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CIO Insights

AI Is a Funding Problem

- **AI Faces Both an Energy Wall and a Funding Wall**

  Capex already consumes 96% of Big 4 operating cash flow, net cash has more than halved, and disclosed AI revenue covers only about one-ninth of the run-rate needed to earn a return. With internal cash, equity issuance and public debt exhausted, builders turn to a fourth channel: chipmaker vendor financing. That extends the cycle but transfers downstream capex risk onto semiconductor balance sheets, widening the gap between reported earnings and cash flow and pointing to multiple de-rating.

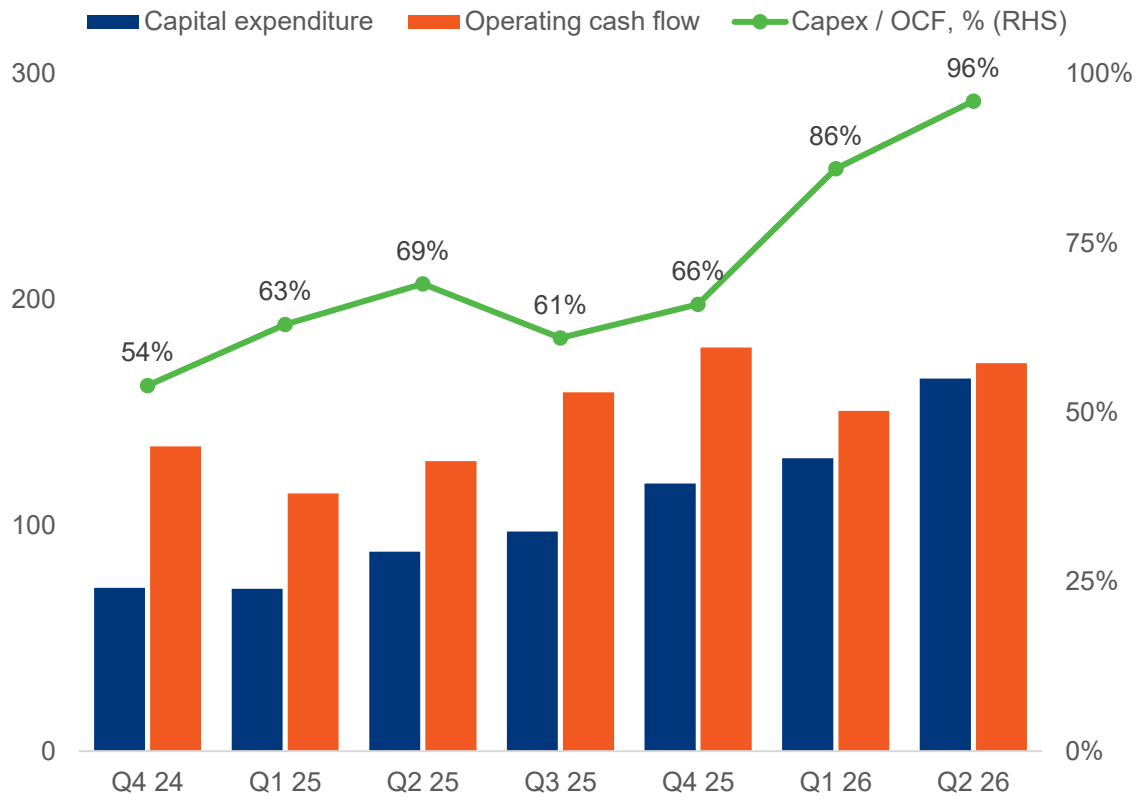
- **Fixed Income: Credit Rotation, Not Contagion**

  Stress at leveraged AI issuers such as Oracle and CoreWeave should stay idiosyncratic given hyperscaler leverage of 0.22x–0.82x and a large liquidity buffer. Rotate from weaker AI credits into high-grade tech and quality corporates; the strongest flight to quality is into long-dated U.S. Treasuries while 10-year yields remain elevated ahead of a late-1Q27 rate-cut pivot.

- **Equities: Use Any Rebound to Exit the Momentum Beta Trap**

  Breadth is narrow, with only about one-third of major stocks above their 50-day moving average, and boom-correct-rebound-bust analogues (1987, 1999-2000, 2005-08) favour Quality, Low-Volatility and Defensive styles, with covered calls and short puts to harvest volatility. Ahead of the midterms, Polymarket prices a ~65% blue sweep, supporting healthcare and renewable energy.

Capex Consumes 96% Of Big 4 Operating Cash Flow, Driving A Halving In Net Cash



Source: Bloomberg, KGI

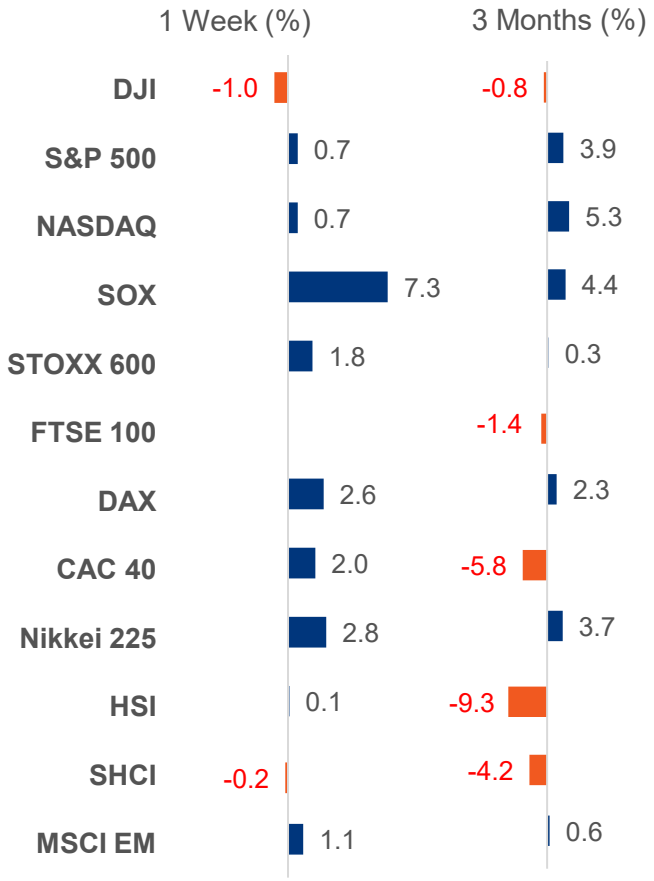
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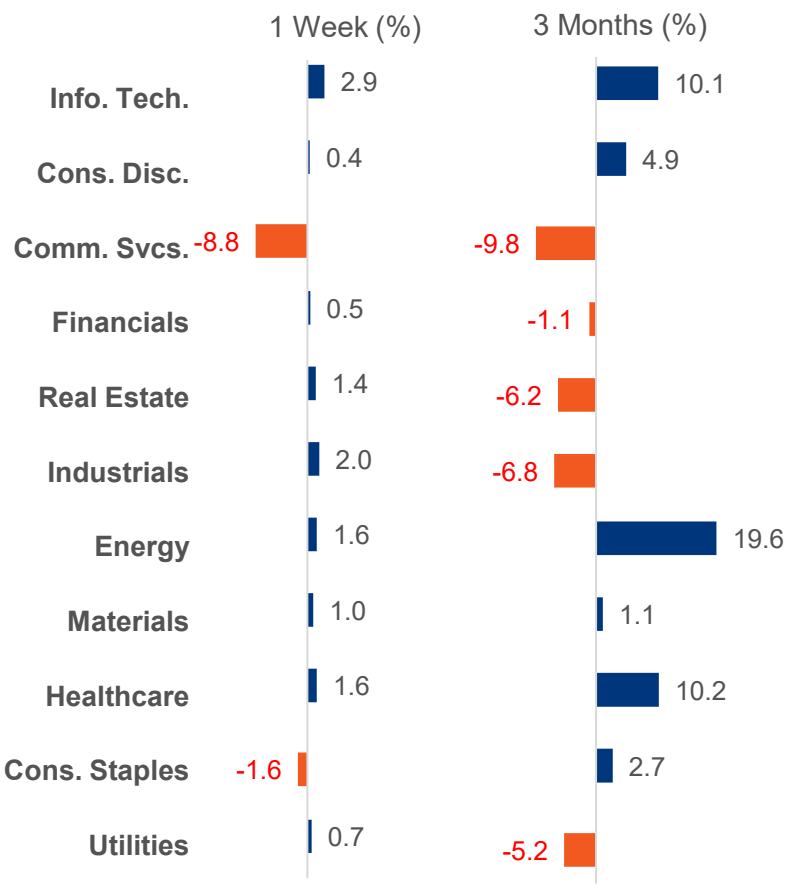
AI Trading Themes Face Re-Rating Pressure

- This week's key theme was the market repricing returns on AI capex. Health Care has become a "de-AI" safe haven, with the S&P 500 Health Care Index up about 23% since late April.
- Amazon's revenue rose 12% YoY, missing expectations, while quarterly capex exceeded US$77bn, well above forecasts. E-commerce growth slowed to its weakest pace in nearly three years, and the stock fell sharply.
- Alphabet's 3Q advertising and search revenue missed expectations, fueling concerns that generative AI could disrupt its core search business. The stock fell as much as 14% intraday, although its cloud business was a bright spot.
- Intel reported 3Q EPS of US$0.52, beating expectations, but its 4Q guidance was weak. Adjusted EPS guidance of only US$0.25 fell well short of the US$0.43 consensus. Weak PC demand and data center supply-chain disruptions weighed on the outlook, sending the stock lower.
- Eli Lilly raised its 2026 revenue guidance to US$91-92bn, up from US$85-87bn, marking its third guidance increase this year. The upgrade was driven by surging demand for its obesity and diabetes drugs.

Regional Index Performance (%)



U.S. Sector Index Performance (%)



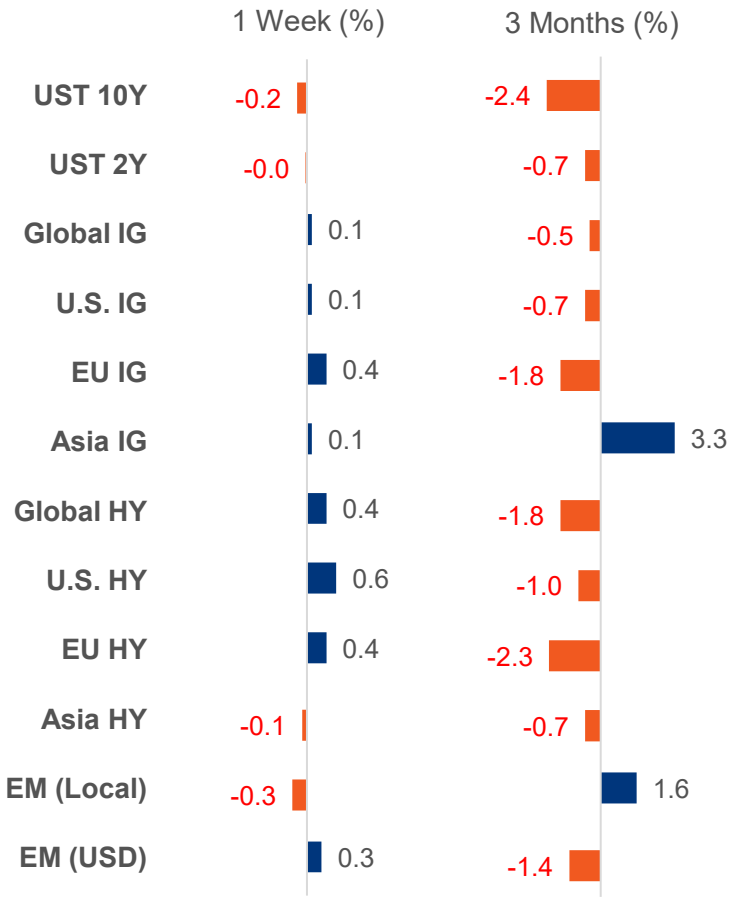
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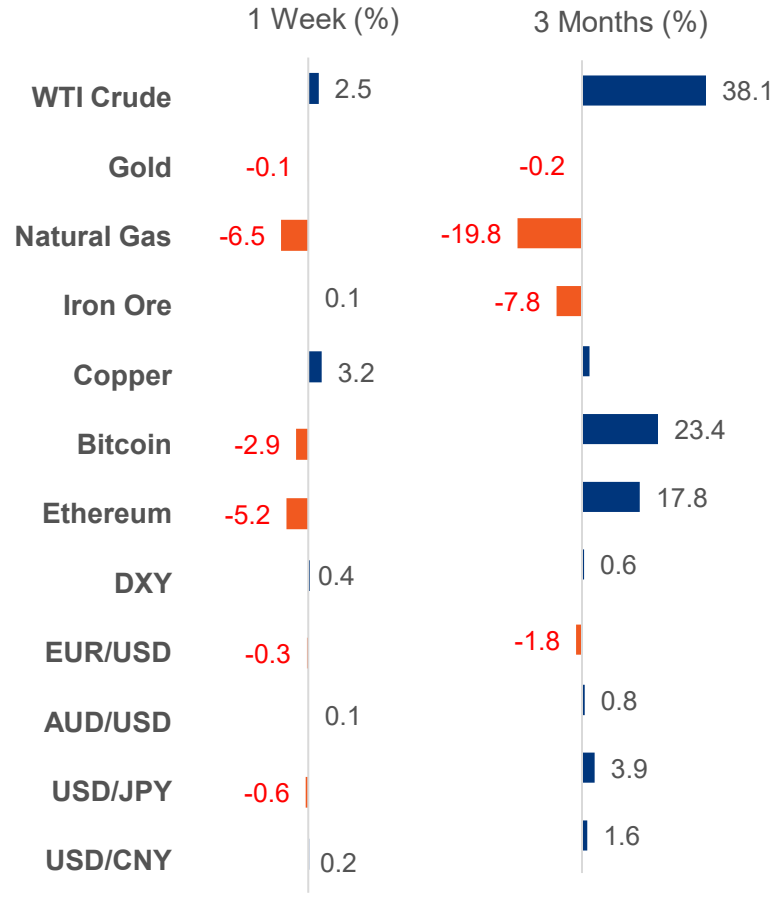
Hot PCE Inflation Already Fully Priced In; December Hike Odds at About 80%

- U.S. 3Q GDP grew at an annualized 3.4% QoQ, beating expectations and accelerating sharply from 2.2% in 2Q. Growth was driven mainly by strong business investment and resilient household spending. The October Consumer Confidence Index jumped 7.5 points to 91.7. That was its first increase in four months and its highest reading since June, above every economist's forecast.
- September core PCE rose 0.5% MoM (seasonally adjusted), its largest increase in six months, bringing the annual rate to 3.6% YoY. Inflation continues to put pressure on the Fed, but the data were broadly in line with market expectations. Solid U.S. economic data have reinforced rate-hike expectations, and markets are now pricing in a roughly 80% chance of one more hike.
- Crude oil futures moved higher on geopolitical uncertainty, including the Iran conflict and the Israeli election. Gains narrowed on Wednesday after reports that U.S. Vice President Vance was actively mediating to ease tensions.

Performance of Bonds (%)



Performance of Commodities and Currencies (%)



Source: Bloomberg

What's Trending

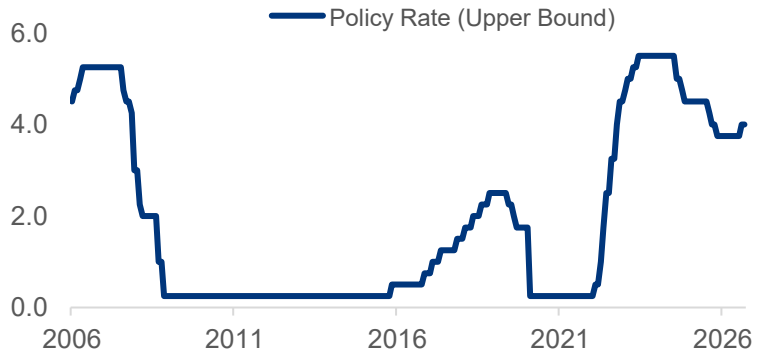
Fed Delivers a Hawkish Pause; Another Hike Possible in December as Meetings Are Gradually Cut to Six per Year

- The FOMC voted 10-2 to keep the federal funds target range unchanged at 3.75%-4.00%. Warsh gave no clear guidance for December and stressed that decisions will depend on the data. With two dissents this month and most officials expecting another hike this year, markets now put the odds of a December hike at about 80%. The pause gives the Fed time to judge whether more tightening is needed.
- Warsh said the economy is still expanding at a strong pace, with resilient spending, strong productivity, and a stable labor market. Inflation, however, remains elevated. He noted that inflation has not returned to target for six straight years, but said the economy is not overheating and that growth does not necessarily push up inflation.
- This meeting brought a major structural change. The Fed will keep eight FOMC meetings a year but will change the agenda starting in fall 2027. One meeting in 2027 will be devoted to broader monetary policy discussion. That meeting is not expected to include a rate vote or a policy statement, so 2027 will have seven rate-setting meetings. In 2028, the number of policy-review meetings is expected to rise to two, leaving six rate-setting meetings.
- The new structure points to a long-term shift toward fewer policy decisions, each made after more careful deliberation.

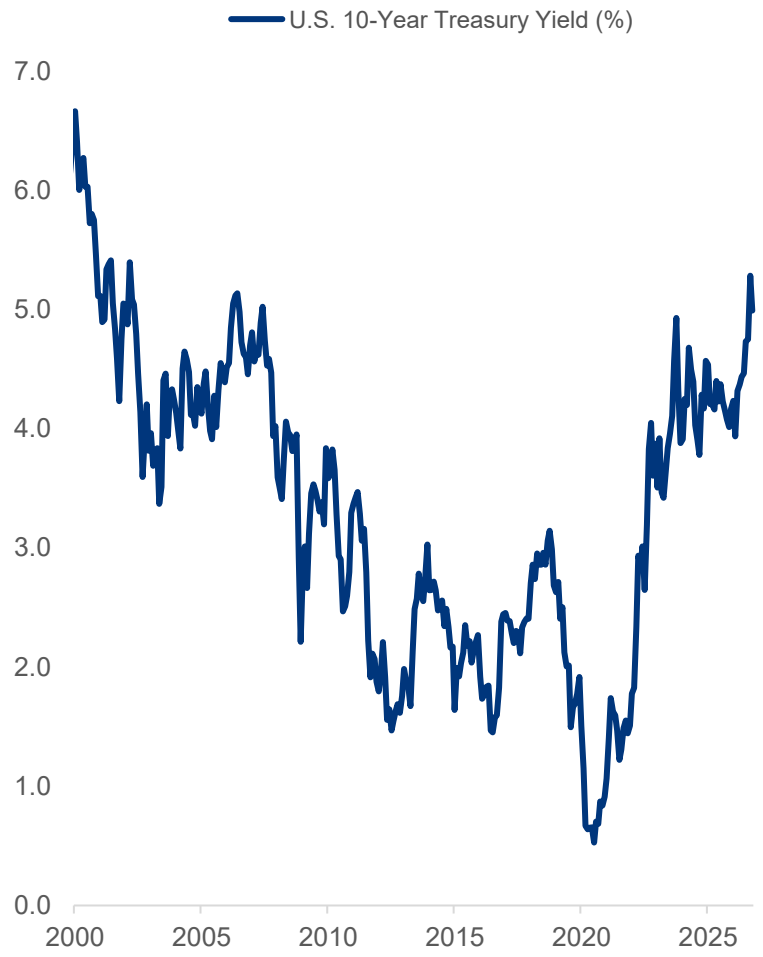
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Futures Pricing Points to a Rate Peak in 4Q27

	Cumulative Number of Rate Hikes	Implied Rate
Current Policy Rate (Upper Bound)		4.00
Current Effective Rate		3.88
2026/12	0.82	4.09
2027/01	1.18	4.18
2027/03	1.80	4.33
2027/04	2.12	4.41
2027/06	2.50	4.51
2027/07	2.61	4.54
2027/09	**2.74**	**4.57**
2027/10	2.72	4.56
2027/12	2.63	4.54
2028/01	2.58	4.53



10-Year Treasury Yield at Multi-Year Highs



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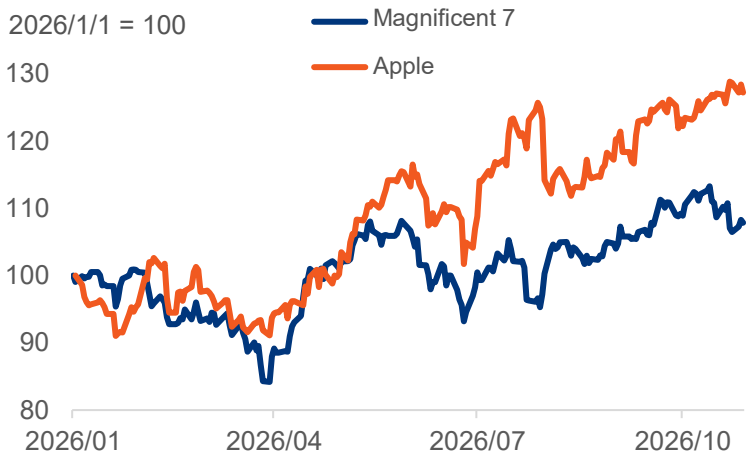
AI Boom Unstoppable, but Funding Becomes Key; Conservative Names Favored as CSP Risks Warrant Caution

- Major tech companies reported mixed results this week, but the AI infrastructure arms race shows no sign of slowing. Hyperscalers' capex now accounts for as much as 45%-50% of revenue, consuming most of their operating cash flow, and they have already raised funds through equity and debt markets.
- Amazon and Alphabet are posting strong revenue growth even as EPS estimates fall sharply. This clearly shows that they are in a period of absorbing AI infrastructure costs.
- Apple trades at a valuation premium to other CSPs, although its revenue and earnings growth do not lead the group. As investors worry about CSP spending, financing, and payback, Apple stands out for its light spending burden and strong free cash flow, with capex at only about 2% of revenue.
- Apple still lags its peers in AI applications, but its strong ecosystem and large user base give it a solid foundation. Because Apple has not yet fully monetized AI, future monetization could become a catalyst. In the meantime, Apple can watch how other companies make money from AI and rely on external partnerships, such as integrating Gemini and renting Google TPUs. This conservative approach makes Apple more defensive, and the market has been willing to give it a higher valuation multiple. By contrast, investors should be more cautious about funding risks at CSPs.

Markets Pay a Premium for a Conservative Approach

	Trailing 12M P/E	Fwd 12M P/E	Fwd 12M Earnings Growth	Fwd 12M EPS Growth
Apple	**39.4**	**37.0**	**+9.4%**	**+6.3%**
Amazon	35.4	22.9	+14.1%	-25.1%
Alphabet	29.9	20.8	+28.4%	-26.3%
Meta	18.2	17.3	+22.7%	+8.5%
Microsoft	30.0	25.9	+18.2%	+6.6%
Nvidia	31.0	17.8	+78.7%	+56.4%
Tesla	533.1	197.4	+13.2%	+23.6%
Average	102.4	48.4	+26.4%	+7.1%
Average (Excl. Tesla)	30.7	23.6	+28.6%	+4.4%

Conservative Doesn't Mean Falling Behind



Tech Companies Have Tapped Markets Heavily to Fund AI Data Centers, with Only a Few Exceptions

(US$ bn)	Equity	Debt	Total	Selected Uses of Proceeds
SpaceX	86	65 (Bonds + GPU SPV)	151	Starship Dev. / GPU Compute
Alphabet	50.4	81	131	AI Infra.
Amazon	—	98	98	Capex
Meta	38 (Common + Preferred)	67 (Bonds, Private Credit, Sopaipilla)	104	AI Infra. & DC Expansion
Oracle	20.0	30 (Bonds + Preferred Shares)	50	Cloud Infra. & Working Cap.
(For Meta) BlackRock/Sopaipilla	—	13	13	Refi. (Meta DC Project)
Anthropic	TBD	—	TBD	AI Model Dev. & Commercialization
SK Hyper Co.	350 (Target)	—	TBD	15GW DC Campus
Apple, Microsoft, Nvidia, Tesla	—	—	—	—

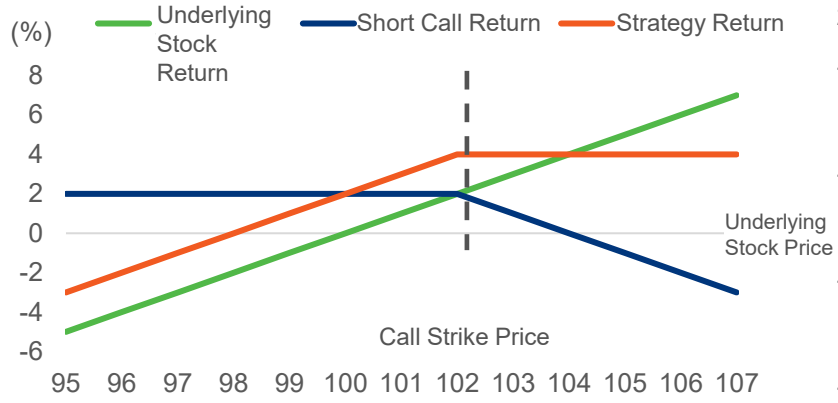
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In Focus

Covered Call Strategies Turn Market Volatility into Potential Income

- The Fed is tightening policy, and the market is heavily concentrated in AI infrastructure and monetization themes. Large funding needs and rising bond yields are adding to future financing costs, while market concentration keeps increasing. Equities are still trending higher, but several risks are building at once, so volatility may rise. We think diversifying and reducing AI exposure is an important strategy.
- Investors who want to keep their AI exposure while lowering portfolio volatility may consider a covered call strategy. Unlike low-volatility, defensive, or value styles, a covered call strategy does not limit which stocks investors can hold.
- The strategy gives up potential upside in exchange for option premiums as income, and that income tends to rise when volatility increases. It suits markets that lack catalysts for a strong rally but don't call for a bearish view. It also generally offers a higher distribution yield than the underlying stocks, which appeals to income-focused investors.
- Portfolios using this strategy typically offer higher distribution yields, so investors should look at and compare total returns, not just yield.

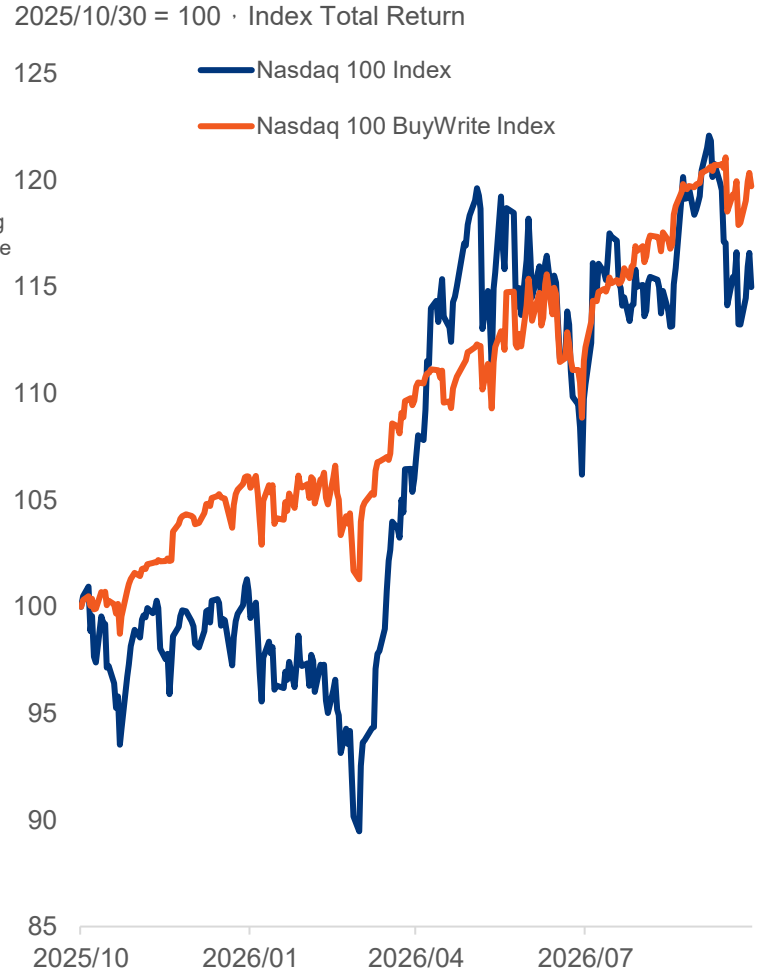
Covered Call Strategy: Giving Up Potential Upside in Exchange for Income



Sector Rotation Continues

	Month-to-Date
Energy	11.8%
Consumer Staples	9.8%
Utilities	9.4%
Health Care	9.3%
Financials	6.6%
Materials	6.5%
Real Estate	4.8%
Consumer Discretionary	4.8%
Industrials	1.8%
Information Technology	-2.7%
Communication Services	-14.2%

Covered Call Strategies Show Lower Volatility



Source: Bloomberg

Strategic Viewpoint

Lower Volatility or Harness It, While Staying Diversified Across Sectors

Asset Type	Market View	Preferred Assets
Equities	◆ U.S. 3Q earnings are expected to grow at a double-digit pace YoY, and markets remain focused on AI developments. As major CSPs report results, their financing needs remain in focus and money is rotating out of tech. Investors should consider either lowering volatility or putting it to work. ◆ Geopolitical conflicts, elevated yields, valuation pressure, and the approaching U.S. midterm elections are likely to keep markets choppy. In the near term, investors can add defensive strategies to make portfolios more resilient. Over the long term, the AI and technology growth trend remains intact. Investors can build positions in stages on pullbacks and diversify across regions and sectors to reduce overall portfolio volatility. A barbell strategy that pairs defensive and growth assets can also deliver steady returns. ◆ European and Japanese equities remain key diversification plays, and rising global interest rates support bank stocks. With geopolitical conflicts flaring up frequently, European defense remains an attractive investment theme.	**Strategy:** Add defensive exposure. Stay positive on AI themes such as technology and semiconductors over the medium to long term, and look to Health Care and Biotech for non-AI opportunities **Regions**: Japan Banks, European Defense
Bonds	◆ Global government bond yields are rising, and major central banks are expected to have room for further hikes before year-end. Elevated yields make short- and intermediate-duration bonds attractive, and investors can use rate spikes to lock in yields and income. High-quality issuers have stronger fundamentals, stable cash flows, and solid repayment capacity. The focus should be on those offering attractive risk-adjusted spreads, including the Financials, Communications, and Utilities sectors.	**Bond Types:** Short- to intermediate-term investment-grade bonds to lock in yields, with a focus on Financials, Communications, and Utilities
Forex	◆ Rising political risk in Europe is weighing on the EUR in the near term, keeping the USD supported at elevated levels. ◆ Hawkish signals from the BOJ are lending support to the JPY, though it remains range-bound.	USD, supported at elevated levels
Commodity	◆ Middle East tensions are unlikely to ease soon, keeping oil prices elevated but more volatile. ◆ Rising U.S. yields and a stronger USD are pressuring gold in the near term. However, fiscal deficit pressures in the U.S., Europe, and Japan, together with de-dollarization, continue to drive buying by central banks and long-term investors. This gives gold stable support over the medium to long term.	Gold: Under Pressure Near Term, Bullish Medium to Long Term

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HK Equities

Policy Support Drives the Nuclear Power Supply Chain Toward Scaled Development

► Nuclear Power Integrated into China's New Energy Framework

China's 15th Five-Year Energy Plan targets non-fossil fuel power generation accounting for 50% of total electricity generation by 2030, while calling for the "active, safe and orderly" development of nuclear power. Installed nuclear capacity is targeted to reach approximately 110GW, with coastal nuclear power bases designated as a key source of non-fossil energy growth. The plan prioritizes third-generation pressurized water reactors while continuing to advance the development and demonstration of advanced reactor technologies. Beyond carbon reduction, nuclear power is increasingly viewed as a long-term strategic pillar supporting energy security, grid resilience, and technological self-sufficiency.

► Evolving Power Demand Highlights the Value of Reliable Baseload Generation

Electricity demand in China is expanding beyond traditional industrial sectors to include data centers, artificial intelligence, electrification, and advanced manufacturing, driving growing demand for reliable, low-carbon, around-the-clock power supply. While wind and solar capacity continue to expand rapidly, their intermittency requires support from stable generation sources, while hydropower output remains dependent on rainfall conditions. With high utilization rates and reliable baseload generation capabilities, nuclear power complements renewable energy and supports both grid stability and decarbonization goals.

► A Mature Domestic Supply Chain Expands Nuclear Energy Opportunities

China's nuclear industry is evolving beyond standalone power generation projects toward advanced equipment manufacturing, next-generation reactor technologies, and broader energy applications. According to the National Energy Administration, China had 112 operating and approved-under-construction nuclear units with combined capacity of 125GW as of the end of 2025, while localization rates for equipment in newly built projects exceeded 90%. Beyond electricity generation, nuclear energy is increasingly being deployed for district heating and industrial steam applications. Continued large-scale development, standardized plant designs, and a mature domestic supply chain are expected to improve the long-term visibility of both construction activity and operational performance.

Key Policies and Measures Under China's 15th Five-Year Nuclear Development Plan

Development Area	Policy Measures
Targets & Capacity Goals	Increase operating nuclear capacity to approximately 110GW by 2030 and promote large-scale nuclear power development
Development Pace & Core Technologies	Maintain a steady pace of nuclear development, with third-generation pressurized water reactor (PWR) technology as the primary reactor type
Advanced Reactor Technologies	Complete demonstration projects for small modular PWRs; advance R&D and demonstration of Generation IV reactors; accelerate technology and equipment development for SMRs and Generation IV reactors
Nuclear Base Deployment	Promote the safe and orderly development of coastal nuclear projects and optimize the planning and construction schedule of coastal nuclear bases
Integrated Nuclear Energy Applications	Promote integrated nuclear energy utilization and encourage innovation in commercial applications and business models
District Heating & Industrial Steam Supply	Expand nuclear-powered clean heating and industrial steam supply applications
Nuclear Equipment Manufacturing	Develop industrial clusters for nuclear and other high-end equipment manufacturing
Safety & Back-End Management	Promote high-standard design, construction, and operation of nuclear facilities; strengthen safety oversight of first-of-a-kind and new reactors; enhance decommissioning, radioactive waste management, and radiation monitoring

Source: National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and National Energy Administration (NEA), The 15th Five-Year Plan Outline, The 15th Five-Year Plan for Building a New Energy System, and The 15th Five-Year Plan for Building a New Power System, 2026.

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CGN Power Co Ltd. (1816 HK)

Closing Price	HK $3.4	Target Price	HK $3.9

CGN Power Co., Ltd. is the core listed platform of China General Nuclear Power Group (CGN). The company focuses on nuclear power generation and plant operations and is one of the largest nuclear power operators in China and globally, committed to providing safe, efficient, and clean energy.

Market Leadership Supported by Scarce Operating Licenses and Scale Advantages

CGN Power is China's largest nuclear power operator, accounting for 46.6% of the country's operating nuclear capacity in 2025, and is one of the few companies licensed to operate nuclear power plants. The company operates nuclear facilities across Guangdong, Fujian, and Liaoning, with revenue from electricity sales, plant operations, and project management. Strict licensing requirements, high capital intensity, and long construction cycles create significant barriers to entry and support its long-term competitive position.

New Reactor Completions and Tax Incentives Support Earnings Growth

Supported by China's 15th Five-Year nuclear development plan, CGN Power operates 30 nuclear units with 34.2GW of capacity and has a further 18 units totaling 21.8GW under construction. As new units are commissioned, installed capacity is expected to increase by around 10% annually, supporting growth in power generation and electricity sales. Newly commissioned units also benefit from the "three-year exemption, three-year 50% reduction" tax incentive policy, supporting earnings growth.

CfD Mechanism Enhances Earnings Stability

Contracts for Difference (CfDs) provide a pricing floor for electricity sales, reducing the impact of low or negative spot power prices and improving cash flow visibility. Compared with coal-fired, hydro, and wind power generation, nuclear power offers higher utilization rates, greater cost visibility, and more stable baseload generation. As the CfD framework is expected to expand beyond Guangxi to additional provinces, earnings stability could improve further.

Supported by Power Pricing and Tax Incentives

The company continues to benefit from supportive electricity pricing and tax policies. In 1H26, the average on-grid tariff of its subsidiary power plants increased 0.8%, while some newly commissioned units secured power sales contracts that help mitigate tariff pressure. Together with tax incentives and accelerating VAT refunds, these factors support profitability and reinforce the company's income and defensive characteristics.

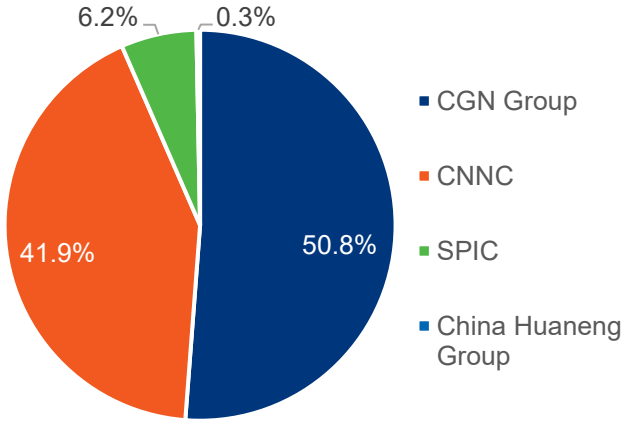
Financials

	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Revenue (CNY bn)	86.8	75.7	77.6	84.3	89.7
YoY Growth (%)	5.2	-12	2.5	8.7	6.4
EPS (CNY)	0.21	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.24
YoY Growth (%)	0.9	-9.8	7.1	12.9	3.9
RoE (%)	9.0	7.8	8.3	8.6	8.6

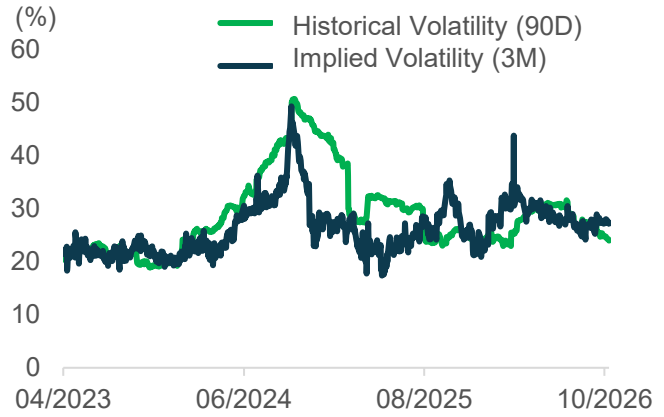
Forward P/E



2027 Product Revenue Breakdown



Historical Volatility



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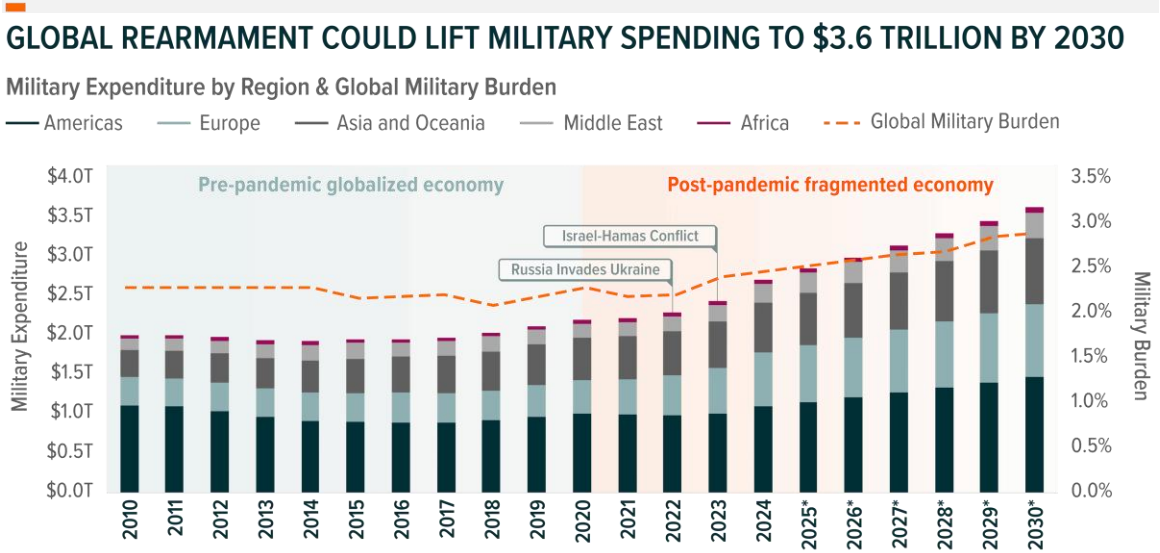
US Equities

Global Rearmament and Rising Defense Spending Support Long-Term Growth in Defense Sector

- The Federal Reserve voted 10-2 at its October FOMC meeting to keep the federal funds target range unchanged at 3.75%-4.00%, while maintaining ample reserves in the banking system. Policymakers noted that U.S. economic growth remains solid, supported by resilient domestic demand, stable labor market conditions, and continued strength in productivity and capital investment. Inflation, however, remains elevated, while geopolitical developments continue to add uncertainty to the economic outlook. The Fed will assess incoming data before determining the appropriate policy path to return inflation to its 2% target. Notably, two policymakers favored a 25bp rate hike, highlighting ongoing divisions regarding the need for further policy tightening.
- U.S. Core PCE rose 0.3% MoM in September, in line with market expectations and unchanged from the revised prior reading. On a YoY basis, Core PCE increased 3.1%, matching consensus forecasts and rising from 3.0% previously.
- U.S. third-quarter GDP expanded at an annualized rate of 3.4%, exceeding both market expectations of 3.2% and the prior reading of 2.2%.
- The defense sector continues to benefit from geopolitical tensions, inventory replenishment, and military modernization, with demand increasingly extending from short-term procurement toward multi-year capacity expansion and technology upgrades. Global military spending reached US$2.887 trillion in 2025, representing real growth of 2.9% and marking the eleventh consecutive year of expansion. NATO members have committed to raising defense and security-related spending to 5% of GDP by 2035, including at least 3.5% allocated to core defense spending, supporting long-term demand for air and missile defense systems, munitions, and military infrastructure. Companies with critical technologies, established manufacturing capacity, and long-term maintenance capabilities are well positioned to benefit from growing order backlogs and recurring service revenue. Nevertheless, sector performance will continue to depend on budget execution and delivery schedules, while investors should monitor the conversion of orders into earnings and cash flow, as well as potential risks from supply chain constraints, cost overruns, and elevated valuations.

Source: Bloomberg , Global X

Global Rearmament and Defense Spending Growth



*Forecast
Note: Military burden refers to the proportion of GDP allocated to military expenditures.
Sources: Global X ETFs forecast as of September 19, 2025 with information derived from: Liang, X., Tian, N., Lopes da Silva, D., Scarazzato, L., Karim, Z. A., & Ricard, J. G. (2025, April). Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2024. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Lockheed Martin Corporation (LMT US)

Closing Price	US$636.95	Target Price	US$700

Lockheed Martin Corporation is a global security and aerospace company engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, and integration of advanced technology products and services. The company's operations span space, telecommunications, electronics, information and services, aeronautics, energy, and systems integration. Lockheed Martin conducts business worldwide.

Missile Replenishment and Rising NATO Spending Support a Multi-Year Demand Cycle

As the U.S. and its allies replenish missile inventories and strengthen multi-layered air and missile defense capabilities, global defense spending continues to expand structurally. NATO members have committed to raising defense and security-related spending to 5% of GDP by 2035, while combined real defense spending by European allies and Canada increased nearly 20% in 2025. These trends are expected to support sustained demand for Lockheed Martin's PAC-3 MSE and THAAD interceptor systems.

Record Backlog and Multi-Year Contracts Enhance Revenue Visibility

Lockheed Martin's long-term earnings outlook is increasingly supported by multi-year contracts. In 3Q26, revenue rose 11% YoY to US$20.7 billion, while backlog reached a record US$292 billion, including US$52.5 billion related to PAC-3 MSE multi-year contracts. The company plans to increase PAC-3 production capacity to more than 2,000 interceptors annually, while THAAD capacity is expected to expand from 96 to 400 interceptors per year. In addition, the new F-35 framework covers 850 U.S. aircraft over the next decade, alongside sustainment and international orders, providing greater production and aftermarket visibility.

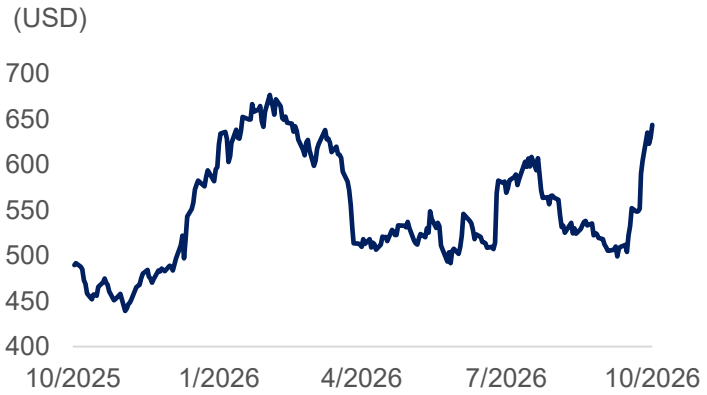
3Q26 Results Beat Expectations; Full-Year Guidance Maintained

Lockheed Martin reported 3Q26 revenue of US$20.7 billion, up 11.3% YoY and US$240 million above market expectations. Non-GAAP EPS reached US$7.97, exceeding consensus by US$0.45. Management maintained its FY2026 guidance, including revenue of US$80-82 billion and diluted EPS of US$30.35-30.75. The company also expects operating cash flow of US$10.0-10.2 billion and free cash flow of US$7.8-8.0 billion for the year.

Valuation Consensus

Bloomberg consensus estimates imply an average 12-month target price of US$651.86, with a high target price of US$835 and a low target price of US$498.

1-Year Price



Financials

	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F
Revenue Growth(%)	2.4	5.1	5.6	8.4	7.1
EBITDA ratio (%)	12.8	10.1	11.0	13.8	13.8
EPS (USD)	22.43	16.88	16.40	30.65	33.11
Net Profit Margin(%)	8.3	5.7	5.1	8.7	8.8

Source: Bloomberg

FY2026 Guidance

($M), EXCEPT FOR EPS	JULY GUIDANCE	OCTOBER GUIDANCE	MIDPOINT Δ
Sales	$79,750 - $81,750	$80,000 - $82,000	+$250
Segment Operating Profit*	8,500 - 8,700	8,575 - 8,675	+25
Total FAS / CAS Pension Adjustment	~1,365	~1,365	
Diluted EPS	~29.95 - 30.65	~30.35 – 30.75	+0.25
Cash From Operations	9,200 - 9,400	10,000 – 10,200	+800
Capital Expenditures	2,000 - 2,400	2,100 - 2,300	
Free Cash Flow*	$7,000 - $7,200	$7,800 - $8,000	+$800

PE & PB



Source: Bloomberg, Company

RTX (RTX US)

Closing Price	US$199.8	Target Price	US$225

RTX Corporation operates aerospace and defense businesses. The company provides avionics systems, aerostructures, communication and navigation equipment, aircraft interior and exterior lighting, aircraft seating, environmental control systems, flight control systems, and engine components. RTX serves commercial, military, and government customers.

Defense Replenishment and Aircraft Supply Constraints Support Defense and Commercial Aerospace Demand

RTX benefits from structural demand across both defense and commercial aerospace markets. Rising defense budgets continue to support procurement of Patriot, AMRAAM, and Tomahawk missile systems, while shortages of new aircraft and engine deliveries are prompting airlines to extend fleet service lives, sustaining high utilization rates and maintenance spending. According to IATA, the global aircraft supply shortfall is approximately 3,170 aircraft, providing continued support for Pratt & Whitney and Collins Aerospace's commercial aftermarket businesses. NATO's commitment to increase defense spending is also expected to support growth in RTX's air defense and missile franchises.

Record Backlog and Broad-Based Growth Enhance Revenue Visibility

RTX reported a record backlog of US$340 billion in 3Q26, up 36% YoY, including US$176 billion from commercial aerospace and US$164 billion from defense programs. Strong deliveries of Patriot, Standard Missile, and Tomahawk systems drove 14% revenue growth at Raytheon, while commercial aftermarket revenue increased 21% at Pratt & Whitney and 9% at Collins Aerospace. The combination of a large backlog, recurring aftermarket demand, and improving production efficiency provides strong support for future revenue, earnings, and cash flow growth.

3Q26 Results Beat Expectations; Full-Year Guidance Raised

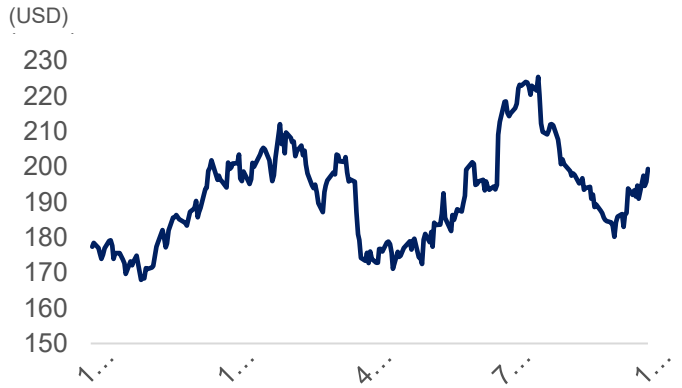
RTX reported 3Q26 adjusted sales of US$25.0 billion, up 11% YoY and US$860 million above market expectations. Adjusted EPS rose 33% YoY to US$2.26, exceeding consensus estimates by US$0.48. Management raised FY2026 guidance, with adjusted sales now expected at US$97.0-97.5 billion and adjusted EPS at US$7.65-7.75. Full-year free cash flow guidance was also increased to US$9.0-9.2 billion, reflecting improving operating performance and cash generation.

Valuation Consensus

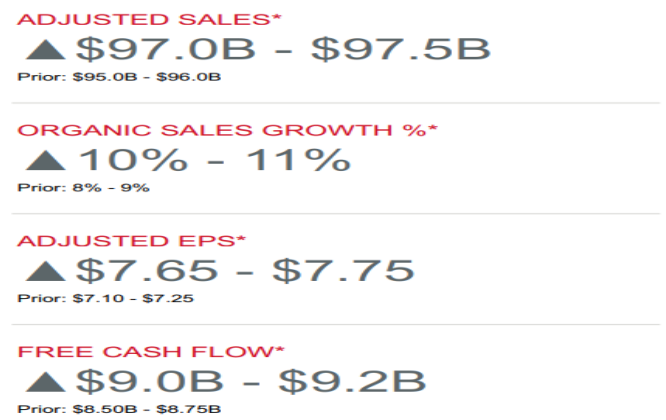
Bloomberg consensus estimates imply an average 12-month target price of US$227.25, with a high target price of US$252 and a low target price of US$164.

Source: Bloomberg, Company

1-Year Price



FY2026 Guidance



Financials

	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F
Revenue Growth(%)	2.8	17.1	9.7	9.9	8.1
EBITDA ratio (%)	19.7	18.3	18.5	16.8	16.7
EPS (USD)	3.43	5.75	6.29	7.68	8.08
Net Profit Margin(%)	7.1	9.6	9.6	10.8	10.4

Source: Bloomberg; 2026/27F are market estimates

PE & PB



TW Equities

Taiwan Equities Face Near-Term Pressure, Server Hardware Vendors Poised for Mid-to-Long-Term Growth Opportunities

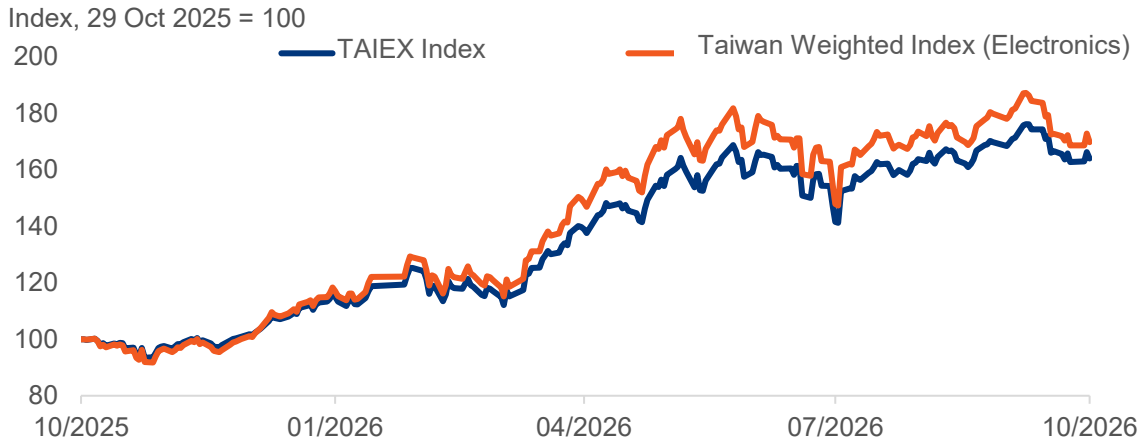
Taiwan Equities Fall Below Key Technical Support as Consolidation Persists

Recent earnings releases from major cloud service providers have weighed on market sentiment. Alphabet's weaker-than-expected results triggered a sharp decline in its share price, while Amazon's softer fourth-quarter revenue outlook also pressured technology stocks. Investor concerns remain focused on the financing requirements and long-term returns of large-scale AI infrastructure spending, suggesting Taiwan equities may remain in a near-term consolidation phase. On the sector front, technology stocks continued to face selling pressure, while financials provided support for the broader market. Investors may continue to focus on AI-related companies with positive fourth-quarter earnings outlooks and improving share price momentum.

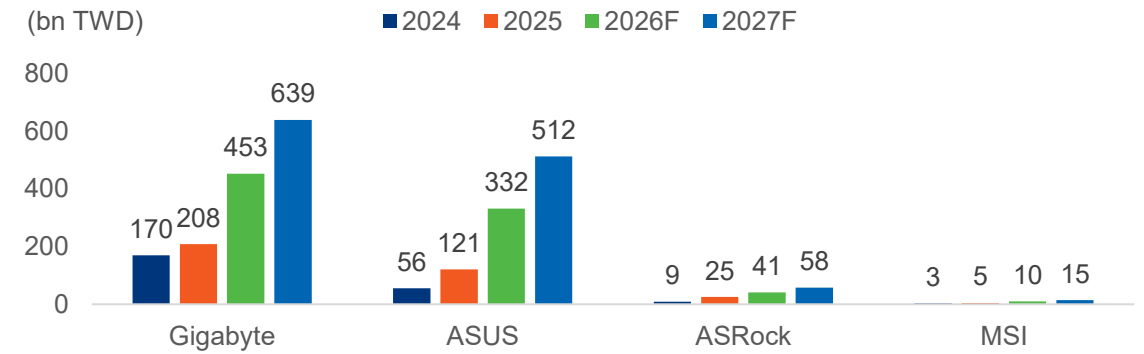
Strong AI Server Demand Supports Growth Outlook for Taiwan's Server Hardware Vendors

Although global PC demand remains weak, with global PC shipments projected to decline 12% YoY in 2027, motherboard and graphics card vendors are benefiting from product price increases and a richer mix of high-end products. Motherboard prices have risen by around 10% since October, while graphics card prices have increased by 20%-30%, supporting near-term profitability. Meanwhile, AI server demand remains robust, with order visibility from second-tier CSPs, NeoCloud providers, and enterprise customers extending into 1H27. KGI expects server-related businesses to become the primary earnings growth driver for board manufacturers in 2027, with companies such as Gigabyte and ASUS particularly well positioned given their higher server exposure. As AI server penetration continues to increase, the related supply chain is expected to maintain attractive medium- to long-term growth potential.

TAIEX Index and Taiwan Electronics Sector Trends



2027E Server Revenue by Motherboard and Graphics Card Vendors



Source: Bloomberg

KGI

Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd. (2376 TT)

Gigabyte Technology Co., Ltd. is a Taiwan-based motherboard manufacturer. The company provides computer motherboards and graphics cards, and also supplies server-related products to data center operators worldwide.

AI Server Momentum Continues to Lift Server Business Contribution

Gigabyte has actively expanded its presence in the AI server market, driving a rising contribution from its server business. Benefiting from strong AI server shipments, server revenue is projected to grow 114% YoY to NT$443.8 billion in 2026, accounting for 80% of total revenue. In 2027, server revenue is expected to further increase to NT$586.5 billion, representing 83% of total revenue. This highlights the server business as the company's primary growth driver, gradually replacing traditional PC products.

Expanding AI Infrastructure Supports Strong Order Visibility into 2027

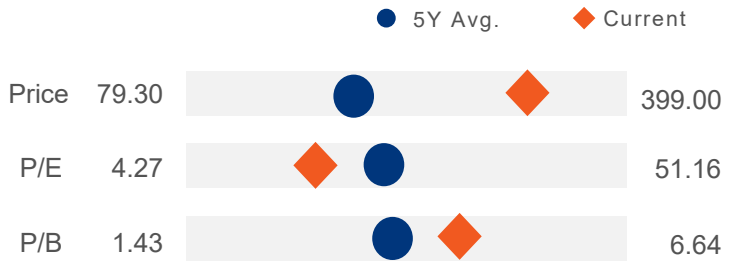
We believes continued growth in global AI computing capacity will support sustained demand for AI servers. Cloud customers such as CoreWeave and Nebius have continued to raise their power capacity and data center expansion plans, reflecting robust AI infrastructure investment demand. In addition to growing orders from existing customers, Gigabyte is also expanding into new customer programs, with AI server order visibility already extending into 2027.

Financials

	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F
EPS (NTD)	7.46	15.03	18.20	33.00	35.70
EPS Growth (%)	-27.5	101.4	21.1	81.3	8.2
P/E Ratio	53.3	26.4	21.8	12.0	11.1
ROE (%)	12.9	21.5	21.6	35.2	33.8

Source: Company data, estimates of KGI analyst

Valuations

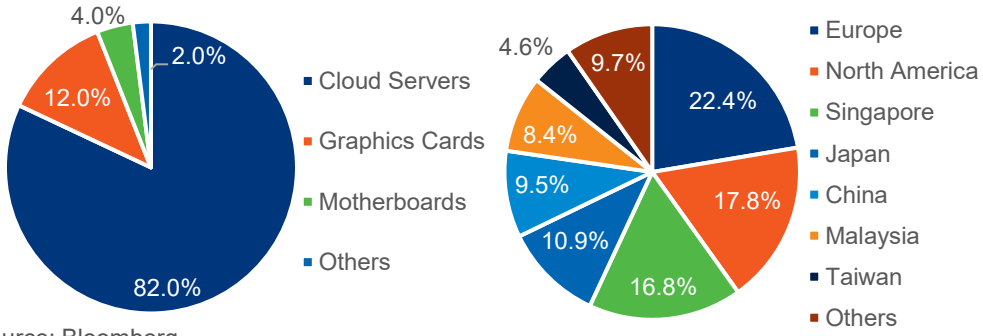


1-Year Price



As of 29 October 2026	1Wk	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y
Return (%)	-3.38	-5.25	6.69	25.87	37.47	20.56

Revenue Sources and Regions



Source: Bloomberg

ASUSTeK Computer Inc. (2357 TT)

ASUSTeK Computer Inc. provides solutions spanning AI infrastructure, physical AI, AI PCs, and smart devices. The company primarily manufactures and sells computer motherboards and notebook computers.

Higher-End Product Mix Supports Better-Than-Expected Results

ASUSTeK's 2Q26 earnings exceeded market expectations, supported by a higher contribution from premium products. GB-series rack solutions accounted for approximately 30% of total server revenue, while a richer mix of high-end PC products and higher ASPs drove improvements in both gross margin and operating margin. The company expects continued growth across its server, PC, and components businesses in 3Q26, with server revenue projected to increase 10%-15% QoQ and PC revenue 15%-20% QoQ, reflecting its leading market position and the benefits of its premium product strategy.

Strong AI Server Demand Supports Long-Term Growth

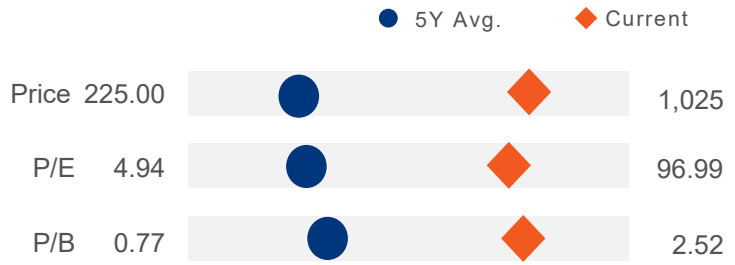
In addition to robust AI server demand, ASUSTeK continues to benefit from a higher mix of premium PC products and rising ASPs, supporting profitability above market expectations. The expanding scale of the AI server business should further optimize the company's product mix and support margin expansion. The company also plans to launch RTX Spark notebooks and GR1X desktop PCs in 4Q26, which could provide an additional driver for PC business growth in 2027.

Financials

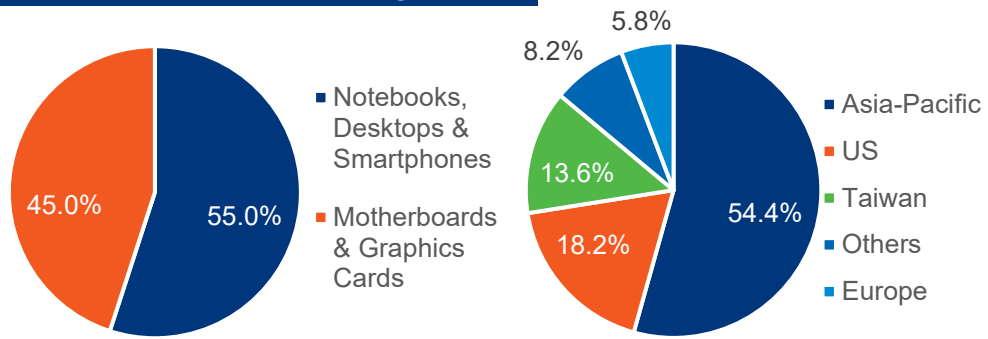
	2023	2024	2025	2026F	2027F
EPS (NTD)	21.44	42.27	59.99	73.28	73.31
EPS Growth (%)	8.4	97.1	41.9	22.1	0.1
P/E Ratio	39.7	20.2	14.2	11.6	11.6
ROE (%)	7.0	12.3	16.6	19.8	19.0

Source: Company data, estimates of KGI analyst

Valuations



Revenue Sources and Regions



Source: Bloomberg

1-Year Price



As of 29 October 2026	1Wk	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y
Return (%)	-3.16	-1.35	24.84	61.56	73.36	33.99

Mutual Funds/ ETFs

Unlock Covered Call Strategies: Turn Market Volatility into Potential Income

► Fidelity Funds – Global Dividend Fund

- Focuses on companies with strong brand franchises, supporting earnings resilience and sustainable dividend growth.
- Globally diversified portfolio with overweight positions in Europe and the UK, and an underweight allocation to the U.S., helping reduce portfolio concentration risk.
- Defensive sector positioning, with key exposure to non-life insurance, financial exchanges, consumer staples, pharmaceuticals, and utilities, sectors that tend to be less sensitive to economic fluctuations.

► BlackRock Global Funds – Systematic Global Equity High Income Fund

- Seeks to enhance income through a combination of global dividend-paying equities and index option-writing strategies.
- Uses forward-looking signals and quantitative analysis to build a diversified global equity income portfolio, aiming to identify stocks with attractive income potential and lower risk profiles.
- Evaluates more than 3,000 securities daily and continuously refines machine-learning models and investment signals to identify income-generating and outperforming opportunities.
- Offers monthly distribution share classes, with the latest annualized distribution yield of 8.03% for Class A6 USD.

Product	Fidelity Funds – Global Dividend Fund		BlackRock Global Funds – Systematic Global Equity High Income Fund	
Features	■ Invest in Quality Companies to Withstand Market Cycles ■ Invest in Dividend-Paying Quality Firms to Capture Ongoing Income and Growth Opportunities		■ Core Strategy: Invest in High-Dividend Companies ■ Integrate AI to Identify New Opportunities	
AUM	USD 21.359 billion		USD 16.384 billion	
3M/YTD Return	2.78% / 14.11%		4.70% / 15.04%	
Top 5 Regions Allocation(%)	Industrials Financials Health Care Information Technology Consumer Staples	21.30 15.20 12.50 11.50 10.50	Information Technology Financials Communications Industrials Consumer Staples	34.28 14.28 11.38 11.04 8.16
Top 5 Sector Allocation(%)	U.S. U.K. Germany France Switzerland	21.90 14.50 11.40 9.90 9.30	U.S. Others Japan China Canada	62.12 8.21 8.10 6.84 2.69
Top 5 Holdings (%)	Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg Co Ltd Deutsche Boerse AG Unilever PLC Roche Holding AG Vinci SA	4.00 3.40 3.40 3.40 3.10	Nvidia Corporation Apple Inc Alphabet Inc Cisco Systems Inc Verizon Communications Inc	4.73 3.55 3.27 2.41 1.83

Source: Bloomberg, KGI

Fidelity Funds – Global Dividend Fund

Profile

The Fund seeks to achieve long-term capital growth and income by investing at least 70% of its total assets in income-producing equities of companies globally, including those in emerging markets.

Focusing on Companies with Compelling Relative Valuations

The Fund focuses on high-quality companies trading at reasonable valuations or at a discount to peers. This strategy helps mitigate downside risk during valuation multiple contractions while offering investors more attractive total return opportunities.

Investing in High-Quality Companies to Weather Market Cycles

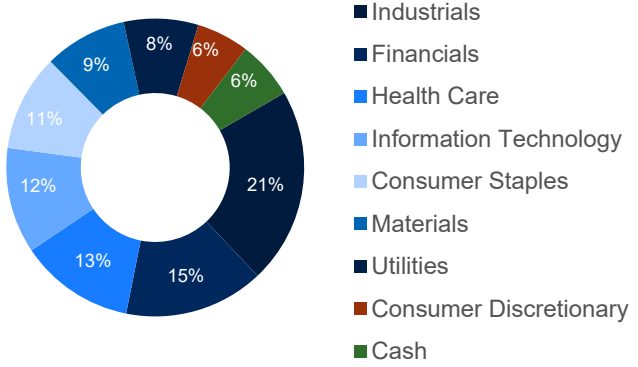
Rather than merely focusing on low-valuation stocks, the Fund targets defensive companies equipped with strong balance sheets and robust cash flows that can weather different market cycles and deliver consistent returns in volatile environments. These companies typically possess globally diversified revenue streams, enhancing portfolio resilience.

Robust Dividend Potential

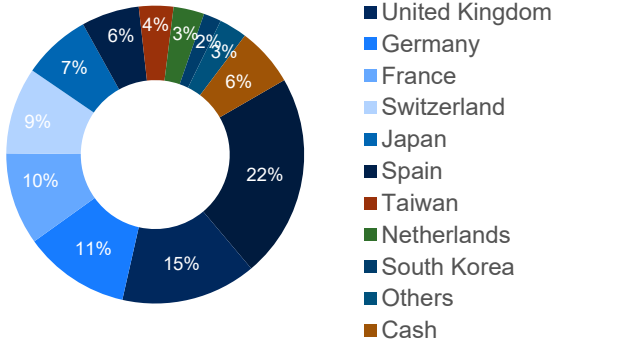
In an environment of elevated valuations and narrow market breadth, the Fund captures sustained dividend and growth opportunities through companies with proven payout track records. This strategy not only provides stable cash flow but also supports long-term capital appreciation.

Inception	2012/1/30	**AUM**	USD 21.359 bn
Morningstar Category	Global Equity Income	**Fund Type**	Equities
Morningstar Rating	★★★	**3Y SD (Ann.)**	11.70%

Sectors



Regional



Top-5 Holdings (%)

Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg Co Ltd	4.00
Deutsche Boerse AG	3.40
Unilever PLC	3.40
Roche Holding AG	3.40
Vinci SA	3.10

3Y NAV



As of 28 October 2026	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	2Y	3Y
Cumulative Return(%)	5.67	2.78	14.11	16.75	29.00	68.92
Ranking	1	1	2	2	3	2

Sources: Fund Monthly Report, Morningstar. Performance data as of 28 October 2026; monthly report as of September 30, 2026.Data share class: H USD.

BlackRock Global Funds – Systematic Global Equity High Income Fund

Profile

The fund aims to maximize income by investing globally without restrictions on specific countries or regions. At least 70% of total assets are invested in equity securities.

Focus on Sustainable High Income

The fund centers on investing in high-dividend companies, combined with covered call option strategies, aiming to maintain stable income even in volatile markets. This provides investors with relatively steady cash flow amid uncertainty.

Leverage Artificial Intelligence

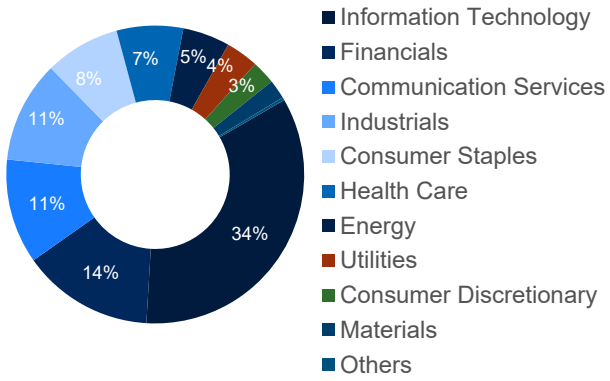
The fund employs a systematic approach integrating AI, big data, and expert insights. It analyzes over 3,000 stocks daily, using hundreds of predictive signals to uncover distinctive investment opportunities.

Global Diversification

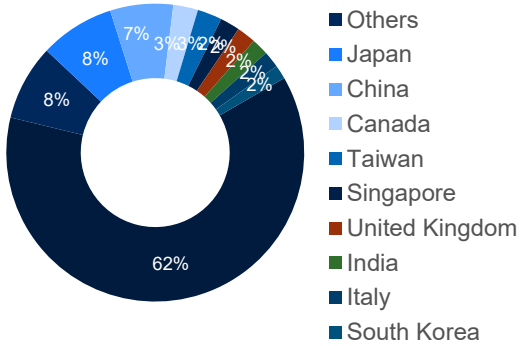
Broad exposure across the U.S., Japan, China, and other markets, with holdings of about 250–400 stocks. This diversified allocation reduces volatility risk.

Inception	2006/10/13	**AUM**	USD 16.384 bn
Morningstar Category	Global Equity Income	**Fund Type**	Equities
Morningstar Rating	★★★	**3Y SD (Ann.)**	8.47%

Sectors



Regional



Top-5 Holdings (%)

Nvidia Corporation	4.73
Apple Inc	3.55
Alphabet Inc	3.27
Cisco Systems Inc	2.41
Verizon Communications Inc	1.83

3Y NAV



As of 28 October 2026	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	2Y	3Y
Cumulative Return(%)	1.65	4.70	15.04	15.89	29.46	67.16
Ranking	2	1	1	2	3	2

Sources: Fund Monthly Report, Morningstar. Performance data as of 28 October 2026; monthly report as of September 30, 2026. Data share class: A2 USD.

Mutual Funds/ ETFs

Unlock Covered Call Strategies: Turn Market Volatility into Potential Income

► Hang Seng JPMorgan US Equity Premium Income Active ETF (3476 HK)

- This feeder fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing substantially (at least 90% of its net asset value) in the JPMorgan ETFs (Ireland) ICAV – US Equity Premium Income Active UCITS ETF.
- Invests in a portfolio of high-quality U.S. large-cap equities and generates additional income by writing equity call options.
- Suitable for investors seeking exposure to the U.S. equity market while generating stable monthly cash income.

► Global X Nasdaq 100 Covered Call Active ETF (3451 HK)

- Invests in equity securities that are constituents of the Nasdaq-100 Index and writes call options on the index to generate option premium income.
- Option premium income may provide additional downside support and attractive regular distributions during periods of market volatility.
- Suitable for investors seeking exposure to leading U.S. technology and innovation companies while generating stable monthly cash income.

Product	Hang Seng JPMorgan US Equity Premium Income Active ETF (3476 HK)		Global X Nasdaq 100 Covered Call Active ETF (3451 HK)	
Features	■ High-income strategy generating income streams ■ Defensive positioning in volatile markets		■ Covered call strategy enhances income with monthly distributions	
AUM	USD 42.67 mn		HKD 505 mn	
Tracking Index	JPMorgan ETFs (Ireland) ICAV – US Equity Premium Income Active UCITS ETF		Nasdaq-100 Index	
Currency	HKD		HKD	
Exchange	HKEX		HKEX	
Holdings	257		104	
Expense Ratio	0.7%		0.75%	
3M/YTD Reutrn	1.77% / 5.77%		8.38% / 10.26%	
Sectors (%)	Information Technology Industrials Health Care Financials Consumer Discretionary	21.30 13.13 12.28 11.79 10.30	Information Technology Cash Communication Services Consumer Discretionary Consumer Staples	45.70 23.70 11.50 7.70 4.20
Holdings (%)	NVIDIA Corp Apple Inc Microsoft Corp Amazon.com Inc Meta Platforms Inc	3.22 2.96 2.91 2.42 2.22	NVIDIA Corp Apple Inc Microsoft Corp Micron Technology Inc Amazon.com Inc	6.61 6.39 5.02 3.90 3.50

Source: Bloomberg

KGI

Hang Seng JPMorgan US Equity Premium Income Active ETF (3476 HK)

Profile

This actively managed feeder fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 90% of its assets in the JPMorgan ETFs (Ireland) ICAV – US Equity Premium Income Active UCITS ETF.

■ High-Income Strategy for Enhanced Yield Generation

The ETF invests in a portfolio of U.S. equities and systematically implements a covered call strategy on the S&P 500 Index to generate option premium income, with the objective of enhancing portfolio yield and providing monthly distributions.

■ Defensive Characteristics in Volatile Markets

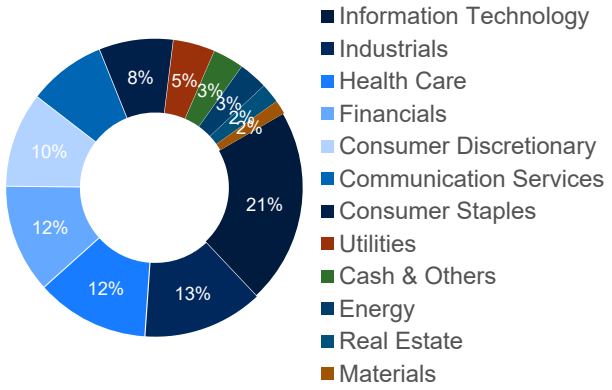
The ETF seeks to maintain lower volatility than the broader market by combining equity exposure with covered call writing. Option premium income can help offset part of the downside risk during market pullbacks and provide additional resilience in range-bound or volatile market conditions.

■ Exposure to High-Quality U.S. Companies

Using a bottom-up fundamental investment approach, the ETF invests in large-cap U.S. companies with strong profitability, healthy cash flows, and competitive advantages across sectors such as technology, financials, healthcare, and industrials, aiming to balance income generation with long-term capital appreciation potential.

Inception	2025/7/7	**AUM**	USD 42.67 mn
ETF Category	Equities	**Holdings**	257
Expense Ratio	0.7%	**3Y SD (Ann.)**	-

Sectors



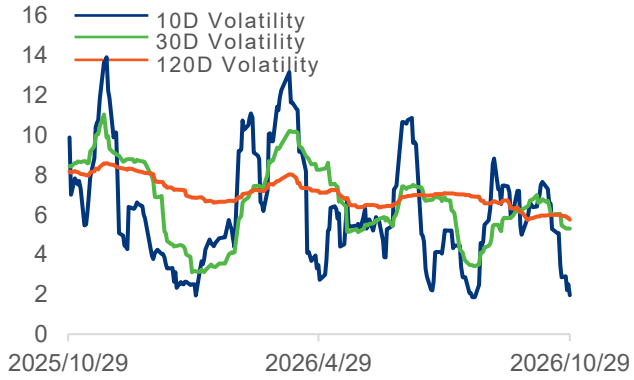
Top-5 Holdings (%)

NVIDIA Corp	3.22
Apple Inc	2.96
Microsoft Corp	2.91
Amazon.com Inc	2.42
Meta Platforms Inc	2.22

Price Trend (Past 1 Year)



Volatility (Past 1 Year)



As of 28 October 2026	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Cumulative Return(%)	0.60	1.77	5.77	7.34	-	-

Source: Fund Factsheet, Bloomberg. Returns as of Oct. 29, 2026; portfolio data as of Sep. 30, 2026.

Global X Nasdaq 100 Covered Call Active ETF (3451 HK)

Profile

This actively managed ETF invests primarily in constituent securities of the Nasdaq-100 Index and seeks to generate income by writing covered call options on the Nasdaq-100 Index to collect option premium income.

■ Covered Call Strategy Enhances Income Generation

The ETF invests in Nasdaq-100 constituents and generates additional income by systematically writing covered call options on the index. Option premium income can provide an additional source of return during periods of market consolidation or heightened volatility, while potentially helping cushion portfolio downside and improve overall risk-adjusted returns.

■ Exposure to U.S. Technology and Innovation Leaders

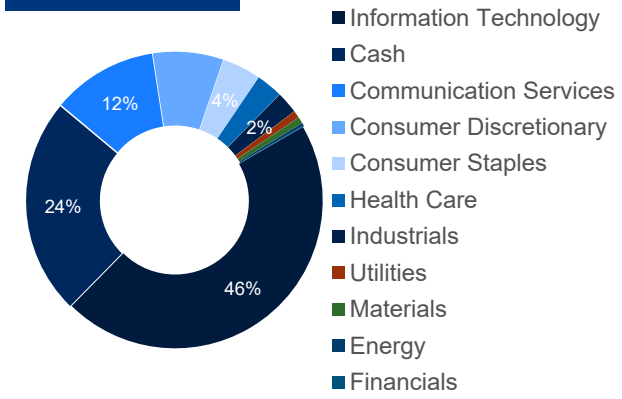
The ETF focuses on leading companies across AI, semiconductors, cloud computing, and digital platforms, including NVIDIA, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, and Alphabet. It provides investors with exposure to long-term growth opportunities driven by U.S. technology innovation..

■ Monthly Distribution Mechanism

The ETF seeks to generate income through a combination of stock dividends and option premium income, with a monthly distribution objective, offering investors a way to balance income generation with participation in the U.S. equity market.

Inception	2025/9/30	**AUM**	HKD 505 mn
ETF Category	Equities	**Holdings**	104
Expense Ratio	0.75%	**3Y SD (Ann.)**	-

Sectors



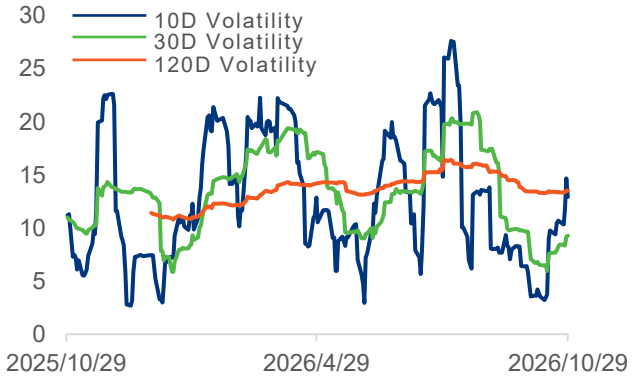
Top-5 Holdings (%)

NVIDIA Corp	6.61
Apple Inc	6.39
Microsoft Corp	5.02
Micron Technology Inc	3.90
Amazon.com Inc	3.50

Price Trend (Past 1 Year)



Volatility (Past 1 Year)



As of 28 October 2026	1M	3M	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
Cumulative Return(%)	-0.03	8.38	10.26	15.58	-	-

Source: Fund Website and Bloomberg, as of Oct. 29, 2026.

Bonds

Scale Advantages and a Strong Balance Sheet Support Defensive Characteristics

► WMT 5.55 10/23/36 (Walmart) (USD)

- Walmart Inc. operates through three major retail segments: Walmart U.S., Walmart International, and Sam's Club U.S. Its business spans discount stores, supermarkets, membership warehouse clubs, and e-commerce platforms, including walmart.com and samsclub.com. As of July 31, 2026, Walmart U.S. operated 4,615 stores, Walmart International operated 5,783 stores, and Sam's Club U.S. operated 602 membership warehouse locations.
- Supported by its scale, leading market position, and strong balance sheet, Walmart remains well positioned to navigate changing consumer trends. Although comparable sales growth moderated in 2Q FY2027, e-commerce continued to expand. While the Most Favored Nation drug pricing policy weighed on pharmacy sales, the company continued to gain market share in both grocery and general merchandise categories while increasing penetration among higher-income consumers. Record membership fee income, up 17% YoY, together with continued expansion of the Walmart+ membership program, should support future growth. In addition, Walmart's extensive store network has become an increasingly important fulfillment platform for omnichannel orders, helping the company capture a broader share of consumer spending through faster and more convenient delivery services.
- From a credit perspective, Walmart remains one of the highest-rated non-financial corporates globally (Moody's: Aa2; S&P: AA). Leverage remains low, with net debt-to-EBITDA below 2.0x over the past decade and currently at 1.21x. EBITDA margin has generally remained around 6% since 2016, except for 2023 when it declined to 5.51%, before recovering to above 6%, supported by improving e-commerce profitability, advertising growth, and fulfillment-related revenues. Interest coverage remains close to 20x, providing substantial cushion even under a weaker earnings environment. Liquidity is also strong, with US$11.5 billion in cash and an undrawn US$15 billion revolving credit facility as of July 2026, providing ample coverage for near-term debt obligations.

Bond	WMT 5.55 10/23/36 (Walmart) (USD)
ISIN	US931142GC13
Features	Walmart maintains a conservative leverage profile and remains one of the highest-rated non-financial corporates globally, with credit ratings of Aa2 from Moody's and AA from S&P.
Maturity	2036/10/23
Next Call Date	2036/7/23
Coupon(%)	Fixed/5.55/Semi-annual
Currency	USD
Years to Maturity	9.99
Credit Rating (Moody's/Fitch/S&P)	Aa2/AA/AA
Seniority	Senior Unsecured
YTM/YTC (%)	5.35/5.35

Source: Bloomberg

KGI

WMT 5.55 10/23/36 (Walmart) (USD)

Walmart Inc. operates through three retail segments: Walmart U.S., Walmart International, and Sam's Club U.S. The company's businesses include discount stores, supermarkets, membership warehouse clubs, and e-commerce platforms, such as walmart.com and samsclub.com.

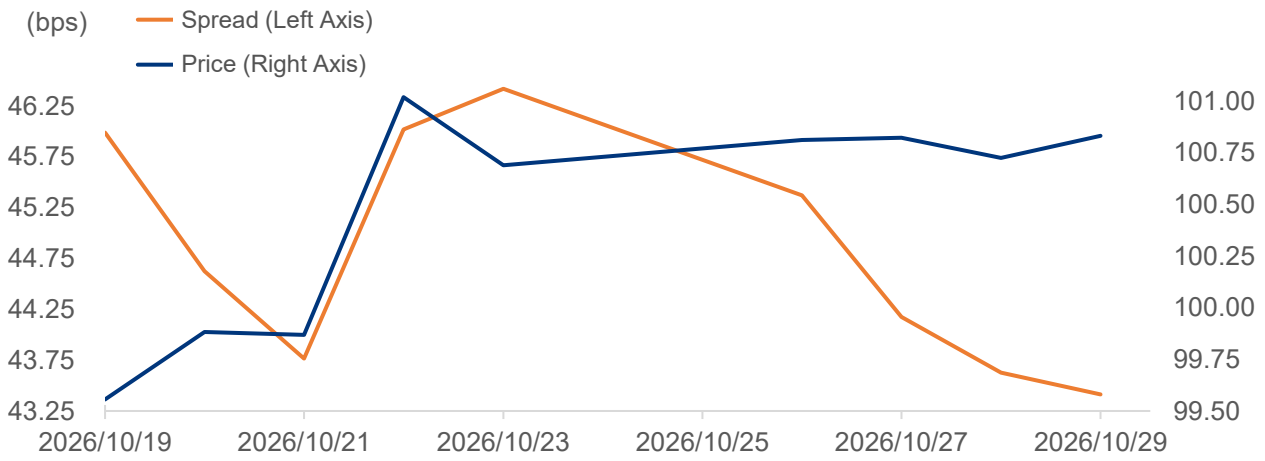
- Supported by its scale, leading market position, and strong balance sheet, Walmart remains well positioned to navigate changing consumer trends. While comparable sales growth slowed in 2Q FY2027, e-commerce continued to expand. Although the Most Favored Nation drug pricing policy pressured pharmacy sales, Walmart continued to gain market share in grocery and general merchandise while increasing penetration among higher-income households. Membership fee income rose a record 17% YoY, supported by continued expansion of the Walmart+ program. Its extensive store network also strengthens omnichannel fulfillment capabilities and supports a broader share of consumer spending.
- From a credit perspective, Walmart remains one of the highest-rated non-financial corporates globally (Moody's: Aa2; S&P: AA). Net debt-to-EBITDA has remained below 2.0x over the past decade and currently stands at 1.21x. EBITDA margins have generally remained around 6% since 2016, recovering above 6% after reaching 5.51% in 2023, supported by improving e-commerce profitability, advertising growth, and fulfillment-related revenues. Interest coverage remains close to 20x, while liquidity is supported by US$11.5 billion in cash and an undrawn US$15 billion revolving credit facility as of July 2026, providing ample coverage for near-term debt obligations.

Financials	2023	2024	2025
Free Cash Flow (US$ 100mn)	119.84	151.20	126.60
EBITDA Margin (%)	5.51	6.35	6.56
Interest Coverage Ratio	18.85	18.21	19.86

Overview

Name	WMT 5.55 10/23/36	**ISIN**	US931142GC13
Maturity Date	2036/10/23	**Remaining Maturity**	9.99
Coupon(%)	Fixed/5.55/Semi-annual	**YTM/YTC(%)**	5.35/5.35
Currency	USD	**Min. Subscription/Increment**	2,000/1,000
Ratings (Moody's/Fitch/S&P)	Aa2/AA/AA	**Seniority**	Senior Unsecured

Price



Source: Bloomberg, October 29, 2026.

Appendix Key Economic Data / Events

► Oct 2026

26 Monday	27 Tuesday	28 Wednesday	29 Thursday	30 Friday
	• U.S. Sep Durable Goods Orders MoM (Prelim) (Act:1.8% Est:1.9% Prev:0.1%) • U.S. Oct Conf. Board Consumer Confidence (Act:91.7 Est:81.0 Prev:84.2)		• U.S. Weekly Initial Jobless Claims (Act:194k Est:198k Prev:195k) • U.S. Oct Fed Funds Rate (Act:4.00% Est:4.00% Prev:4.00%) • U.S. Sep PCE YoY (Act:3.6% Est:3.6% Prev:3.4%) • U.S. Sep Core PCE YoY (Act:3.1% Est:3.1% Prev:3.0%) • U.S. Q3 GDP GDP Annualized QoQ (Prelim) (Act:3.4% Est:3.2% Prev:2.2%) • Eurozone Oct ECB Main Refinancing Rate (Act:2.65% Est:2.65% Prev:2.65%)	• Japan Oct BoJ Uncollateralized Overnight Call Rate (Act:1.25% Est:1.25% Prev:1.25%) • Eurozone Q3 GDP QoQ (Prelim) (Est:0.2% Prev:0.6%)

► Nov 2026

2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday
• U.S. Oct S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Final) (Prev:55.9) • U.S. Oct ISM Manufacturing PMI (Est:54.7 Prev:54.5) • Japan Oct S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Final) (Prev:54.1) • Eurozone Oct S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Final) (Prev:52.9) • Earnings: BRK/A	• U.S. Sep JOLTS Job Openings (Est:7,100k Prev:7,079k) • U.S. Sep Durable Goods Orders MoM (Final) (Prev:0.1) • U.S. Midterm Elections • Earnings: VRTX, PLTR, AAPL, PFE	• U.S. Oct ADP Employment Change (Est:70k Prev:90k) • U.S. Oct S&P Global Services PMI (Final) (Prev:58.8) • U.S. Oct ISM Services PMI (Est:54.7 Prev:54.9) • Eurozone Oct CPI YoY (Prelim) (Est:3.9% Prev:3.9%) • Earnings: ANET, AMD, AMGN, UBER, MCD	• U.S. Weekly Initial Jobless Claims (Prev:194k) • Japan Oct S&P Global Services PMI (Final) (Prev:51.3) • Eurozone Sep PPI YoY (Prev:8.2%) • Earnings: QCOM, PH, COP	• U.S. Oct Change in Nonfarm Payrolls (Est:55k Prev:29k) • U.S. Oct Unemployment Rate (Est:4.2% Prev:4.2%) • U.S. Nov U. of Mich. Sentiment (Prelim) (Est:47.3 Prev:48.0) • Eurozone Sep Retail Sales Advance MoM (Prev:0.1%)

Source: Bloomberg

Key Earnings Releases

Date	Name	Revenue (F) (USD)	Actual Revenue (USD)	EPS (F) (USD)	Actual EPS (USD)	Exceed Expectation	
						Revenue	EPS
2026/10/26	Verizon Communications Inc. (VZ US)	34.76B	34.31B	1.28	1.31		V
2026/10/27	Welltower Inc. (WELL US)	3.66B	3.72B	1.63	1.67	V	V
2026/10/27	The Coca-Cola Company (KO US)	12.91B	13.35B	0.88	0.91	V	V
2026/10/27	Corning Incorporated (GLW US)	5.02B	5.08B	0.89	0.91	V	V
2026/10/27	S&P Global Inc. (SPGI US)	3.66B	3.68B	4.42	4.58	V	V
2026/10/27	The Boeing Company (BA US)	23.85B	24.19B	-0.21	-0.34	V	
2026/10/28	Seagate Technology Holdings plc (STX US)	4.11B	4.23B	7.39	7.68	V	V
2026/10/28	Visa Inc. (V US)	12.09B	12.14B	3.44	3.48	V	V
2026/10/28	GE Vernova Inc. (GEV US)	11.99B	12.64B	3.94	4.81	V	V
2026/10/28	Amphenol Corporation (APH US)	9.5B	10.23B	0.73	0.80	V	V
2026/10/29	Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL US)	111.29B	111.21B	3.33	2.12		
2026/10/29	T-Mobile US, Inc. (TMUS US)	23.14B	23.58B	2.90	3.22	V	V
2026/10/29	Fortinet, Inc. (FTNT US)	2.07B	2.08B	0.86	0.91	V	V
2026/10/29	KLA Corporation (KLAC US)	4.04B	4.14B	1.19	1.22	V	V

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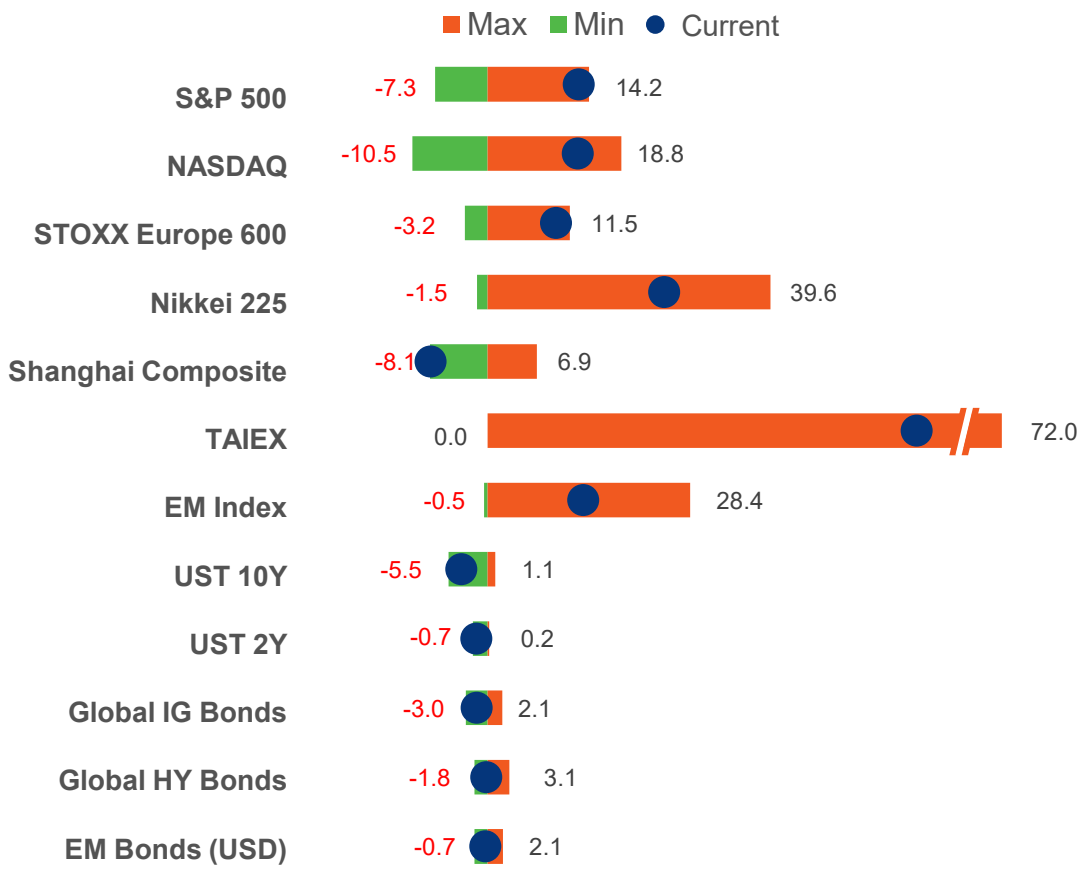
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Date	Name	Revenue (F) (USD)	Actual Revenue (USD)	EPS (F) (USD)	Actual EPS (USD)	Exceed Expectation	
						Revenue	EPS
2026/10/29	Microsoft Corporation (MSFT US)	90.65B	92.28B	4.73	4.89	V	V
2026/10/29	ServiceNow, Inc. (NOW US)	4.1B	4.11B	1.03	1.00	V	
2026/10/29	Linde plc (LIN US)	9.17B	9.4B	4.52	4.59	V	V
2026/10/29	Caterpillar Inc. (CAT US)	19.65B	19.65B	7.10	7.20		V
2026/10/29	Merck & Co., Inc. (MRK US)	17.3B	18.09B	2.07	2.49	V	V
2026/10/29	Eli Lilly and Company (LLY US)	22.52B	24.4B	5.59	7.48	V	V
2026/10/29	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (BMY US)	12.72B	13.07B	1.12	1.35	V	V
2026/10/29	Altria Group, Inc. (MO US)	5.3B	5.44B	1.51	1.52	V	V
2026/10/29	Mastercard Incorporated (MA US)	9.67B	9.81B	5.17	5.31	V	V
2026/10/30	Amazon.com, Inc. (AMZN US)	202.26B	201.94B	2.35	1.89		
2026/10/30	Intel Corporation (INTC US)	16.54B	16.51B	0.41	0.52		V
2026/10/30	Gilead Sciences, Inc. (GILD US)	7.8B	8.3B	2.22	2.55	V	V
2026/10/30	Starbucks Corporation (SBUX US)	9.23B	9.14B	0.71	0.80		V
2026/10/30	Sandisk Corporation (SNDK US)	10.69B	11.03B	46.36	49.51	V	V

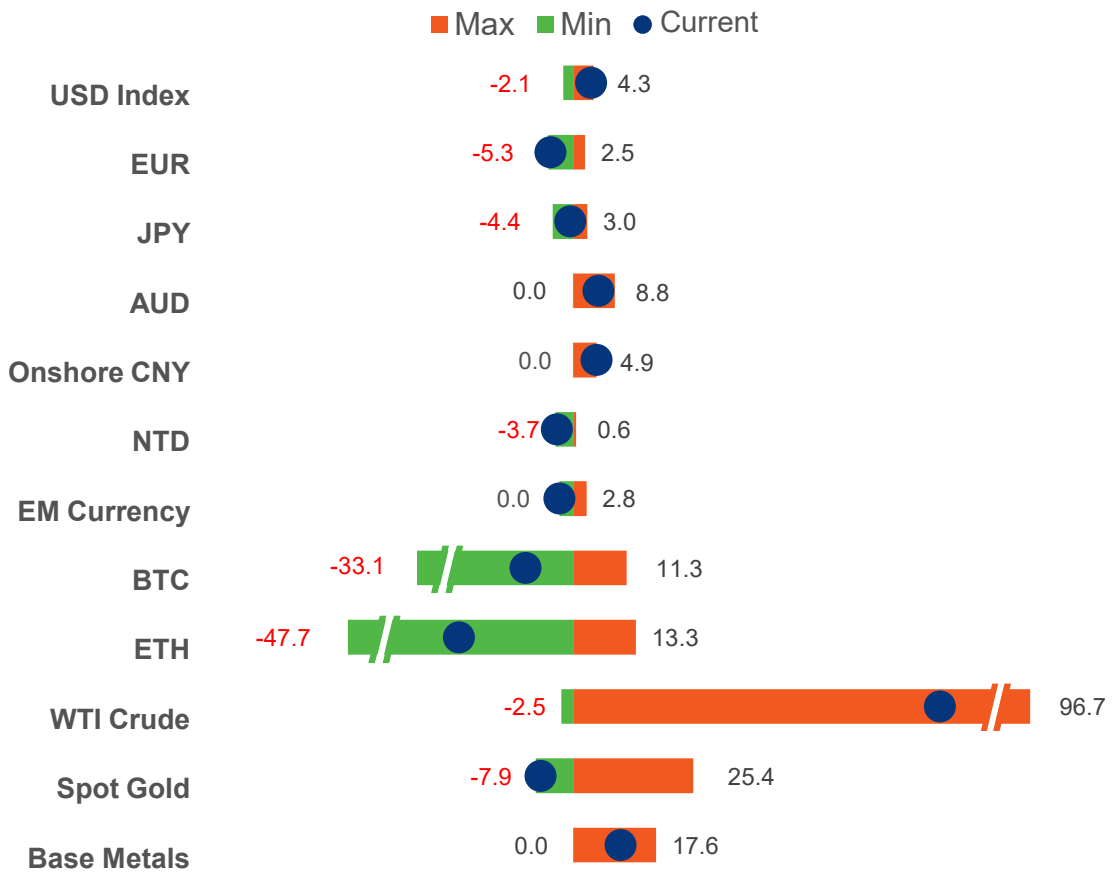
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Major Market / Asset YTD Performance

Equities & Bond Markets YTD Performance (%)



Currencies and Commodities Market YTD Performance (%)

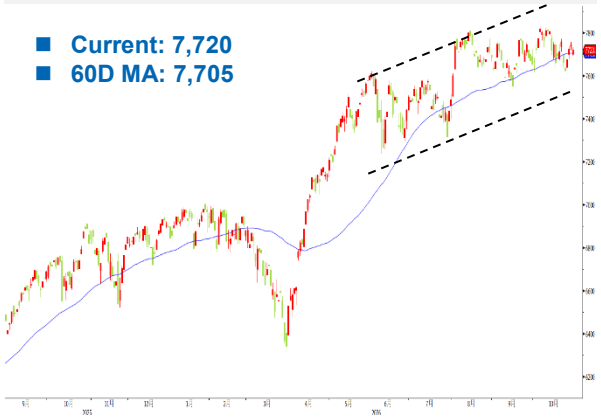


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Technical Analysis

60D MA

S&P 500 Index



NASDAQ Index



STOXX Europe 600 Index



Nikkei 225 Index



Shanghai Composite Index



MSCI Emerging Markets Index



Gold



WTI Crude



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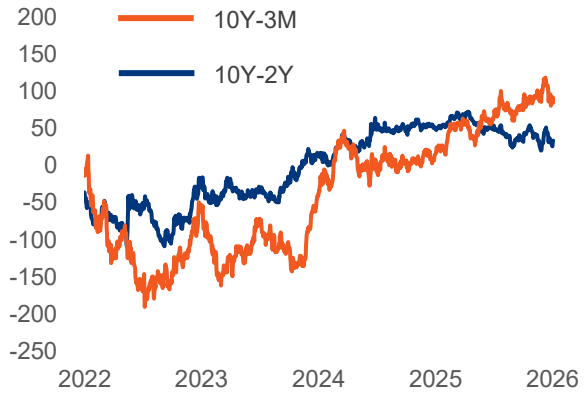
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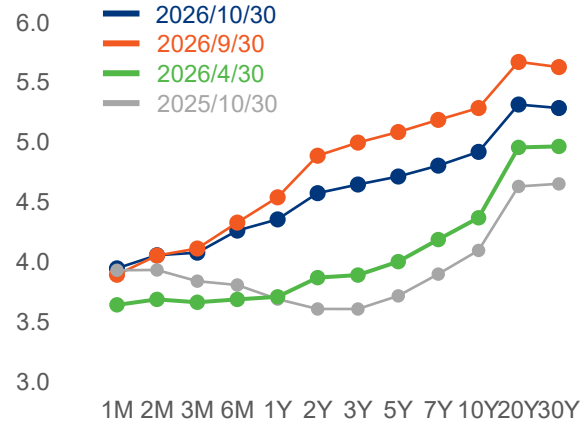
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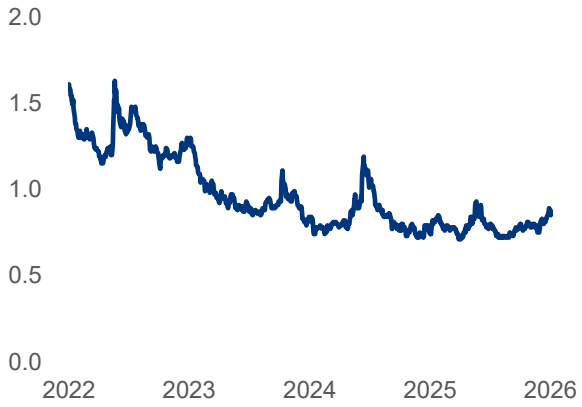
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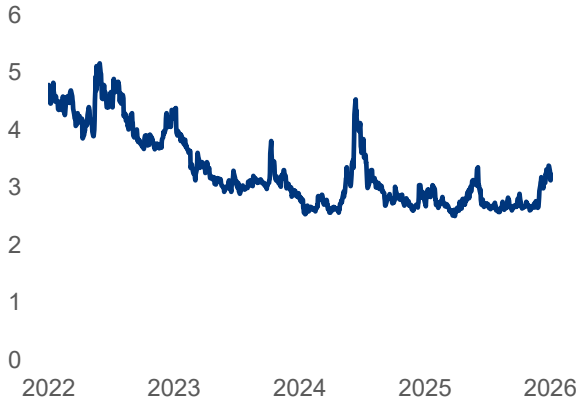
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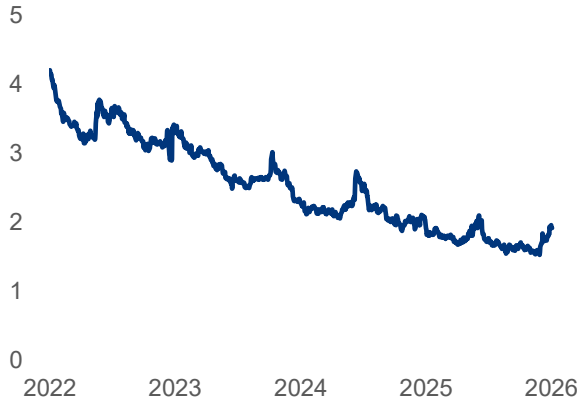
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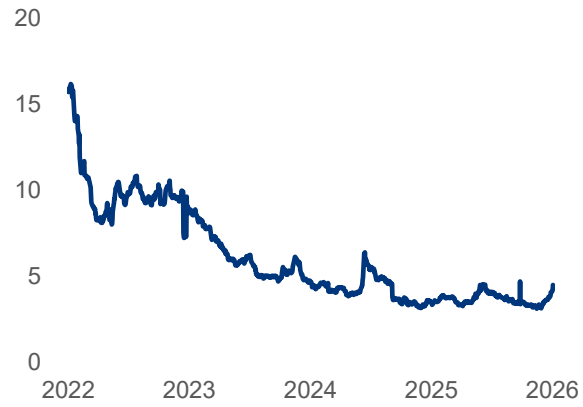
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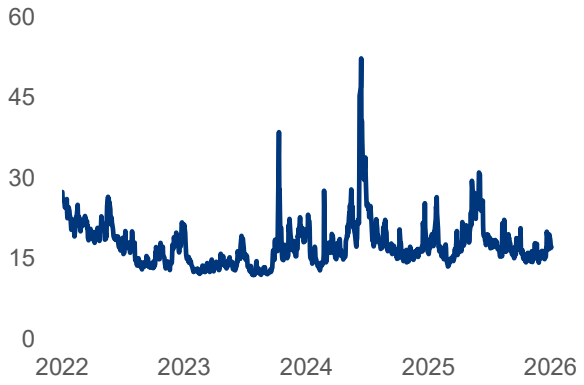
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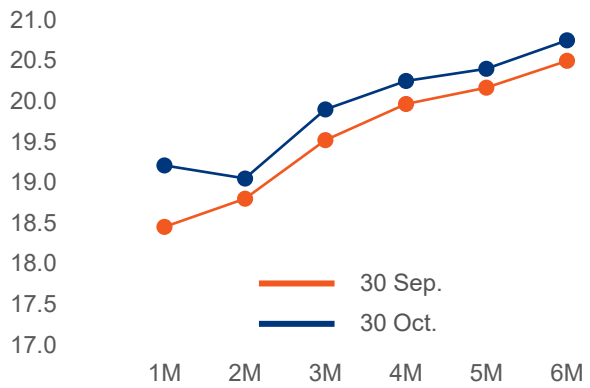
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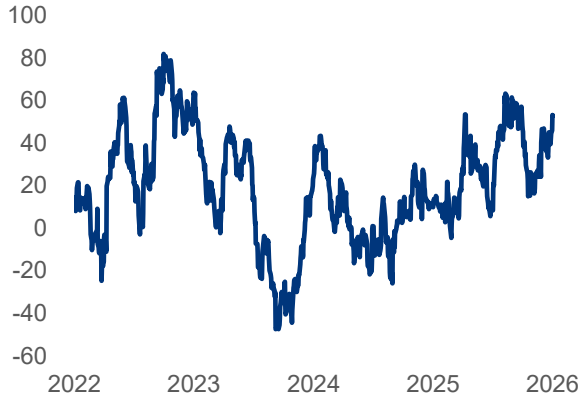
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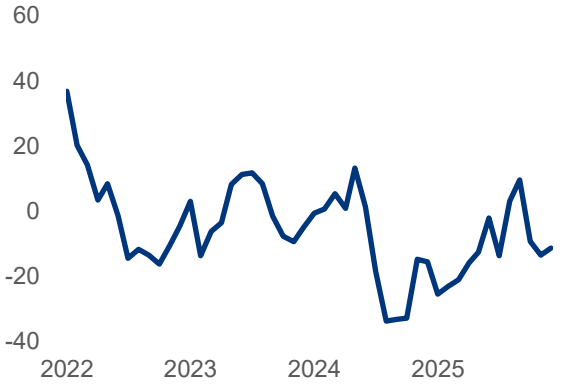
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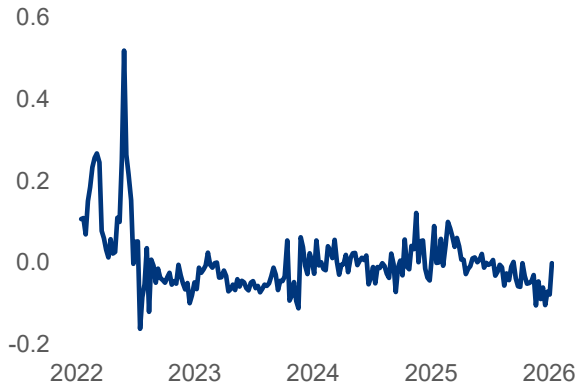
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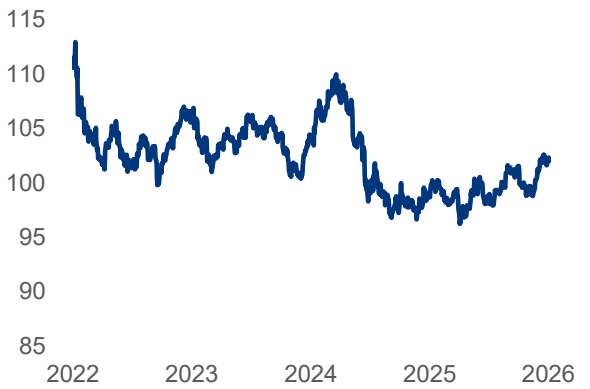
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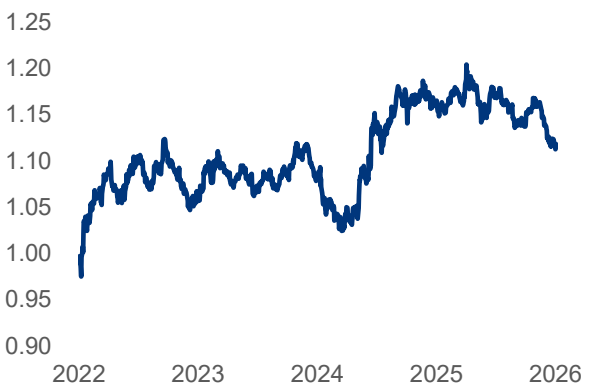
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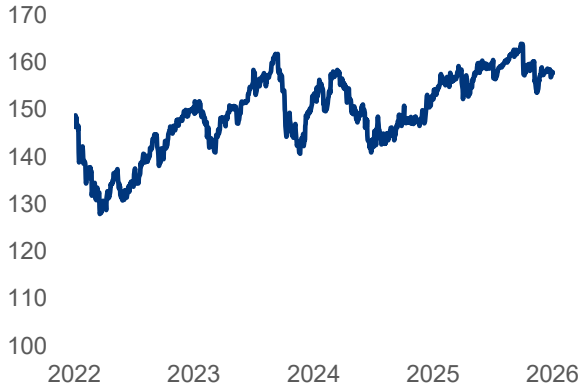
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EUR to USD



USD to JPY



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