magnificent-7 underperforming

Total \$ return, YTD to 31 August 2026, %

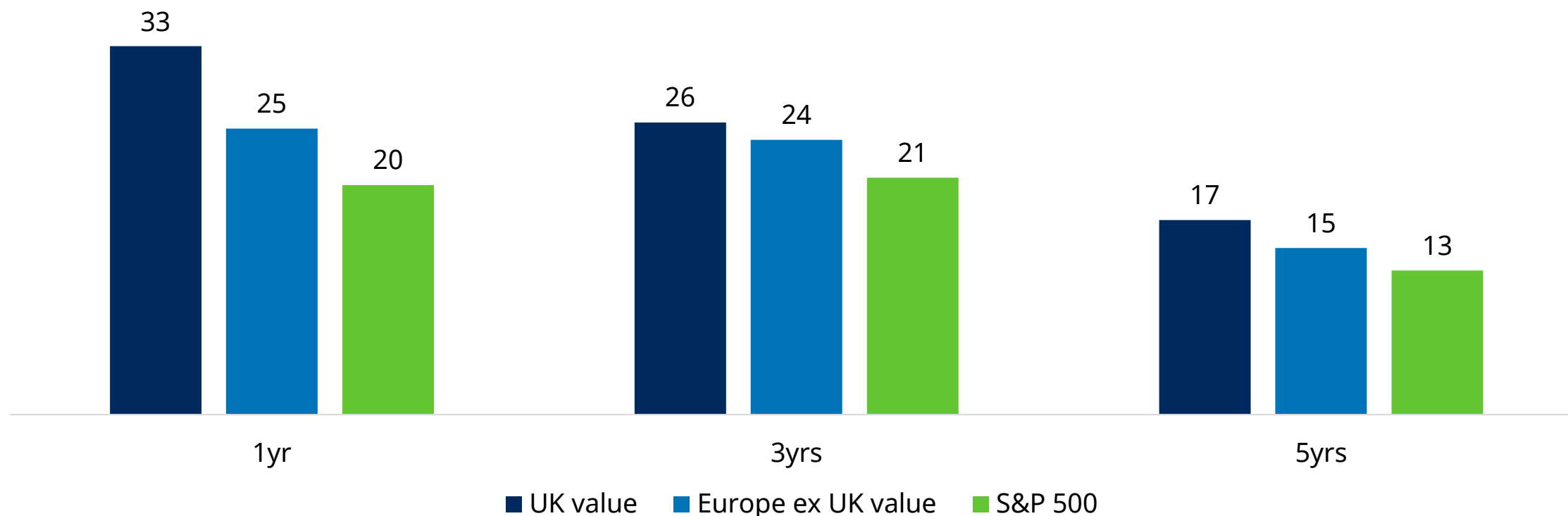
	US	UK	Europe ex UK	Japan	EM
Large caps	13	13	11	21	24
Equal-weighted	14	12	12	19	11
Small caps	19	13	10	22	16
Growth	9	5	9	19	22
Value	17	19	14	23	27
Mag-7	9				
Large caps ex Mag-7	15				

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All indices are MSCI indices. Mag-7 = Nvidia, Apple, Alphabet, Microsoft, Amazon, Meta Platforms, Tesla. Source: LSEG Datastream, MSCI and Schroders. Data to 31 August 2026 in US dollars. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

UK and European value stocks have outperformed the S&P 500 over 1, 3, 5 years

Total returns, % p.a. in USD terms



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As of 31 August 2026, for MSCI UK Value, MSCI Europe ex UK Value, MSCI USA Source: LSEG Datastream, MSCI, S&P, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

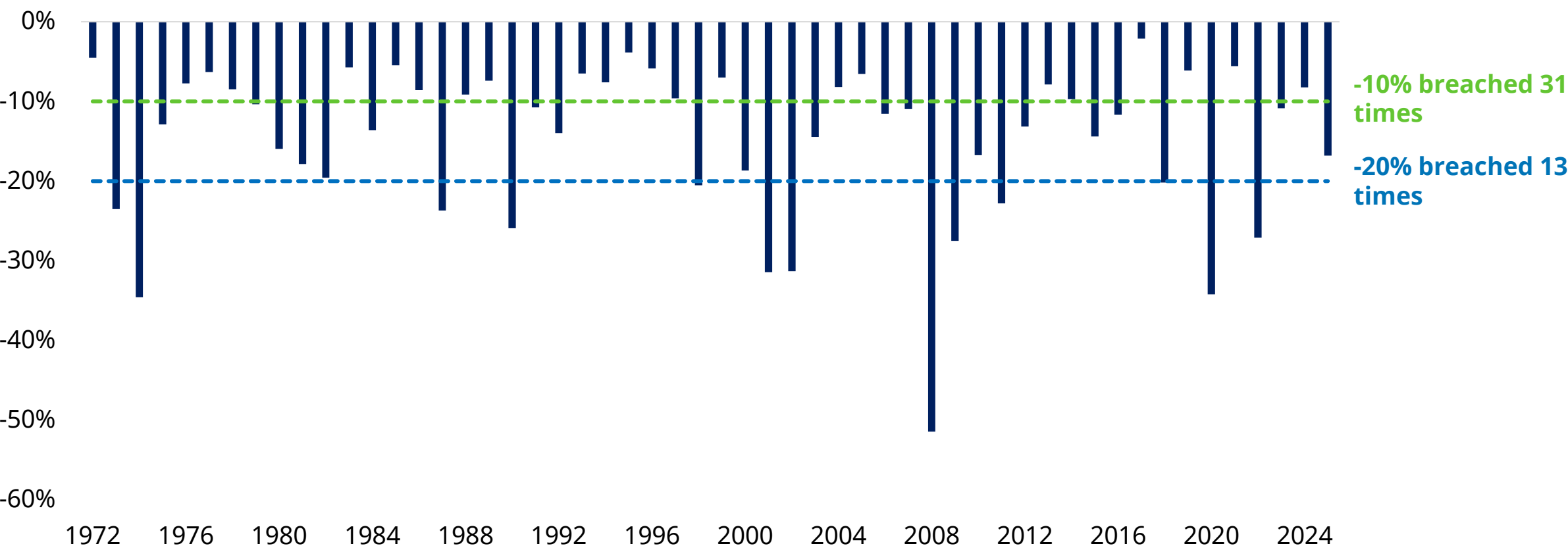


Global equities

A reminder of long-term stock market experience

Market declines are likely, not unusual: 10%+ falls happen in more years than not, 20% falls once every four years

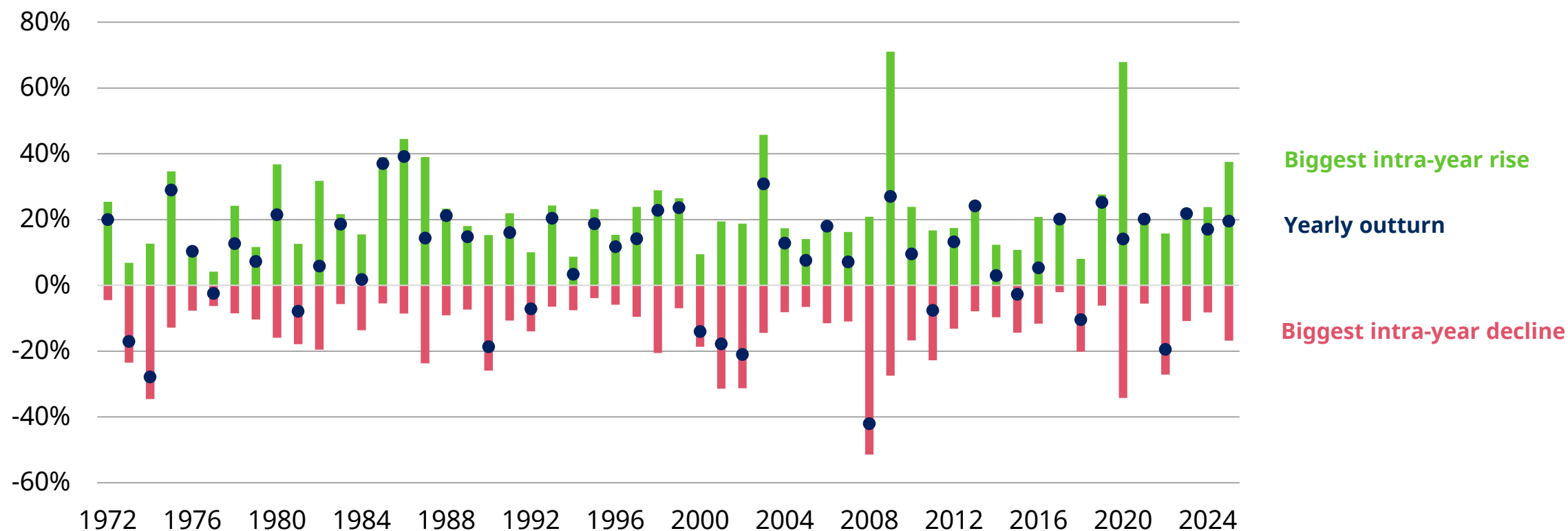
Biggest stock market falls in each of the past 54 calendar years, MSCI World (USD)



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Source: LSEG DataStream, MSCI, and Schroders. Data to 31 December 2025 for MSCI World price index in USD terms. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

On average each year, at some point the market falls by 15% and rises by 23%

Biggest gains and falls in the global stock market in each of the past 54 calendar years, MSCI World (USD)

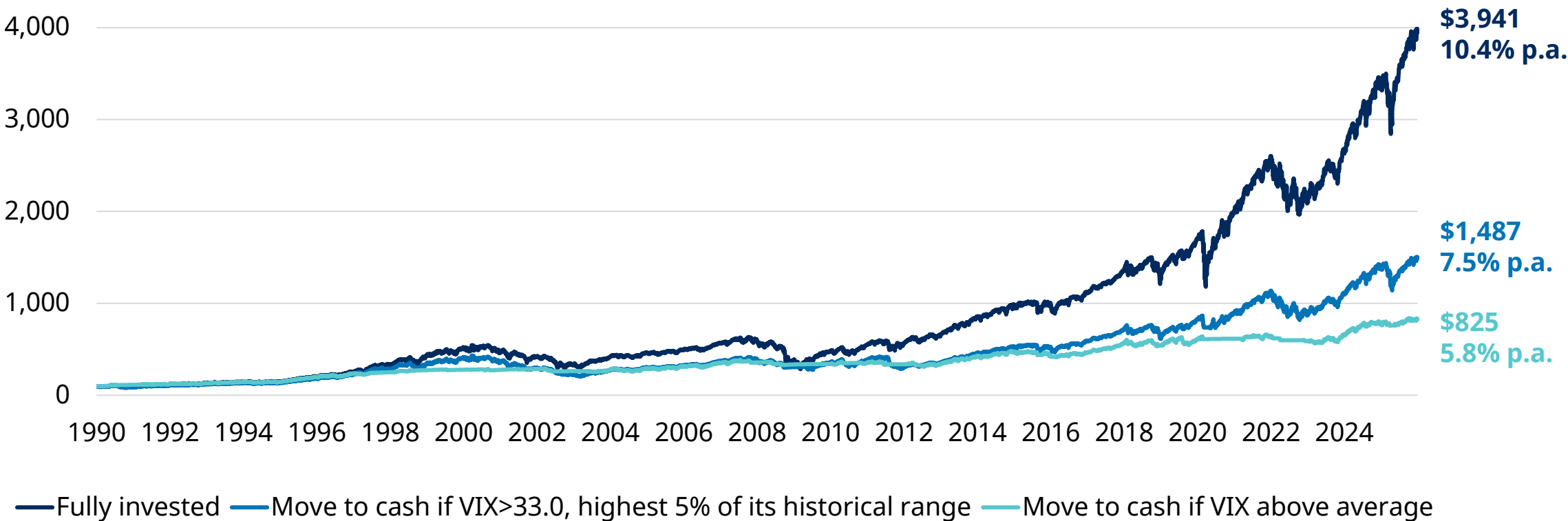


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Data 1972-2025 for MSCI World price index in USD terms. Bars shows the biggest peak-to-trough fall and trough-to-peak rise in the price index in each calendar year. Source: LSEG Datastream, MSCI, and Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Selling when volatility rises has been damaging to your wealth

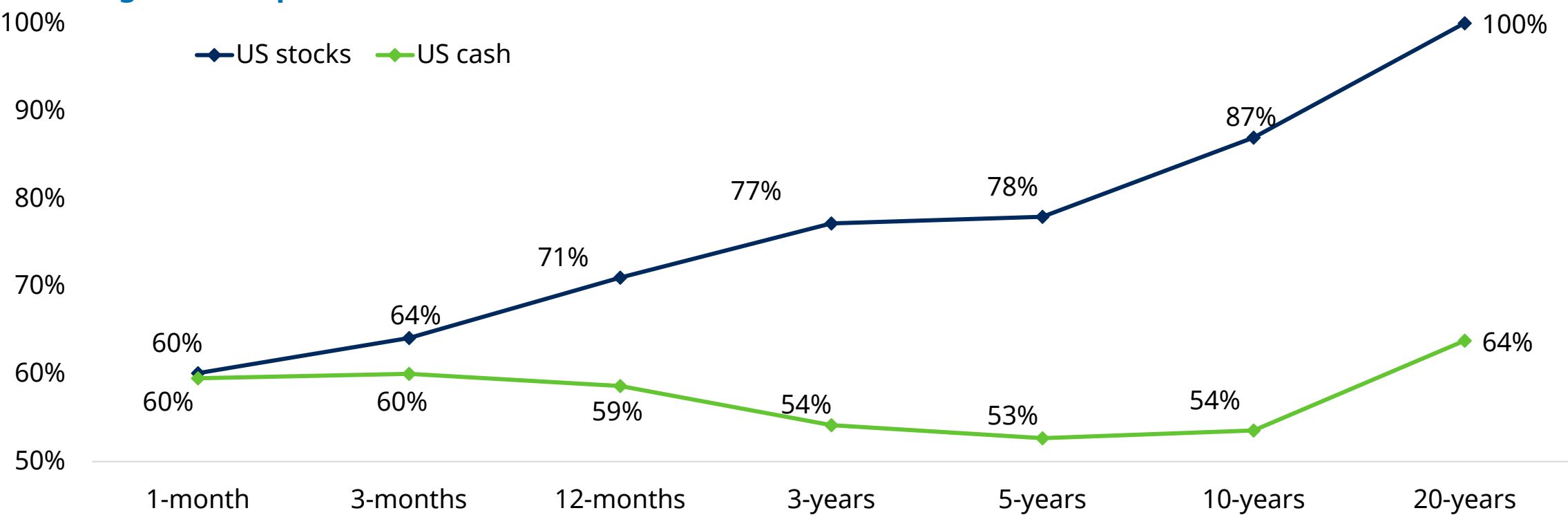
Growth of \$100 fully invested in stocks vs switch to cash when the market's fear gauge, the VIX, is high



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Note: Levels in excess of 33.0 represent the top 5 of experience for the VIX. Portfolio is rebalanced on a daily basis depending on the level of the VIX at the previous close. Equity index is S&P 500, cash is 30-day cash. Data to 31 December 2025. Figures do not take account of any costs, including transaction costs. Source: CBOE, LSEG Datastream, Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Although the ride is bumpy, equities have been less risky than cash when it comes to delivering long-term inflation-beating returns

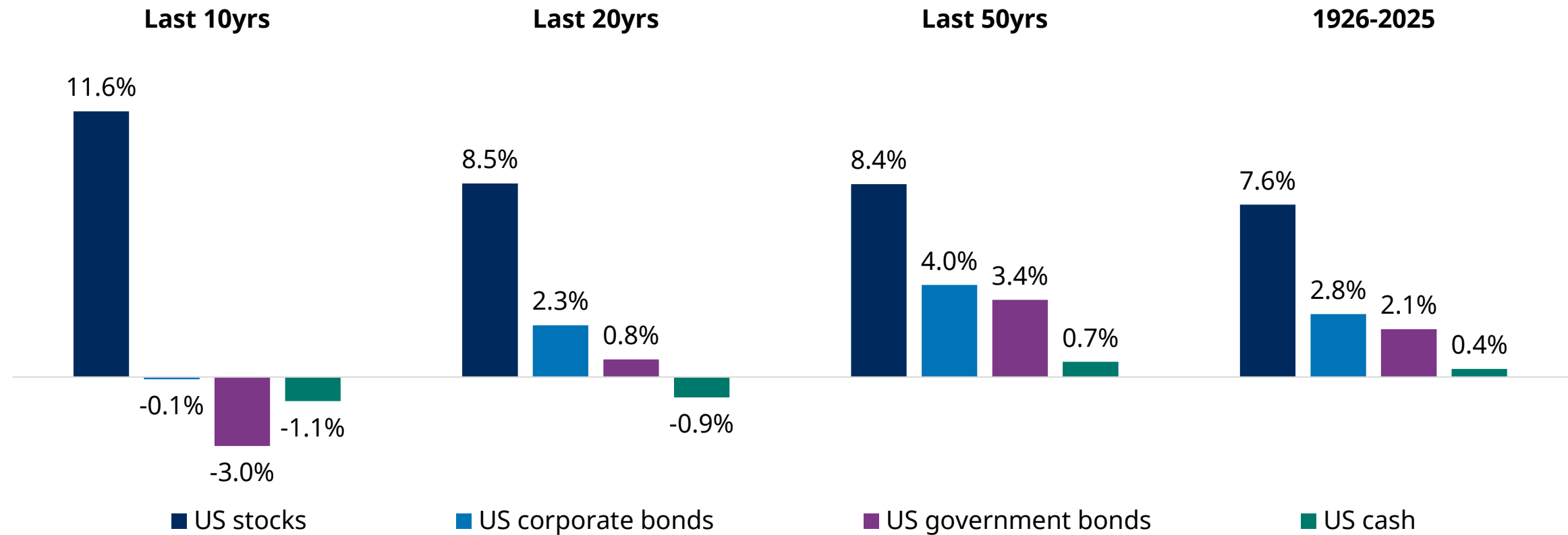
Percentage of time periods where US stocks and cash have beaten inflation 1926-2025



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Equities represented by Ibbotson® SBBI® US Large-Cap Stocks to 2024, S&P 500 thereafter, cash by Ibbotson® SBBI® US (30-Day) Treasury Bills to 2024, US Treasury constant maturity 1-month rate thereafter. Data to December 2025. Source: Federal Reserve, Morningstar Direct, accessed via CFA institute, LSEG Datastream, S&P, and Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

There is always a reason to worry but, in the long-run, stocks have beaten bonds which have beaten cash

Historical returns in excess of inflation since 1926, % p.a.



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Equities represented by Ibbotson® SBBI® US Large-Cap Stocks to 2024, S&P 500 thereafter, small caps by Ibbotson® SBBI® US Small-Cap Stocks to 2024, Russell 2000 thereafter, bonds by Ibbotson® SBBI® US Long-term Government Bonds and Ibbotson® SBBI® US Long-term Corporate Bonds to 2024, ICE BofA 10+ Year US Treasury Index and S&P US IG Corporate bond 10+ Year Index thereafter, cash by Ibbotson® SBBI® US (30-Day) Treasury Bills to 2024, US Treasury constant maturity 1-month rate thereafter. Data to 31 December 2025 Source: Morningstar Direct, accessed via CFA institute, and Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62



Global equities

Regional performance

EM and Japanese equities have performed especially well this year

Total \$ return, to 31 August 2026, %

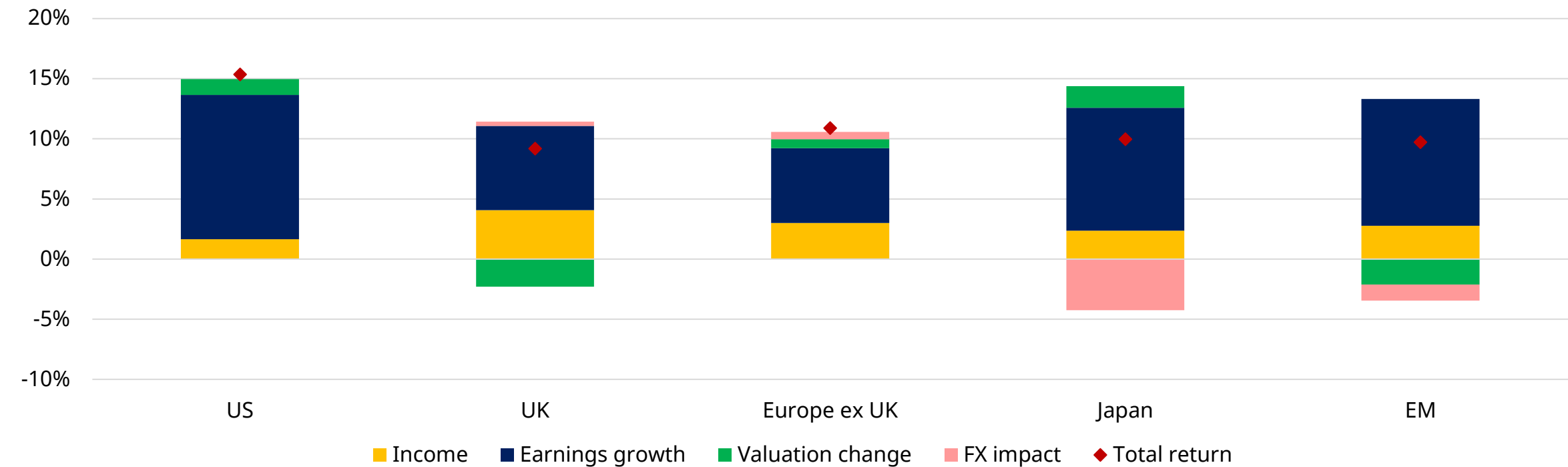
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Europe = Europe ex UK. Source: LSEG Datastream, MSCI and Schroders. Data to 31 August 2026 in US dollars. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Strong earnings growth has also been the main story behind equity returns over the past decade

Decomposition of drivers of returns: 31 August 2016 to 31 August 2026, USD terms p.a.



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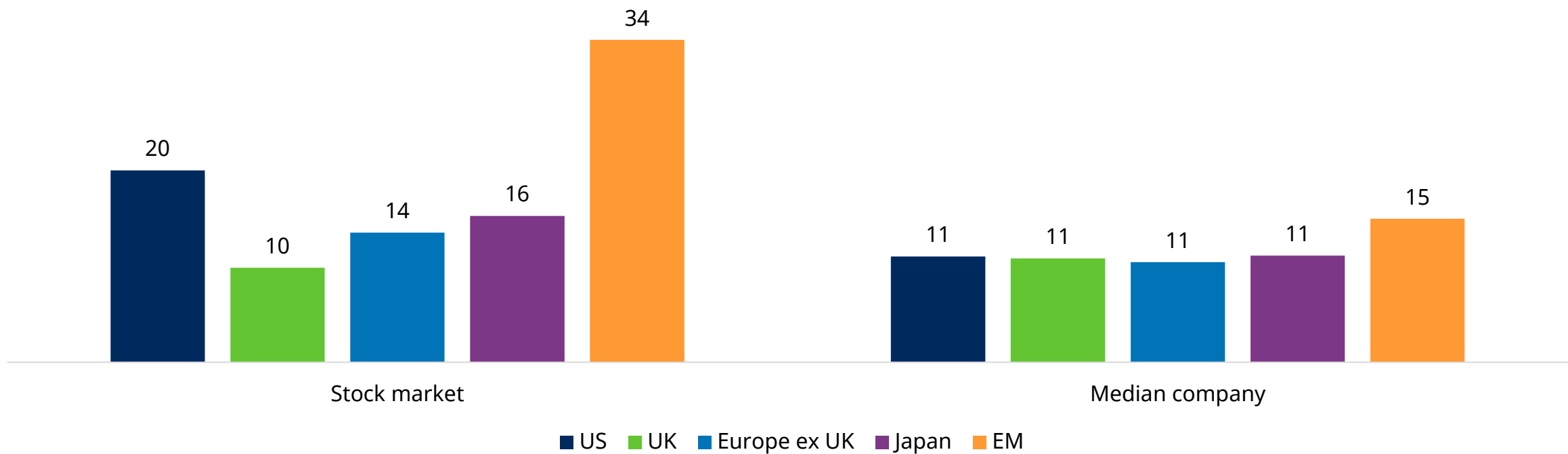


Global equities

Fundamentals and valuations

The median company has the same 12-month EPS growth forecast in the US, Europe, UK, Japan; EM leads the way

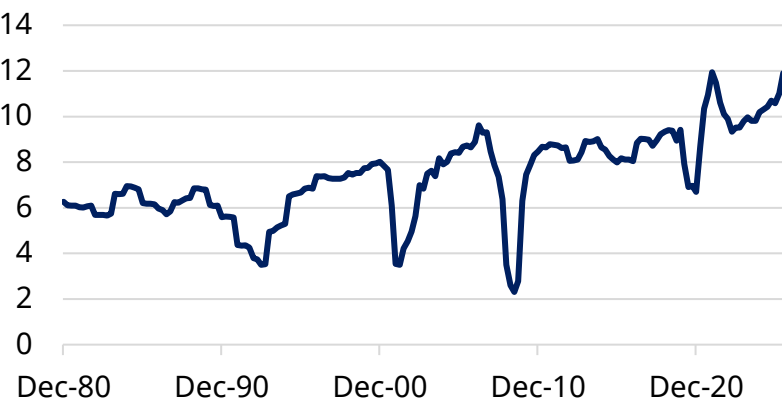
Corporate earnings: consensus 12-month forward growth forecasts, %



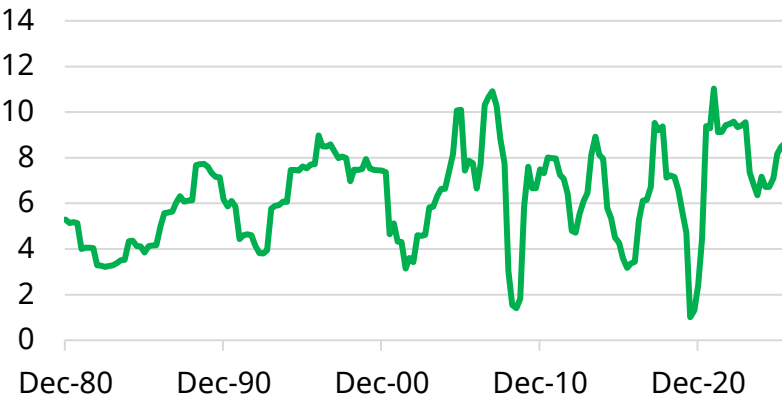
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Median growth rates based on 12-month forward EPS/trailing 12-month EPS for index constituents, excluding companies with negative earnings.
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Profit margins have been trending upwards

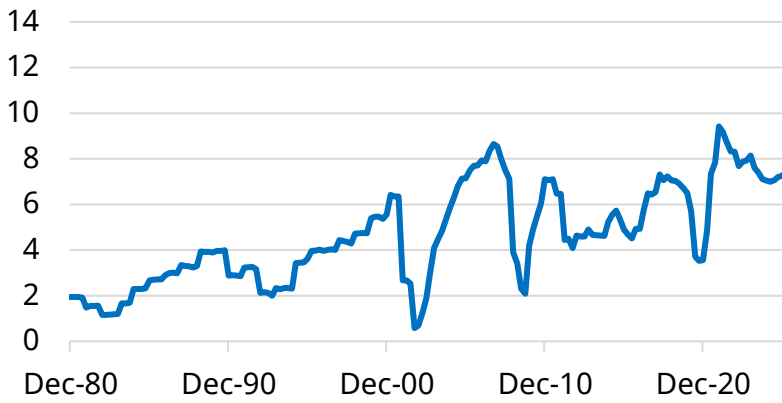
Net profit margins,
US



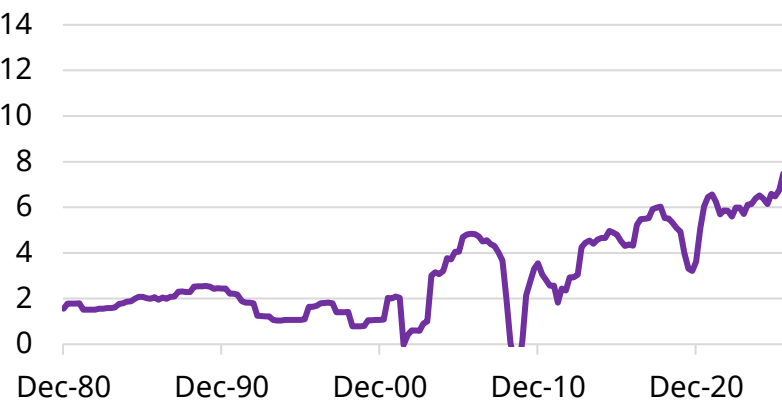
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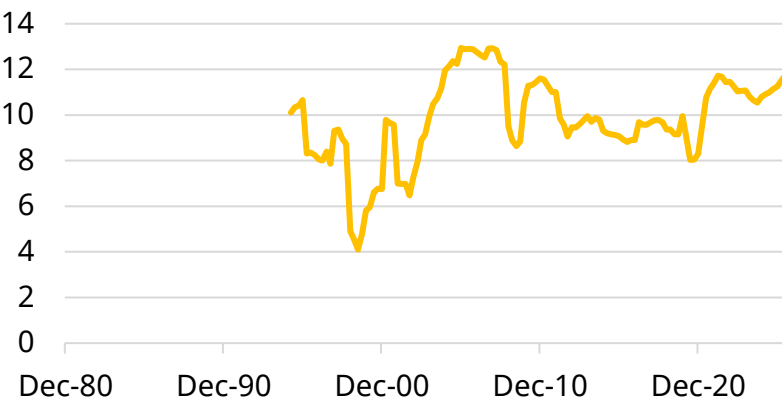
Europe ex UK



Japan



EM



Based on Datastream total market equity indices for each region. Source: LSEG Datastream and Schroders. Quarterly data to Q2 2026. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

At aggregate level vs. the last 20yrs, most valuation measures in most markets are elevated. EM forward P/E is low, hinging on whether high earnings growth forecasts materialise

Valuation as at 31 August vs 20-year median (% above or below)

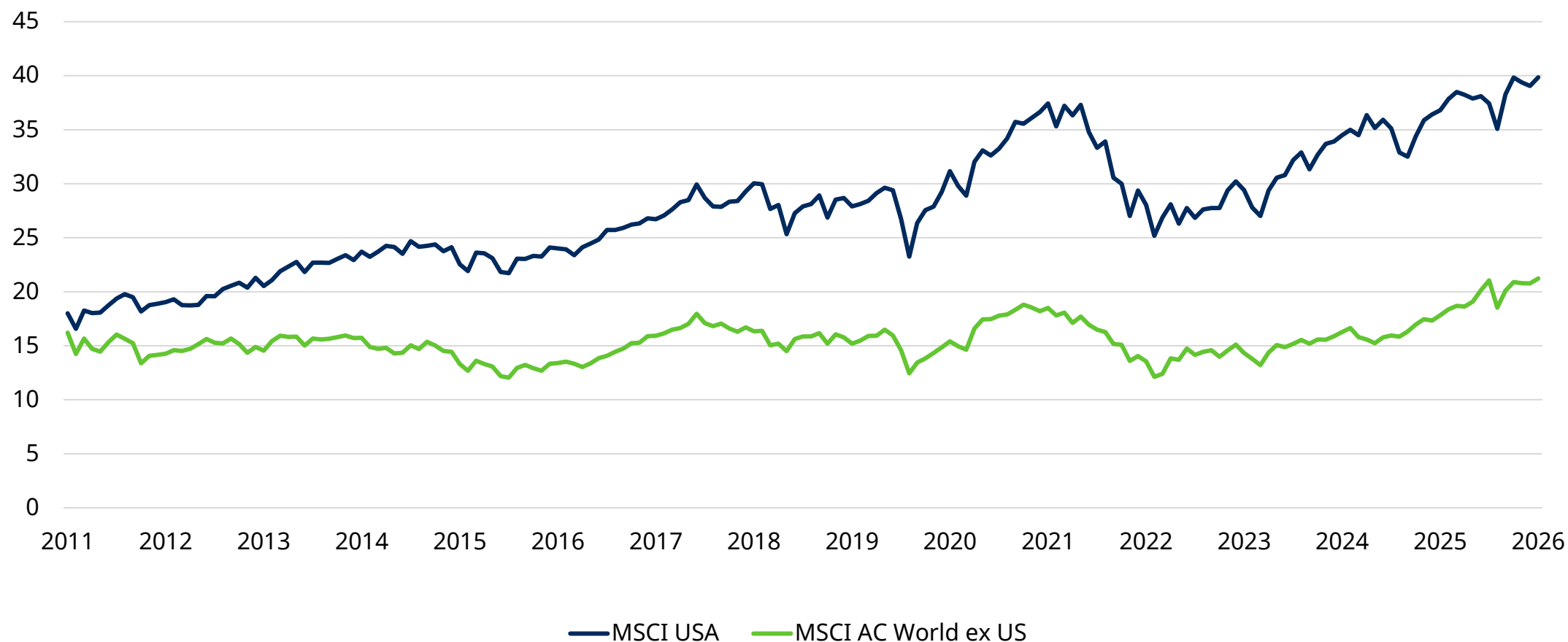
Equity market	CAPE	Forward P/E	Trailing P/E	P/B	Dividend yield
US	40 (57%)	20 (20%)	26 (25%)	5.7 (93%)	1.1 (75%)
UK	18 (27%)	13 (4%)	16 (15%)	2.4 (32%)	3.1 (21%)
Europe ex. UK	22 (19%)	16 (13%)	18 (11%)	2.6 (42%)	2.7 (16%)
Japan	29 (28%)	14 (16%)	20 (20%)	2.0 (51%)	1.7 (18%)
EM	19 (37%)	10 (-15%)	15 (8%)	2.4 (41%)	2.0 (31%)

Key:	<-25	-25 to -15	-15 to -5	-5 to 0	0 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	>25
	Cheap			Neutral		Expensive		

Source: LSEG Datastream, MSCI and Schroders. Data to 31 August 2026. Figures are shown on a rounded basis. Assessment of cheap/expensive is relative to 20-year median. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

The gap between US and non-US CAPE remains wide

Cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio to 31 August 2026



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With the exception of P/B, smaller companies are closer to neutral valuations vs their own histories

31 August 2026 valuation vs median since 2012 (when valuation data is available for all six indices)

Equity market	Forward P/E	Trailing P/E	P/B	Dividend yield
US large caps	20 (13%)	26 (14%)	5.7 (68%)	1.1 (74%)
US equal weighted	18 (1%)	23 (4%)	3.6 (30%)	1.6 (12%)
US small caps	18 (-12%)	31 (3%)	2.6 (16%)	1.5 (5%)
World ex-US	16 (10%)	18 (12%)	2.4 (42%)	2.5 (21%)
World ex-US equal weighted	15 (4%)	18 (-1%)	2.0 (30%)	2.6 (7%)
World ex-US small caps	15 (-2%)	19 (-5%)	1.6 (12%)	2.6 (-1%)

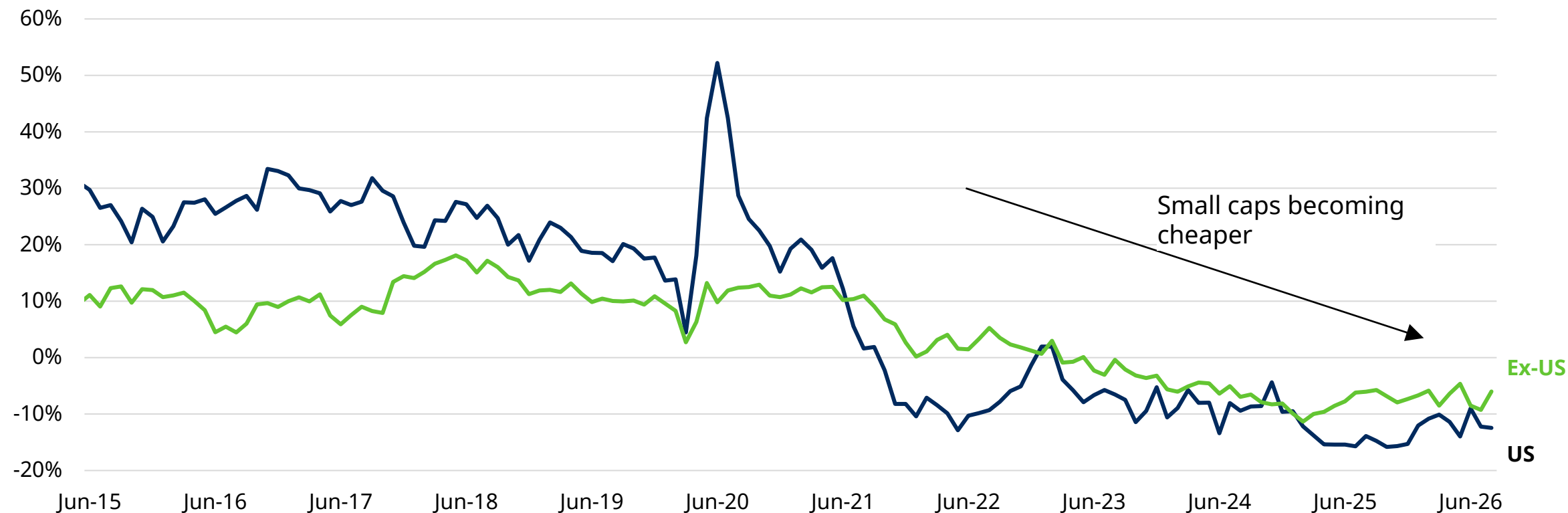
Key:	<-25	-25 to -15	-15 to -5	-5 to 0	0 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	>25
	Cheap			Neutral		Expensive		

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Figures are shown on a rounded basis. Assessment of cheap/expensive is relative to median since April 2012. This is the longest time period for which data is available on all six markets

Small caps are cheap vs large

Forward price/earnings multiple: small caps divided by large caps, to 31 August 2026



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Globally, consumer staples and healthcare stocks are less expensively valued vs their own history than other sectors

MSCI ACWI: 31 August 2026 valuation vs 20-year median (% above or below)

Sector	CAPE	Forward P/E	Trailing P/E	P/B	Dividend yield
Cons stap	-8%	4%	3%	22%	-2%
Health care	1%	11%	3%	26%	12%
Utilities	24%	4%	1%	20%	13%
Materials	24%	14%	18%	38%	26%
Cons disc	9%	19%	12%	30%	58%
Financials	42%	14%	9%	59%	17%
Energy	63%	9%	27%	35%	16%
Industrials	49%	32%	35%	67%	48%
Comm Svcs	84%	16%	-3%	72%	269%
IT	113%	1%	41%	171%	111%

Key:	<-25	-25 to -15	-15 to -5	-5 to 0	0 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	>25
	Cheap			Neutral		Expensive		

Real estate has been excluded due to data only being available since 2016. Note that the dividend yield on the communication services sector is very low vs history. This is down to compositional changes over time e.g. Alphabet is now the biggest constituent by a long way, with Meta the next biggest. These are very different to the higher yielding companies in the sector in the past. Source: LSEG Datastream, MSCI and Schroders. Data to 31 August 2026. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

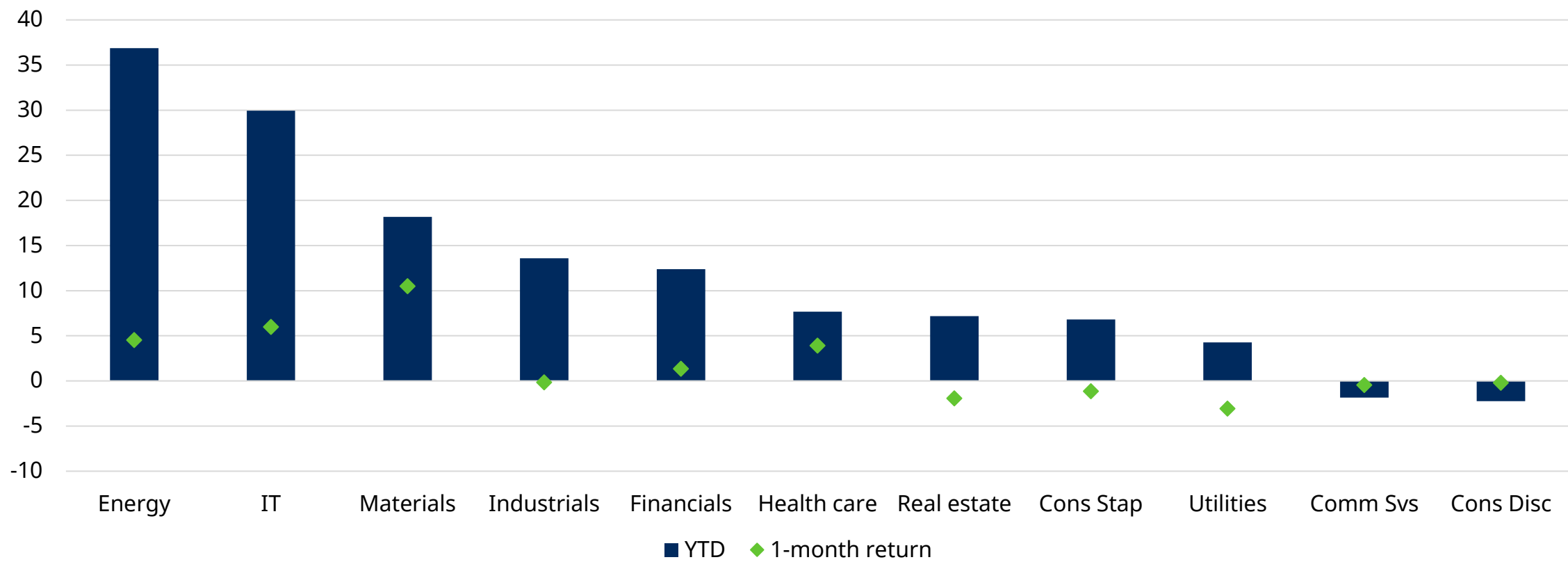


Global equities

Sectors & Styles

The energy sector leads the way in 2026, followed by IT

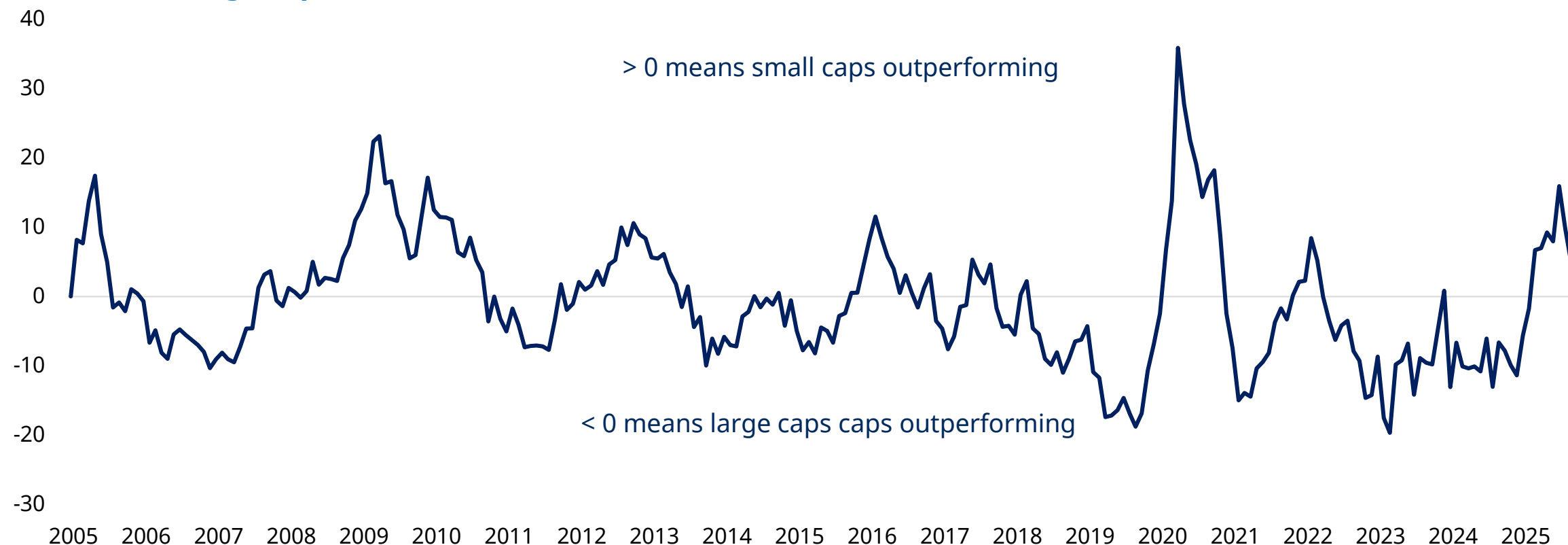
MSCI ACWI \$ sector return, total returns YTD to 31 August 2026



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Small caps have outperformed large caps over the last 12 months

US small vs large caps, YoY % return,



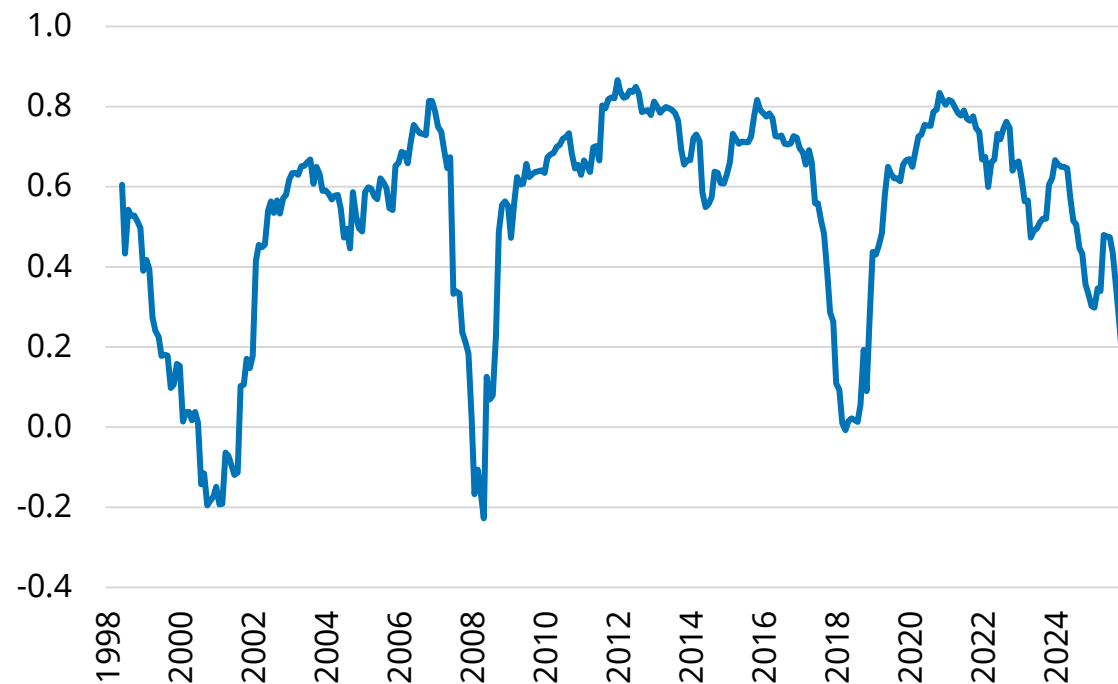
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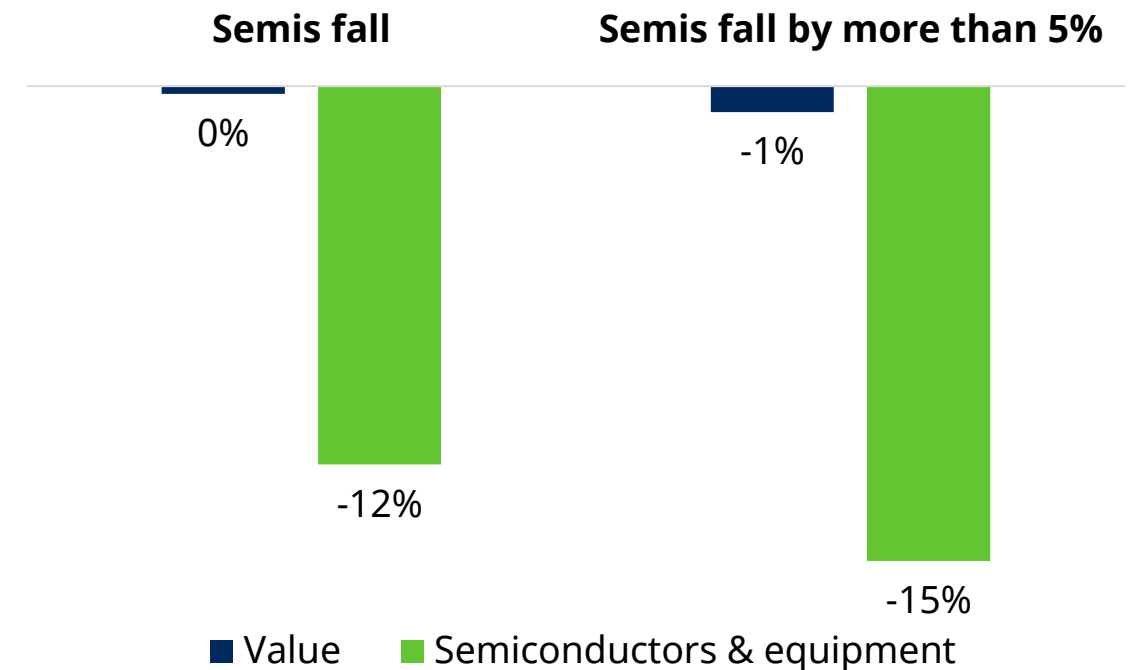
Consider value equities as a hedge against AI-risk, without sacrificing equity exposure

Low correlation and significantly better outcomes in down-markets for AI-stocks

Rolling 24-month correlations: S&P 500 pure value vs S&P 500 semiconductors & equipment index



Median quarterly return in quarters where semiconductors fall



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Value is S&P 500 pure value total return index, semis are S&P 500 semiconductors and equipment total return index. Semiconductors used as a proxy for AI-stocks. Data covers 31 August 1996 (inception of S&P 500 semiconductors & equipment index) to 31 December 2025. Right-hand chart isolates those quarters where semis fell in value; non-overlapping periods are used. Source: LSEG Datastream, S&P and Schroders. Please see relevant disclaimers on page 62

Buyer beware: most passive approaches to value investing are unlikely to shield you from AI/tech risk

Most have significant exposure to Magnificent-7 and/or other technology names

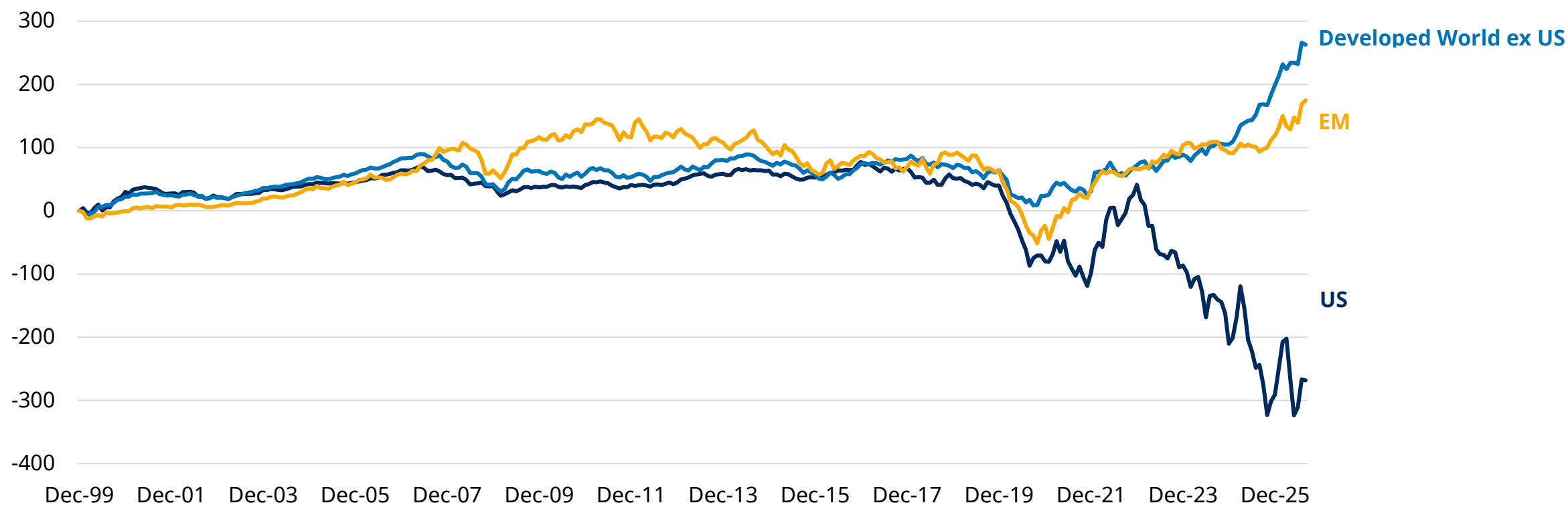
Largest five holdings

MSCI USA Value	MSCI USA Value Weighted	MSCI USA Enhanced Value	Russell 1000 Value	S&P 500 value	S&P 500 Pure value
Alphabet A	Apple	Micron Technology	Berkshire Hathaway	Apple	Ford
Meta Platforms	Microsoft	Cisco Systems	JP Morgan	Amazon	Bunge Global
JP Morgan	JP Morgan	Intel	Alphabet A	Exxon	General Motors
Berkshire Hathaway	Exxon	General Motors	Amazon	Walmart	Mosaic
Exxon	Amazon	AT&T	Alphabet C	Tesla	Centene

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The Value style has been outperforming Growth outside the US for some time

Cumulative outperformance of Value vs Growth, %

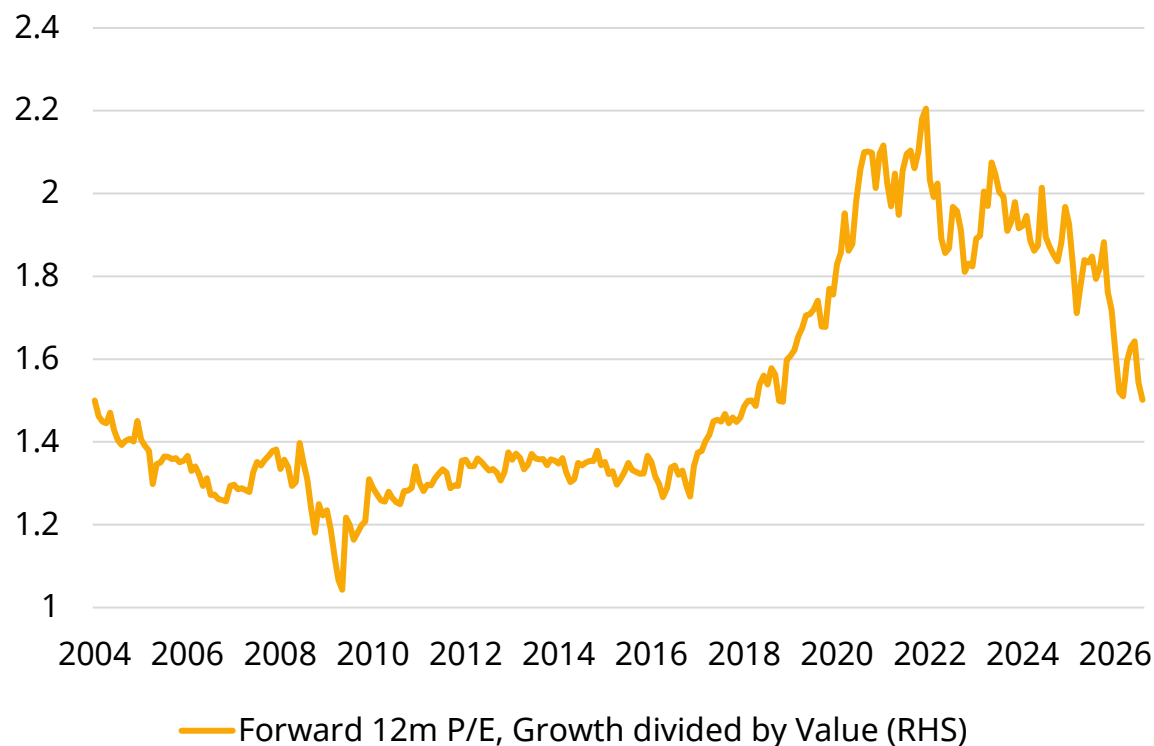


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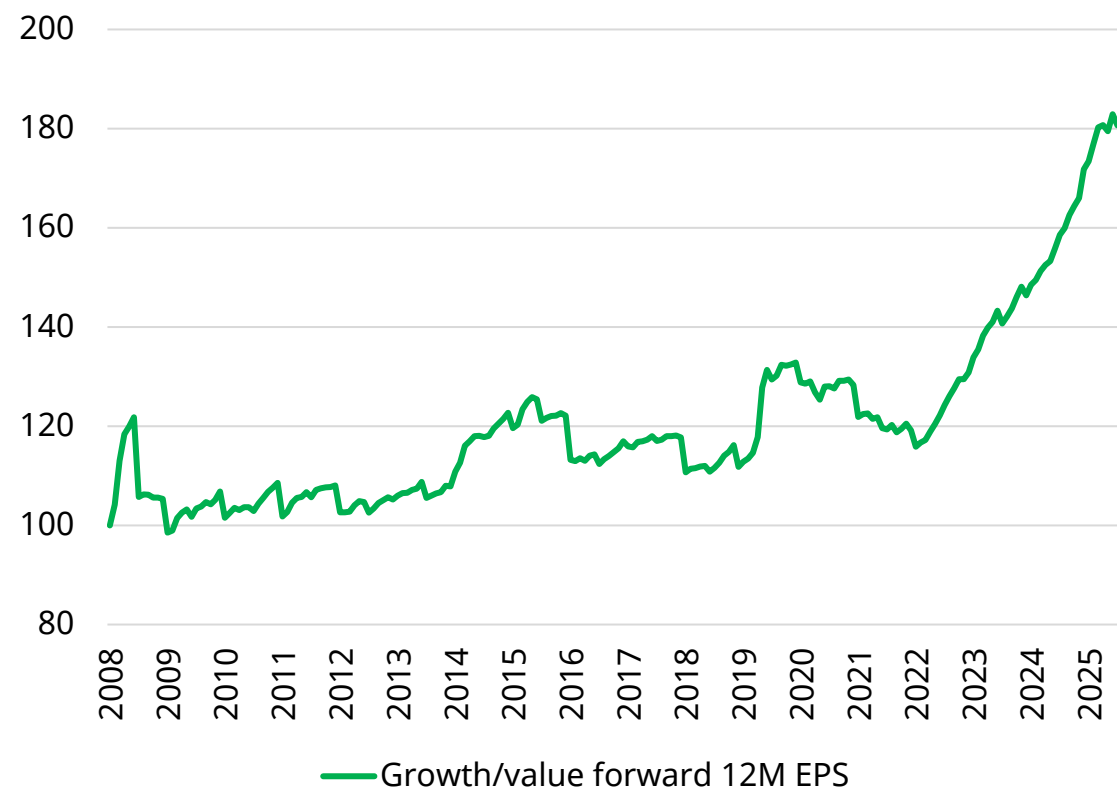
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Globally, Growth companies have cheapened markedly vs Value, as their earnings have soared vs Value

Growth vs Value (Global): relative valuations



Growth vs Value (Global): relative earnings, rebased to 100

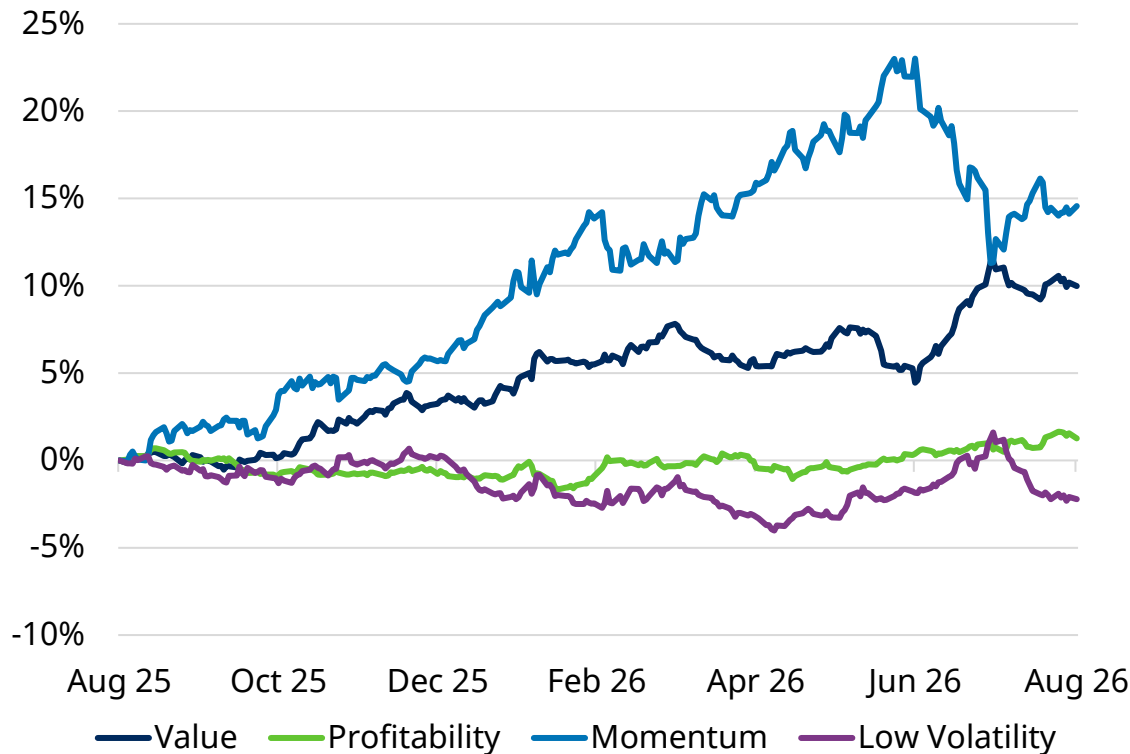


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Globally, Momentum is performing strongly even after a summer setback, as is Value

1-year cumulative long short return



	Value	Profitability	Momentum	Low Volatility
YTD	6.3%	2.0%	8.4%	-2.5%
1 year	10.0%	1.3%	14.6%	-2.2%
5 yr pa	7.7%	1.0%	4.2%	1.0%
10 yr pa	2.9%	1.8%	3.7%	1.4%

Returns are based on factor-mimicking, long-short, global equity portfolios that are scaled to target a volatility of 2.2 per year. The factor mimicking portfolios calculate the factor score on an industry basis. These portfolios aim to capture the returns attributable to specific fundamental characteristics within each industry.

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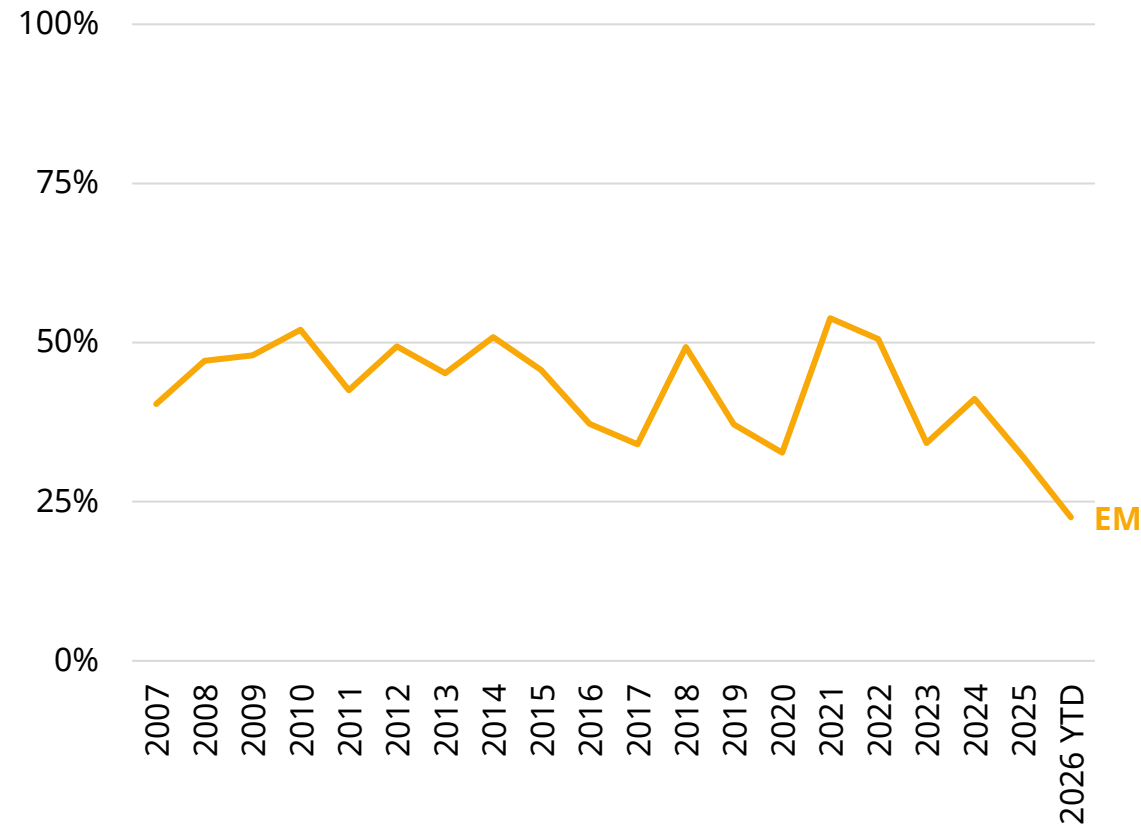


Global equities

Technicals

Fewer than 25% of EM stocks have outperformed this year

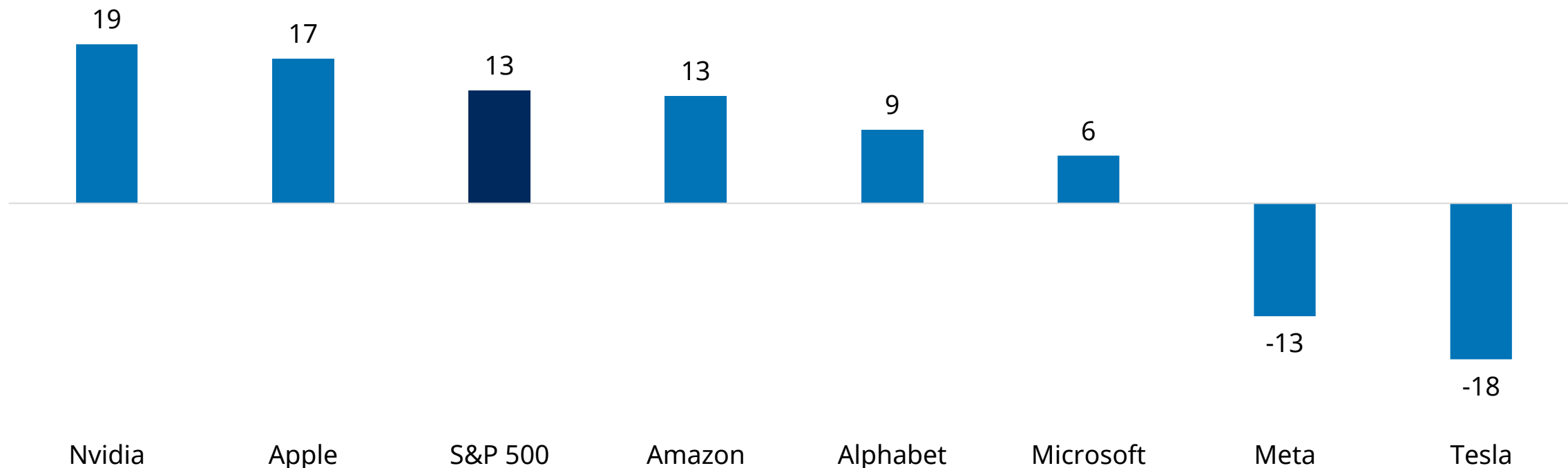
% of stocks outperforming the index



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Performance dispersion among the Magnificent-7 is high: they are not and never have been a homogenous block

YTD total return, %



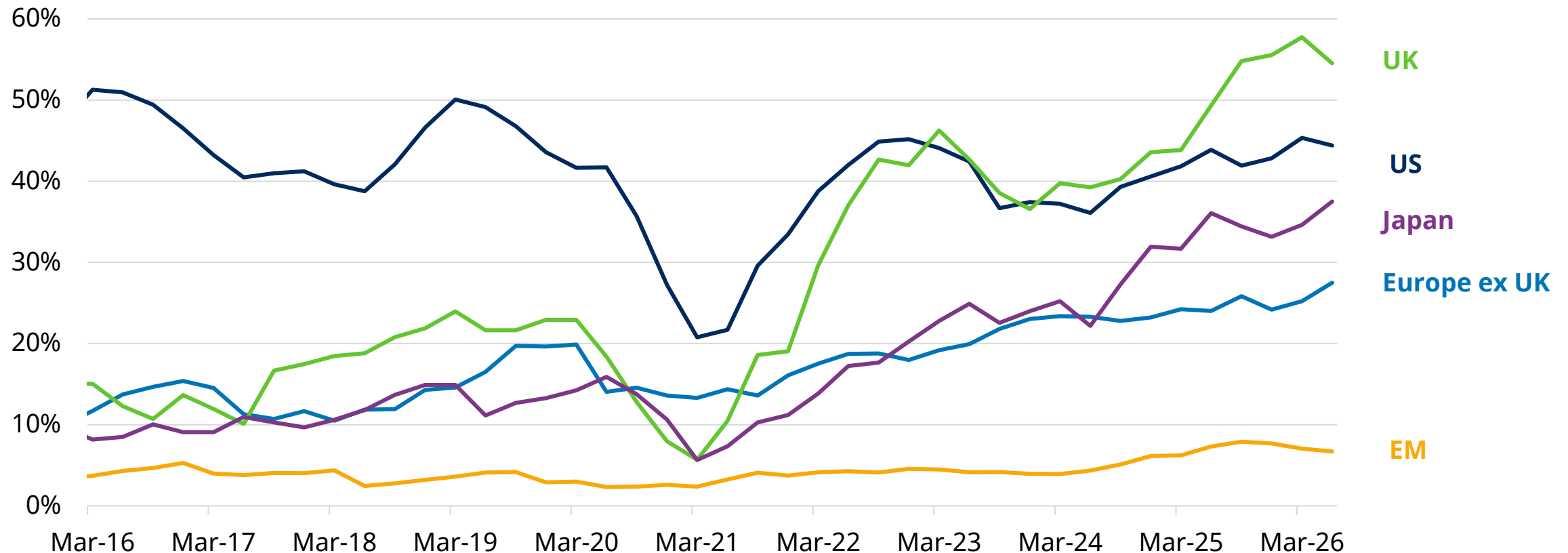
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Share buyback activity continues to rise outside the US

The UK is the buyback capital of the world

Proportion of large companies who bought back at least 1% of their shares over the previous 12 months



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Global equities

Index composition

The stock market is not the economy, but the US is more domestically-oriented than other developed markets

Geographic revenue exposure of major stock markets %:

		MSCI equity index:				
		US	Europe ex UK	UK	Japan	EM
Geographic source of revenues	US	58	22	26	18	15
	Europe ex UK	8	37	13	7	4
	UK	2	5	23	2	1
	Japan	2	2	3	45	2
	EM and frontier	24	30	29	25	75
	Other/unallocated	5	4	5	3	3

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US small caps and value stocks are more domestically-oriented than large caps

Geographic revenue exposure of major stock markets %:

		MSCI equity index:			
		US	US Small Caps	US Value	US Growth
Geographic source of revenues	US	58	73	65	50
	Europe ex UK	8	5	8	9
	UK	2	2	2	2
	Japan	2	1	2	3
	EM and frontier	24	30	19	29
	Other/unallocated	5	5	4	7

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The global market is highly concentrated in the US

MSCI USA weight in major global benchmarks

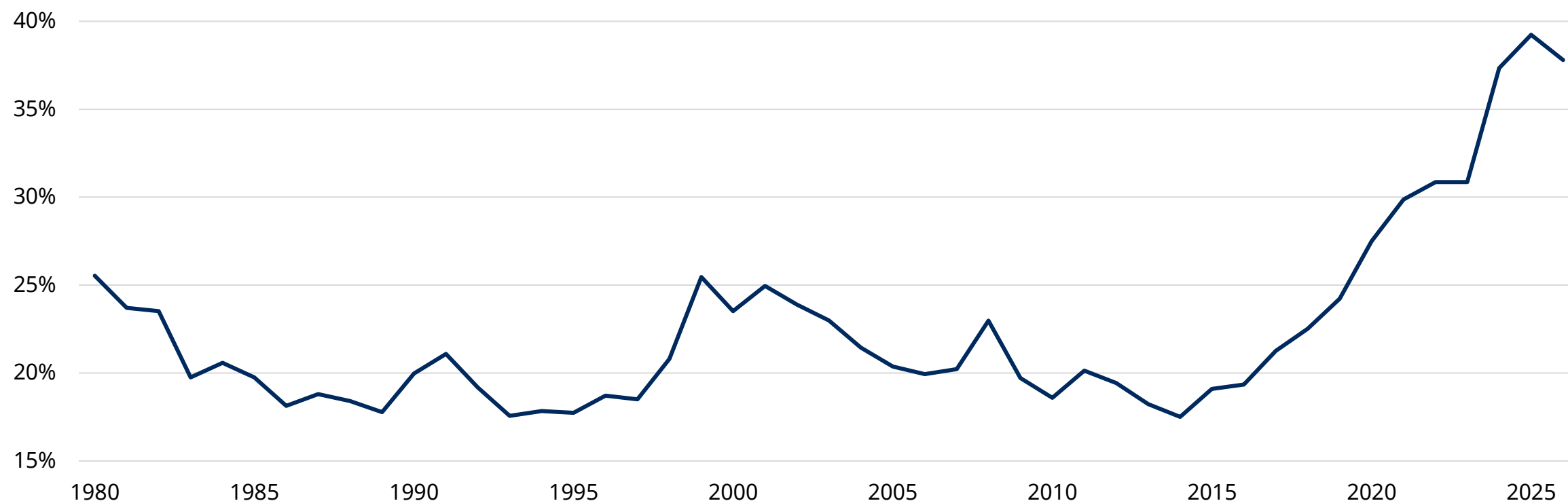


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The US market is heavily concentrated in just a few stocks

Weight of 10 largest stocks in S&P 500

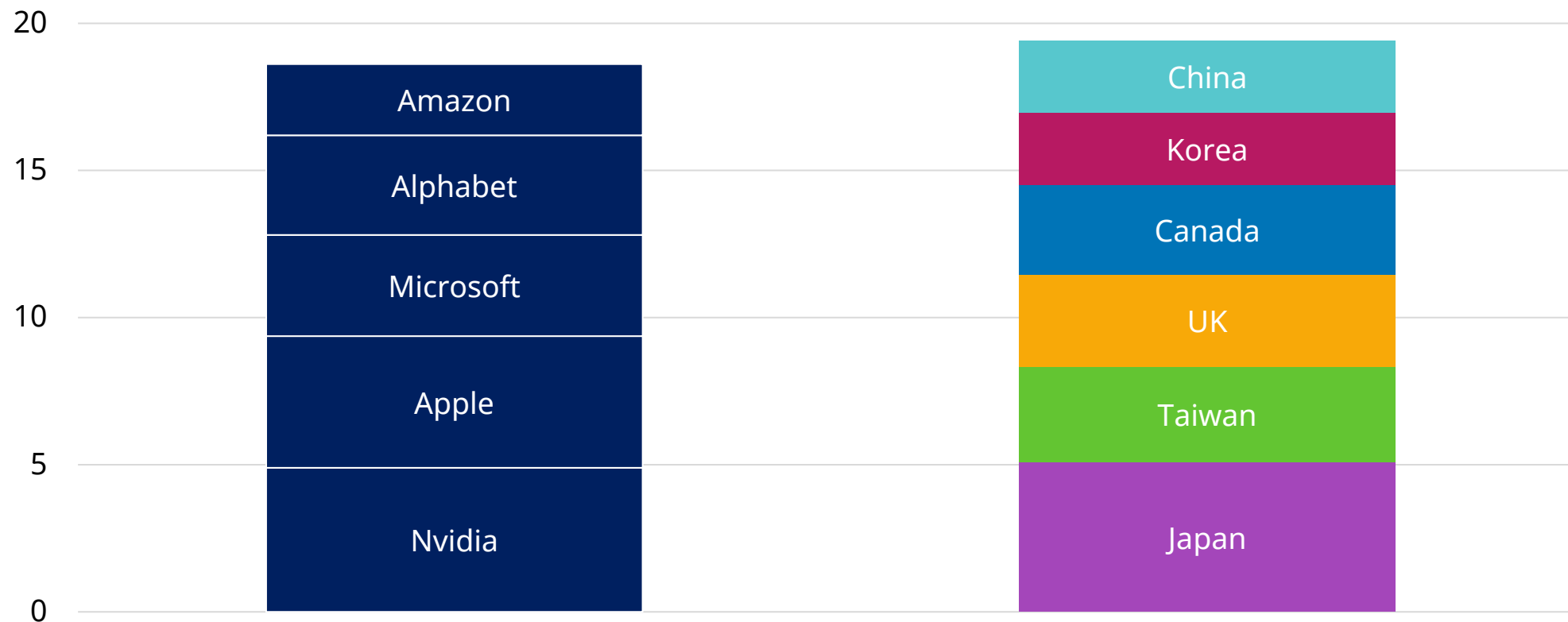


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The five largest US companies have a similar weight to the next six biggest countries in MSCI ACWI combined

Weight in MSCI ACWI, %

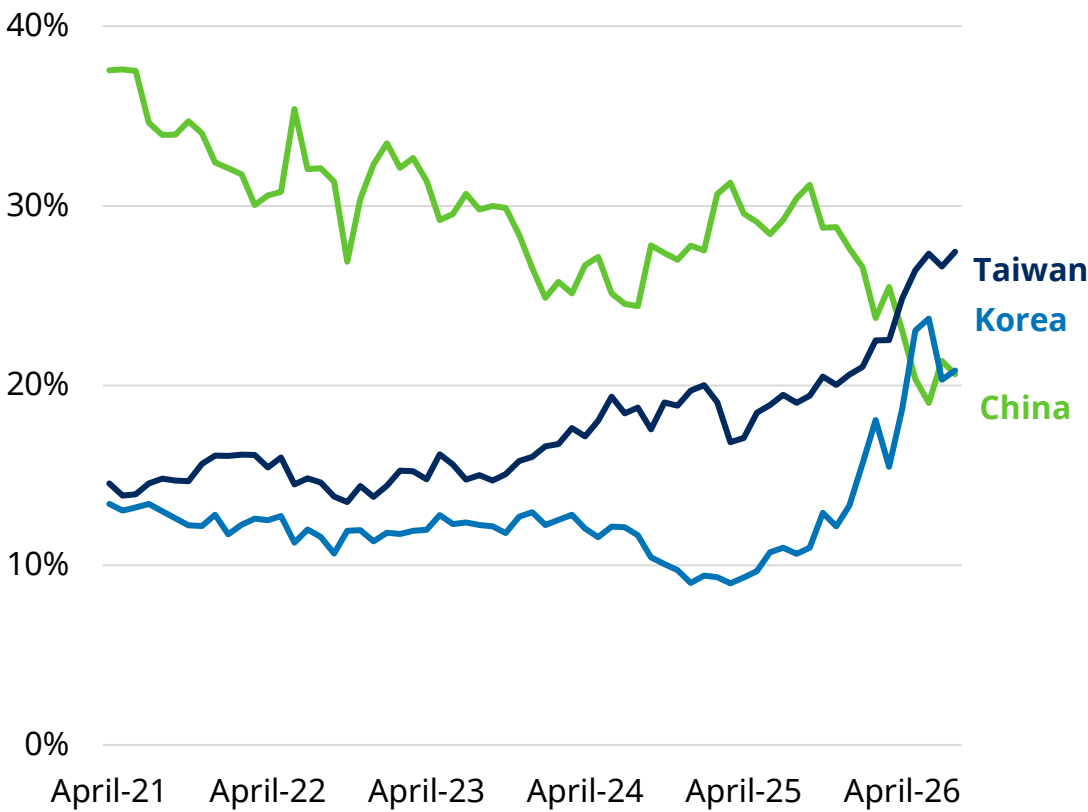


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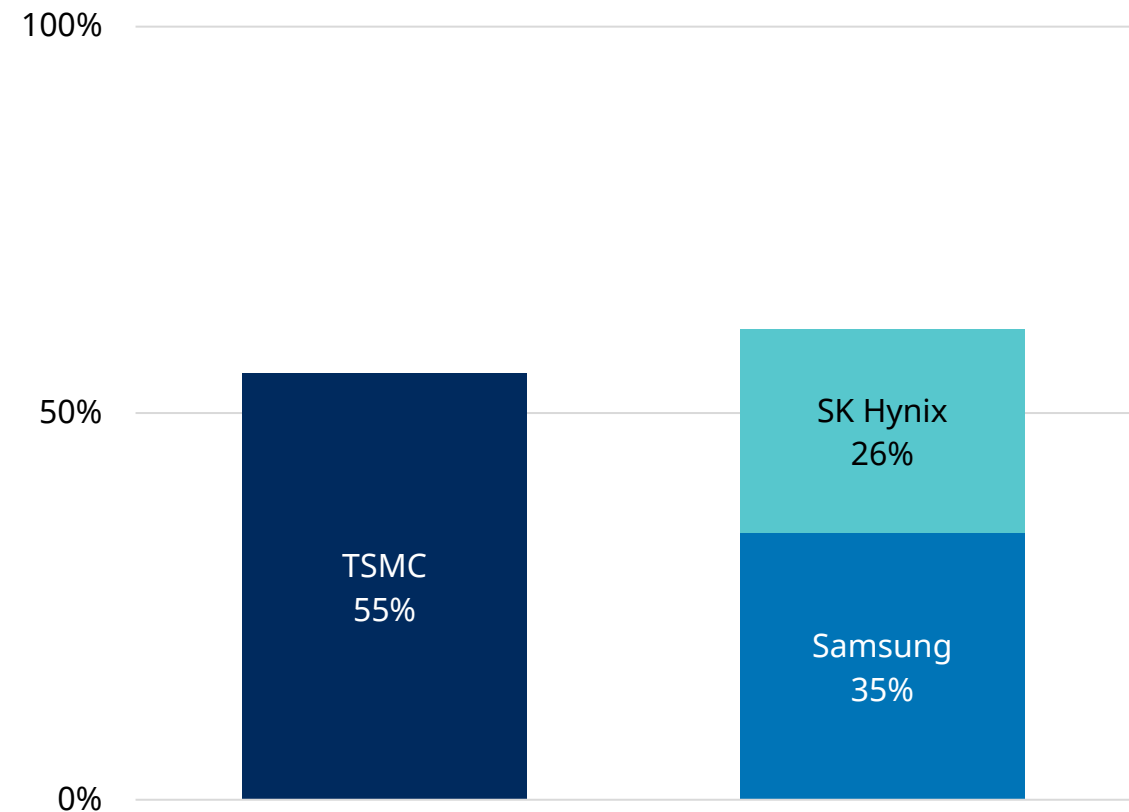
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Korea's recent volatility highlight the risks of a concentrated market

Weight in MSCI EM



Highly concentrated indices, index weight of largest stocks

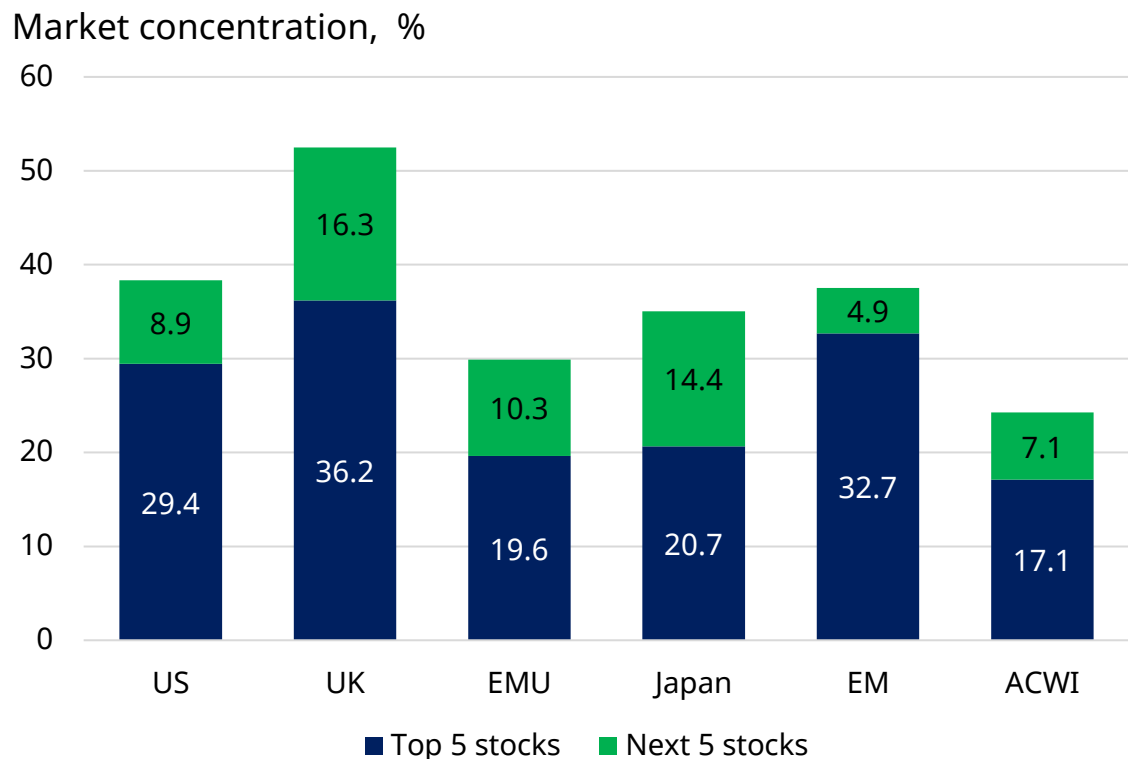


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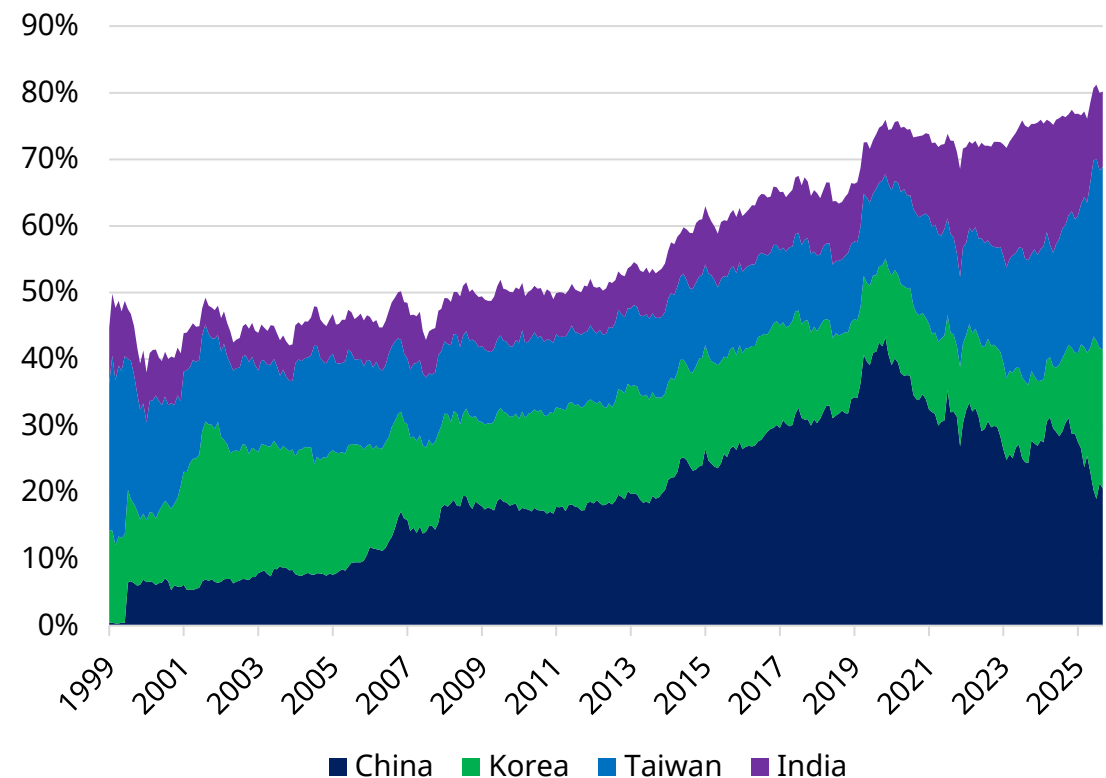
Market concentration is global phenomenon

Top constituents by market share

UK equities heavily weighted towards top 10 stocks



Asia is 80% of MSCI EM



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Japan and EM are more cyclical than ACWI. The UK is much more defensive

Regional market composition

Sector	Beta*	Cyclical/ defensive	Sector Group Index Weight						Sector Group Index Weight vs ACWI				
			US	UK	EMU	Japan	EM	ACWI	US	UK	EMU	Japan	EM
IT	1.4	Cyclical	37	1	15	18	42	31	6	-30	-16	-13	11
Cons disc	1.1	Cyclical	9	4	8	15	8	9	1	-5	-1	7	-1
Financials	0.9	Cyclical	12	27	27	20	20	17	-5	10	10	3	3
Industrials	1.1	Cyclical	9	14	20	25	7	11	-2	3	9	14	-4
Comm Servs	1.1	Cyclical	10	2	3	7	6	8	2	-6	-4	-1	-2
Materials	1.1	Cyclical	2	9	4	4	6	4	-2	5	0	0	3
Real estate	1.1	Cyclical	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
Energy	0.4	Defensive	4	11	4	1	3	4	0	7	0	-3	-1
Cons stap	0.6	Defensive	4	14	5	4	3	5	0	9	1	-1	-2
Utilities	0.7	Defensive	2	5	7	1	2	2	0	2	4	-1	0
Health care	0.6	Defensive	9	12	6	6	3	9	1	4	-3	-3	-6
% defensive			19	43	22	11	11	20	0	23	2	-8	-9

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Min vol, quality, value, small caps are more defensive vs market

Style market composition

Sector	Beta vs ACWI	Cyclical/defensive	Value	Growth	Quality	Momentum	Min Vol*	US small caps*	Value	Growth	Quality	Momentum	Min Vol*	US small caps*
IT	1.4	Cyclical	19	43	42	46	27	18	-12	12	11	15	-3	-20
Cons disc	1.1	Cyclical	5	13	4	2	5	8	-4	4	-5	-7	-4	-1
Financials	0.9	Cyclical	26	7	8	8	14	15	9	-10	-9	-9	-3	3
Industrials	1.1	Cyclical	9	12	11	13	7	17	-2	1	1	2	-4	9
Comm Servs	1.1	Cyclical	7	1	0	10	3	4	-1	-7	-7	2	-4	-6
Materials	1.1	Cyclical	4	3	3	5	1	5	1	0	0	2	-2	3
Real estate	1.1	Cyclical	2	1	0	1	1	6	1	-1	-1	0	-1	4
Energy	0.4	Defensive	5	10	10	5	11	3	1	6	6	1	7	0
Cons stap	0.6	Defensive	7	3	7	2	9	5	2	-2	3	-3	4	0
Utilities	0.7	Defensive	4	1	0	2	7	5	1	-2	-2	0	5	3
Health care	0.6	Defensive	10	7	13	6	14	13	2	-2	5	-2	5	4
% defensive			26	20	31	15	41	26	7	0	11	-5	20	6

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UK – MSCI UK Index

Europe ex UK – MSCI Europe ex UK Index

Japan – MSCI Japan Index

Developed markets – MSCI World Index

Emerging markets – MSCI EM Index

Global – MSCI All Country World Index

Rest of world – MSCI All Country World ex US Index

Slide 7 shows profit margins for Datastream total market equity indices, due to longer data history

Small cap equities

US – MSCI USA Small Cap Index

UK – MSCI UK Small Cap Index

Europe ex UK – MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index

Japan – MSCI Japan Small Cap Index

Emerging Markets – MSCI EM Small Cap Index

World ex-US – MSCI World ex-US Small Cap Index

Factor and sector indices

US Value – MSCI USA Value Index

US Growth – MSCI USA Growth Index

US Cyclical – MSCI USA materials, industrials, consumer discretionary, energy, financials, IT

US Defensive – MSCI USA utilities, consumer staples, health care, communication services

Global Value – MSCI All Country World Value Index

Global Growth – MSCI All Country World Growth Index

Developed World Value = MSCI World Value Index

EM Value = MSCI EM Value Index

List of indices (2 of 2)

Bond indices

US Treasuries – ICE BofA US Treasury Index

Euro government bonds – ICE BofA Euro Government Index

US IG Corps – ICE BofA US Corporate Index

UK IG Corps – ICE BofA Sterling Corporate Index

Europe IG Corps - ICE BofA Euro Corporate Index

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