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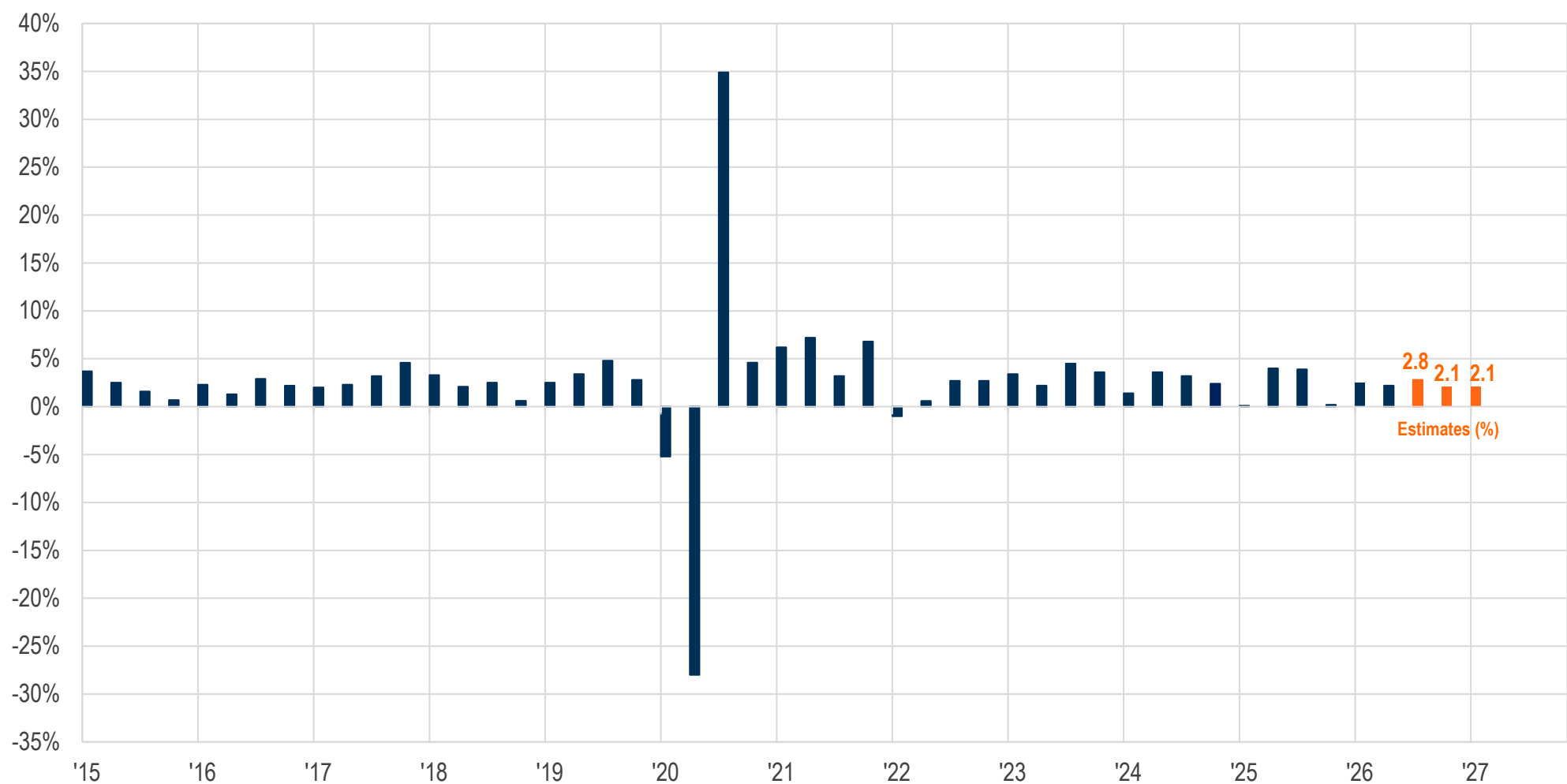
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U.S. GDP: QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER CHANGE (SAAR)

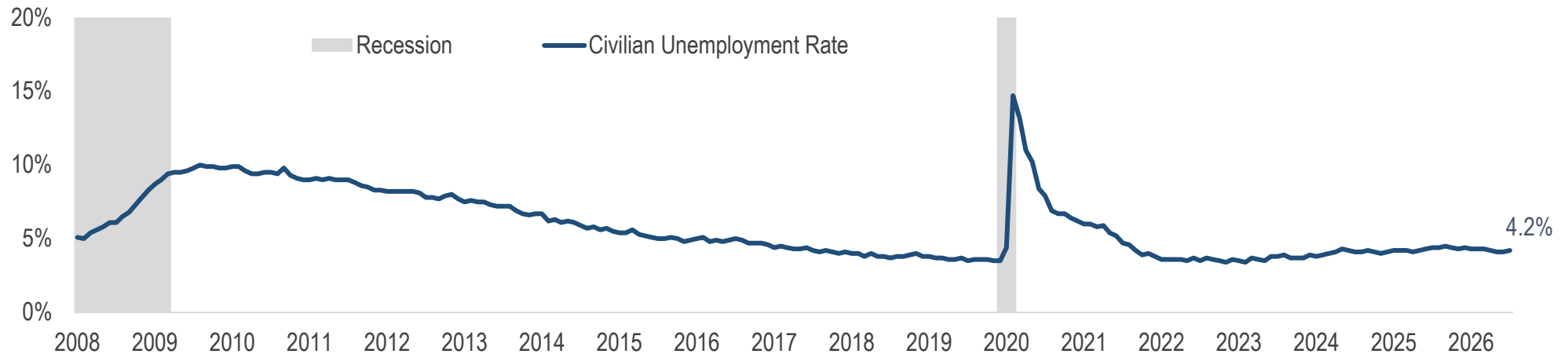
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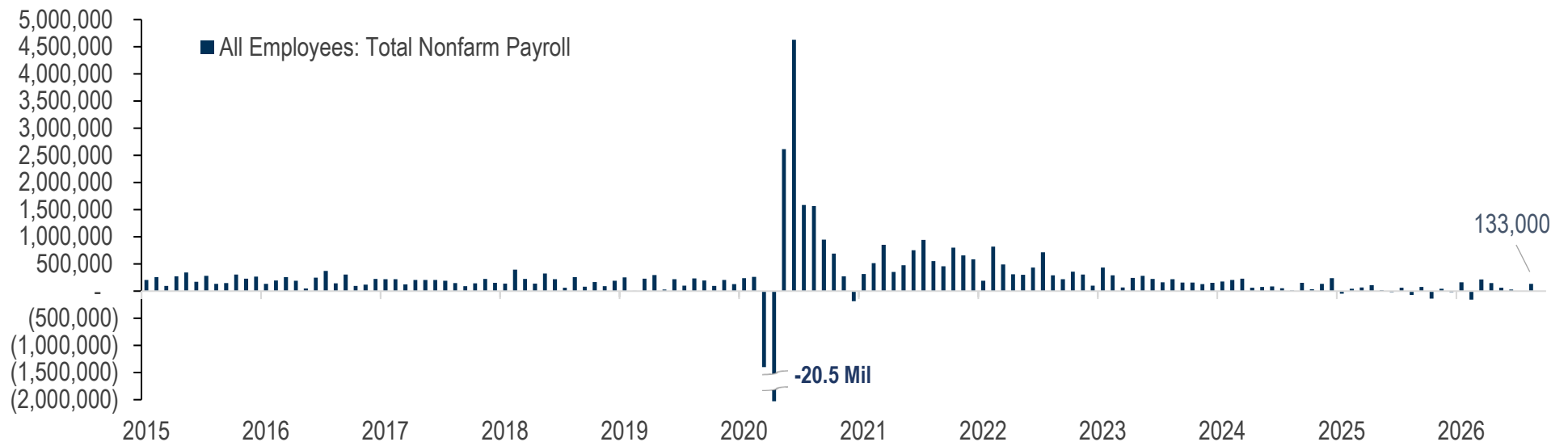
Source: First Trust, Haver Analytics (historical), Bloomberg (consensus estimates). Quarters in orange are consensus estimates. GDP percent change is on a quarter over quarter seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) basis. There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. Gross domestic product (GDP) is the monetary value of all finished goods and services made within a country during a specific period.

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (U3)

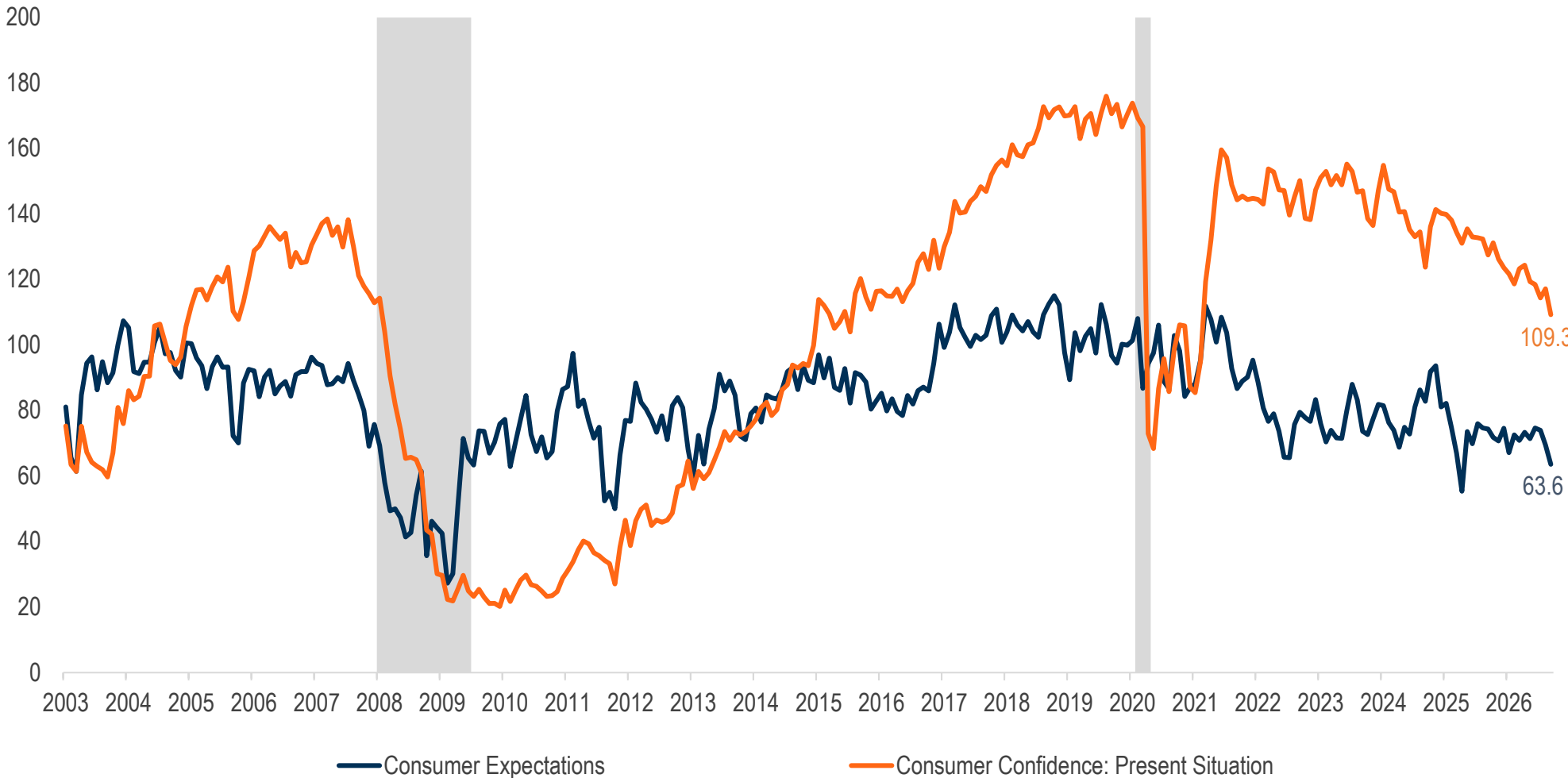


CHANGE IN TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLLS



Source: First Trust, Haver Analytics. Unemployment data from March 2008 – August 2026 (latest data available). Unemployment Rate: 16+ years, seasonally adjusted. Payroll data from January 2015 - August 2026 (latest data available). Seasonally adjusted. April 2020 uses a broken axis since it has an extreme value.

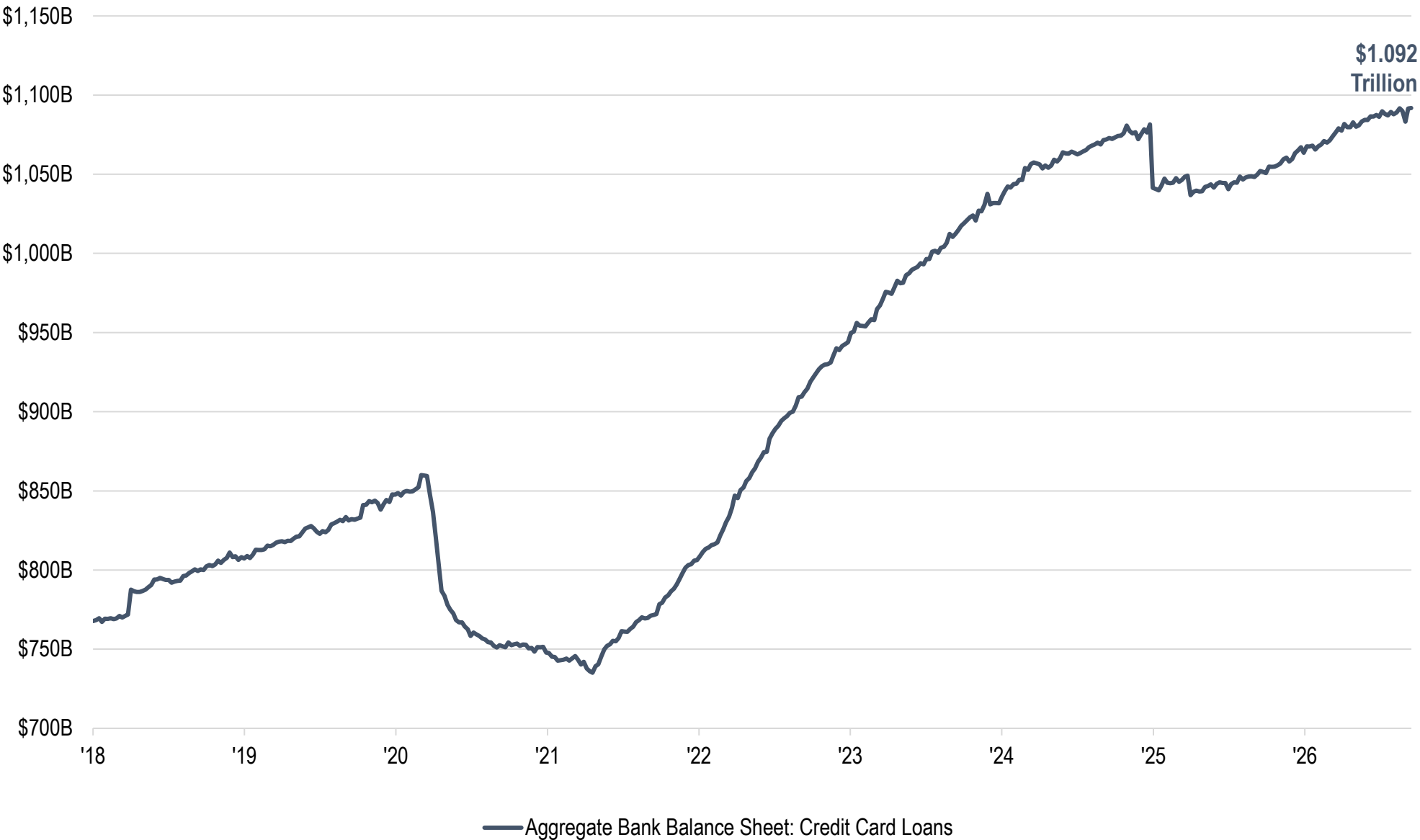
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Source: First Trust, The Conference Board/Haver Analytics. Data from January 2003 - September 2026. The Consumer Confidence Index is a survey, administered by The Conference Board, that measures how optimistic or pessimistic consumers are regarding their expected financial situation. The Consumer Confidence Index started in 1967 and is benchmarked to 1985 = 100.

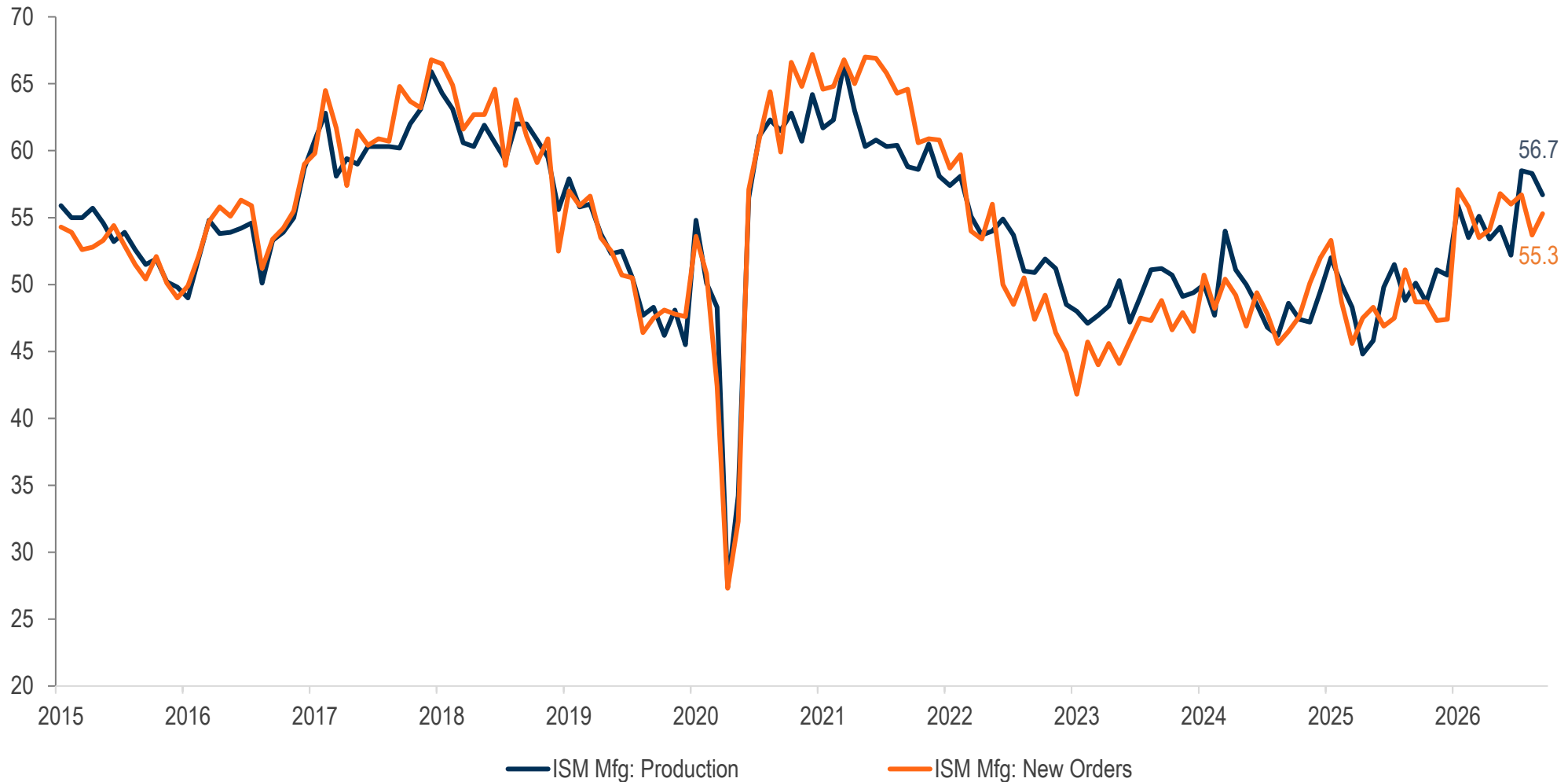
CREDIT CARD BALANCES

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Source: First Trust, Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED). Weekly data from 1/3/2018 to 9/16/2026 (latest data available). Billions of U.S. dollars, seasonally adjusted. Includes consumer loans: credit cards and other revolving plans, all commercial banks.

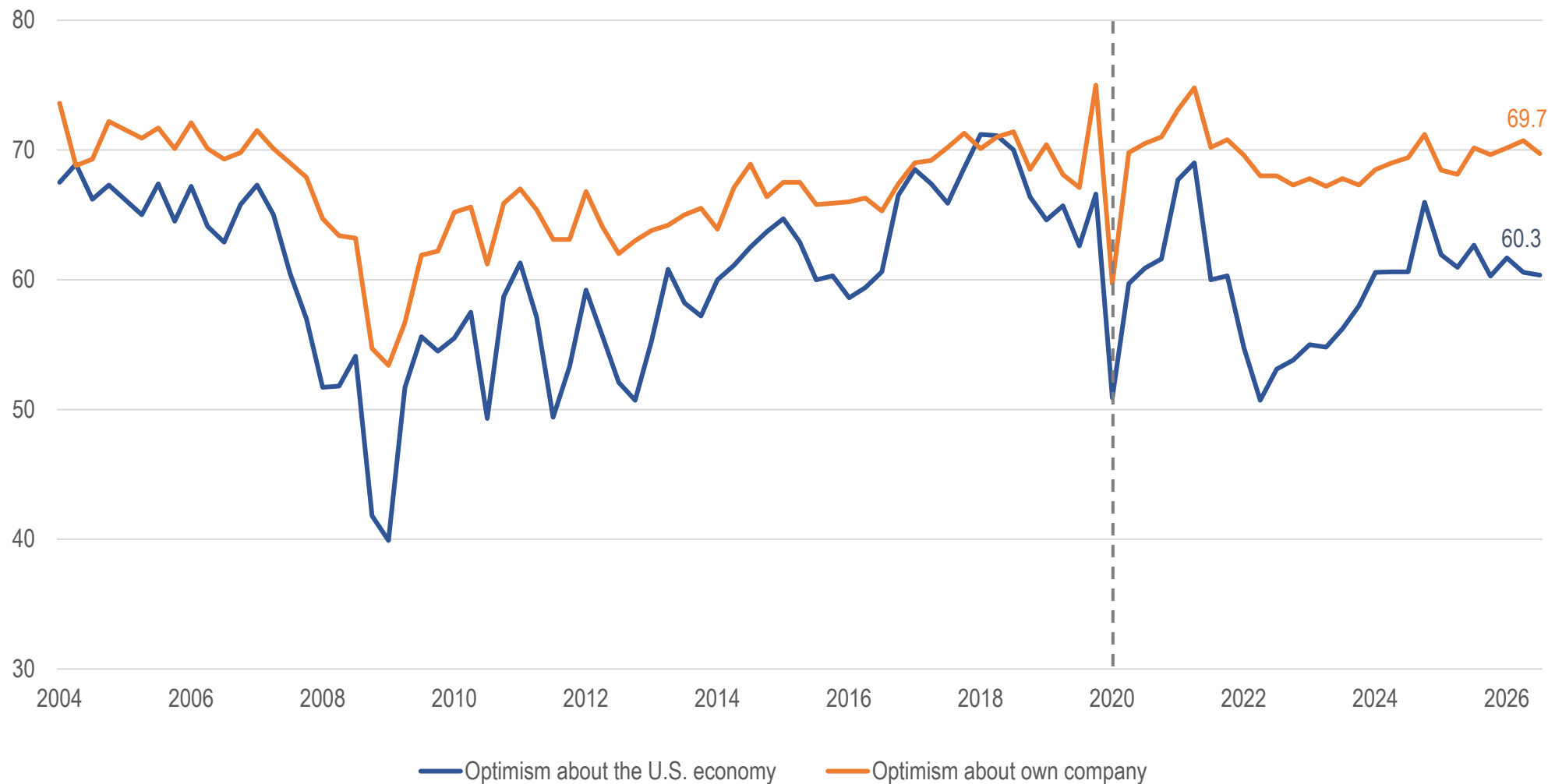
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Source: First Trust, Haver Analytics. Data from January 2015 – September 2026. ISM Manufacturing Index measures manufacturing activity based on a monthly survey, conducted by Institute for Supply Management (ISM), of purchasing managers at more than 300 manufacturing firms. An index reading of more than 50 indicates expansion while a reading of below 50 suggests a contraction of the manufacturing sector.

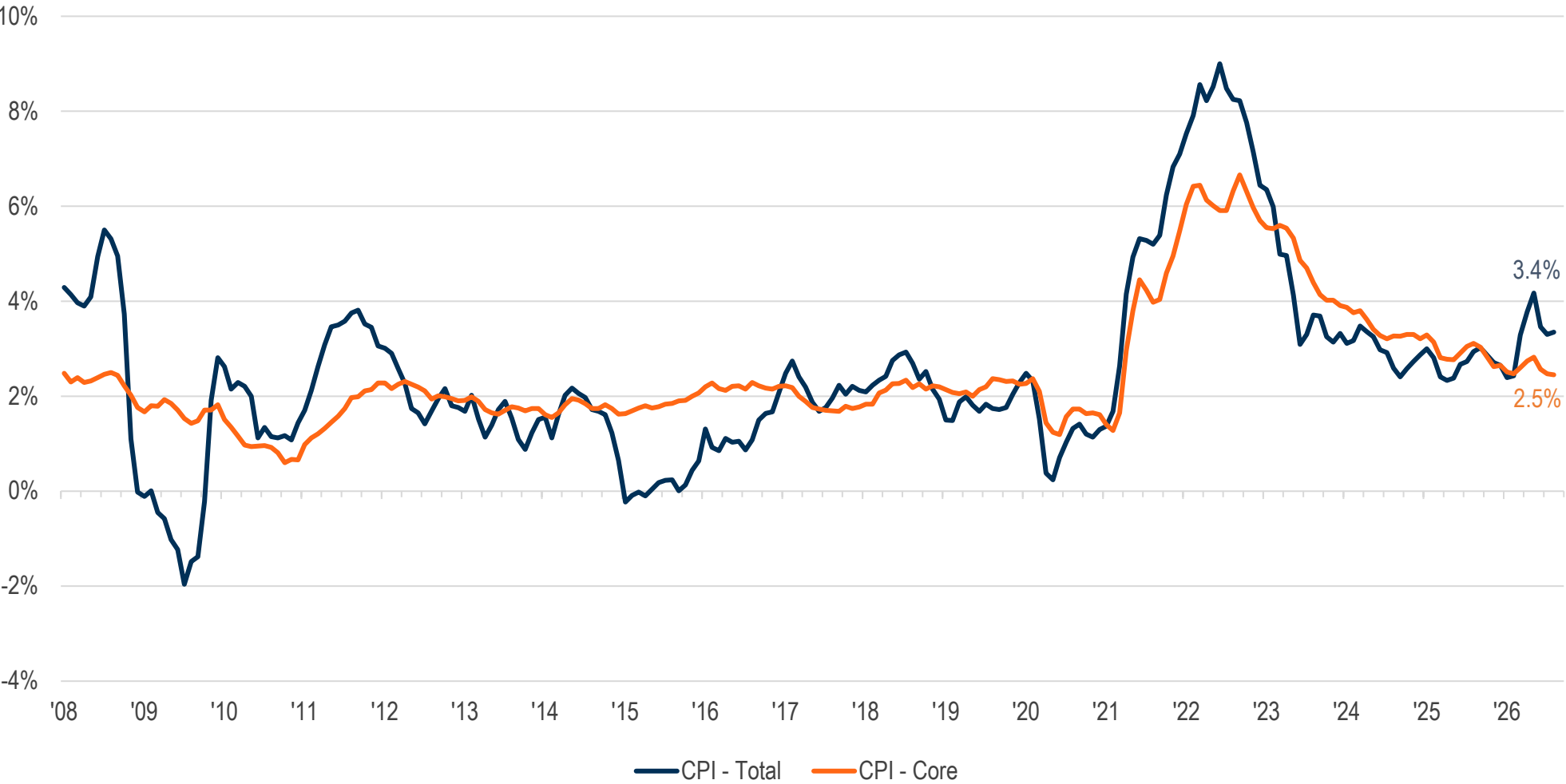
THE CFO SURVEY: OPTIMISM INDEXES

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Source: First Trust, Duke University, FRB Atlanta and FRB Richmond, The CFO Survey. March 2004 – September 2026.

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Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from January 2008 – August 2026 (latest data available), year-over-year. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Core CPI is CPI minus energy and food prices (categories that tend to be highly volatile).

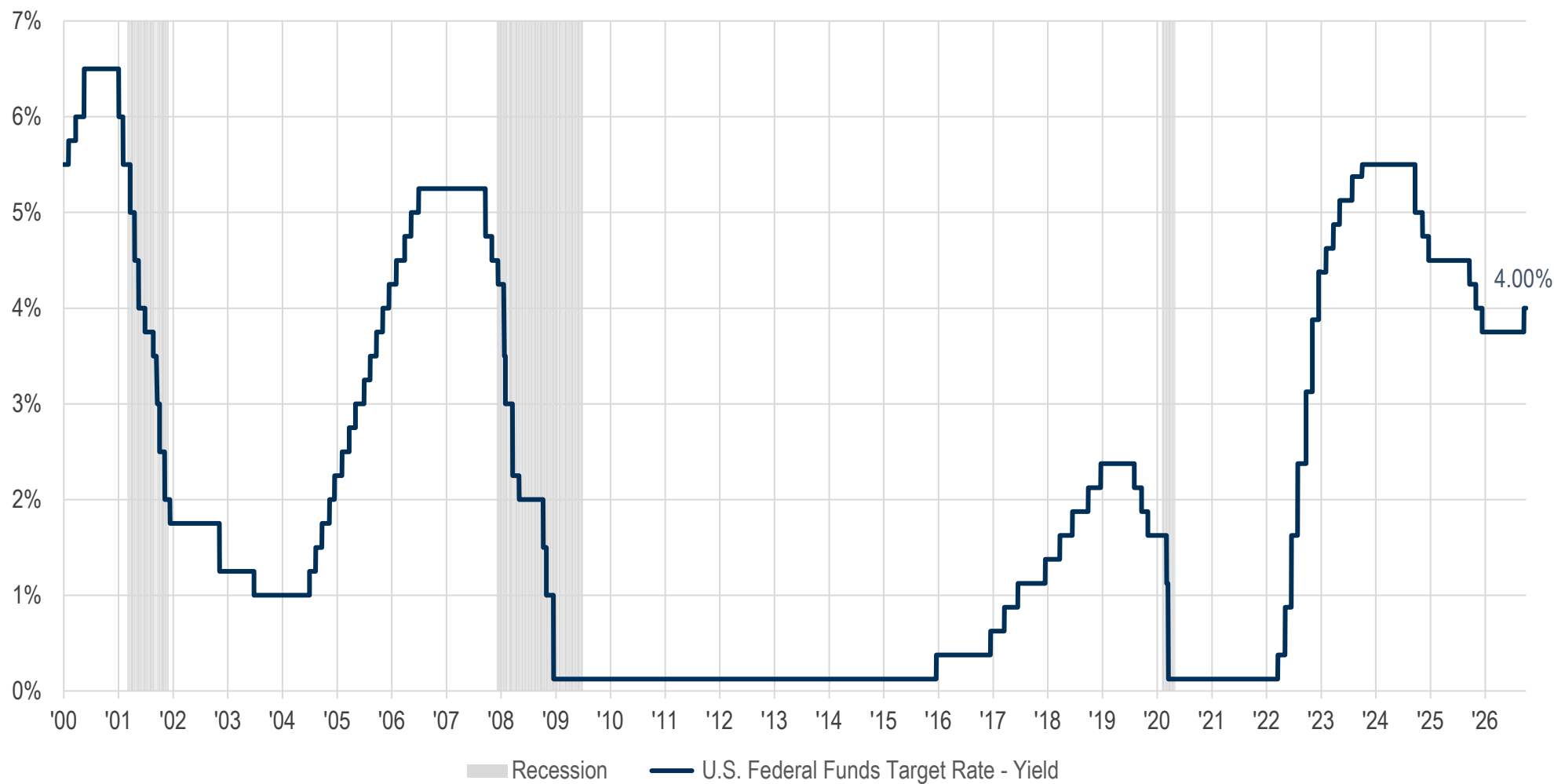
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Source: First Trust, Federal Reserve Board/Haver Analytics, January 2015 – August 2026 (latest data available).

U.S. FEDERAL FUNDS TARGET RATE

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Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 12/31/1999 to 9/30/2026.

10-YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD

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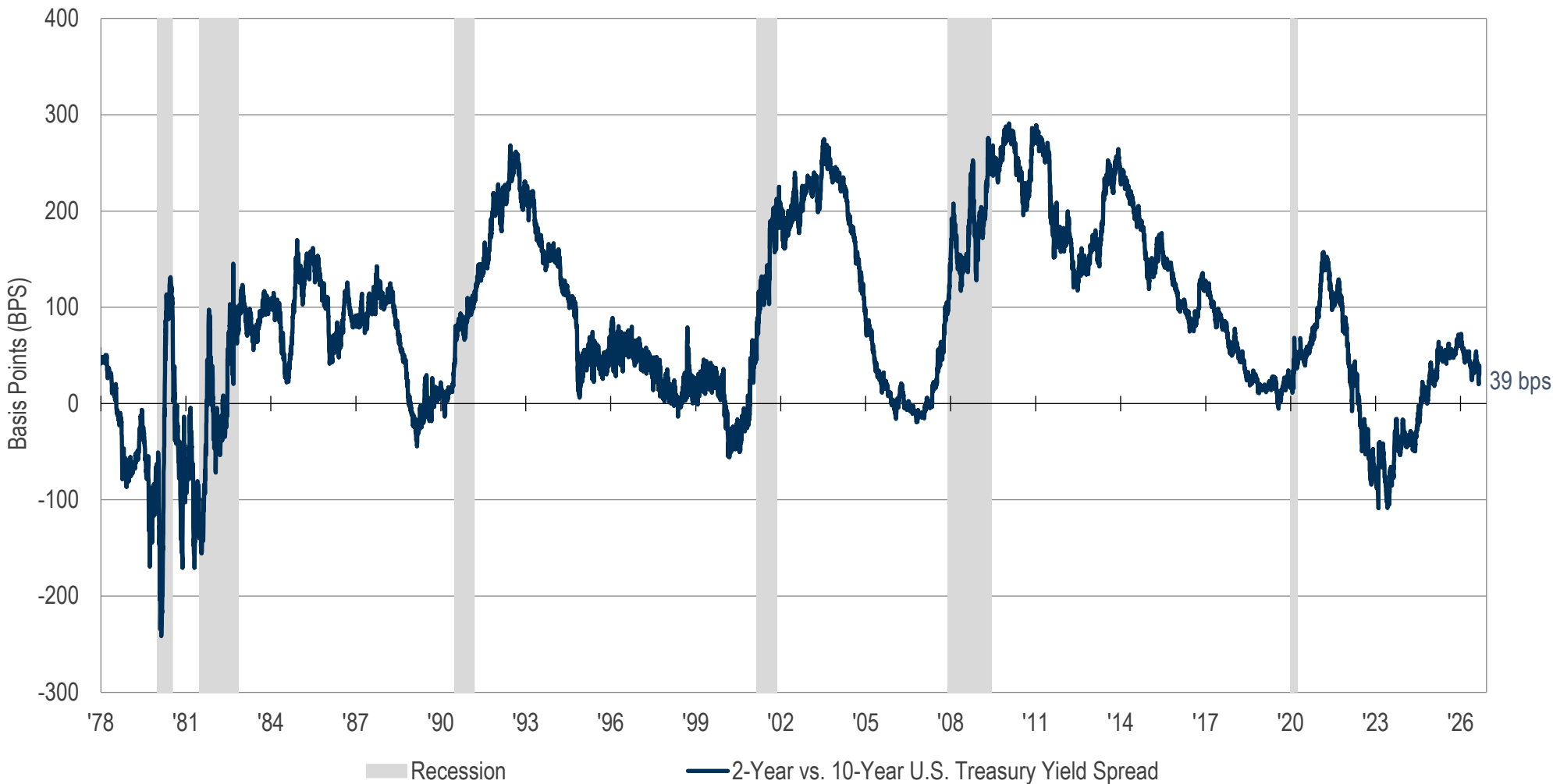


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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2000 - September 2026.

2-YEAR VS. 10-YEAR U.S. TREASURY YIELD SPREAD

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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Data from January 1978 - September 2026.

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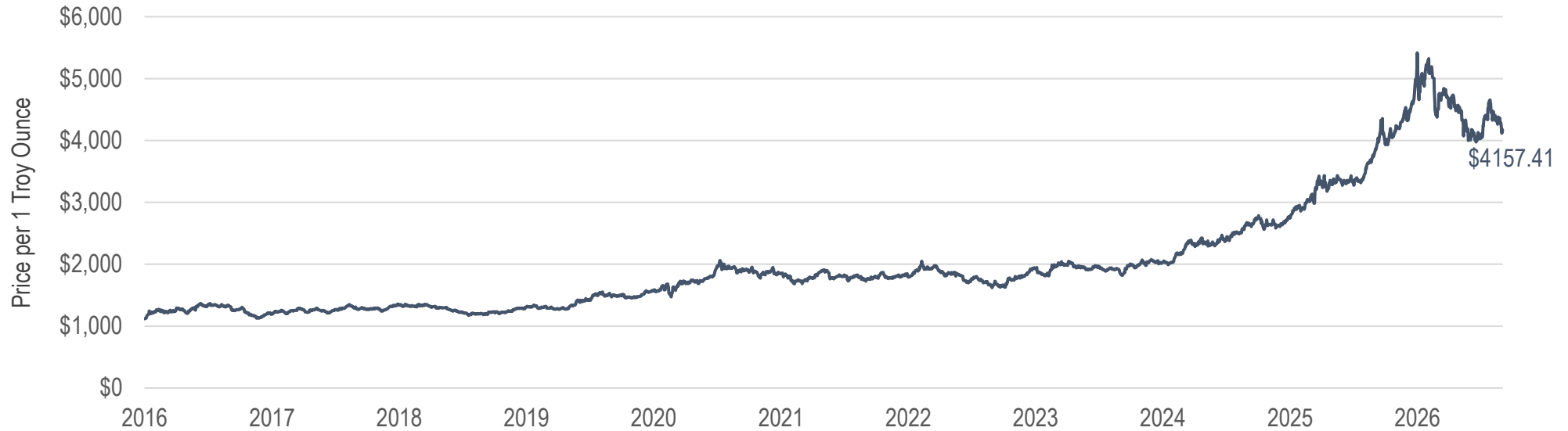


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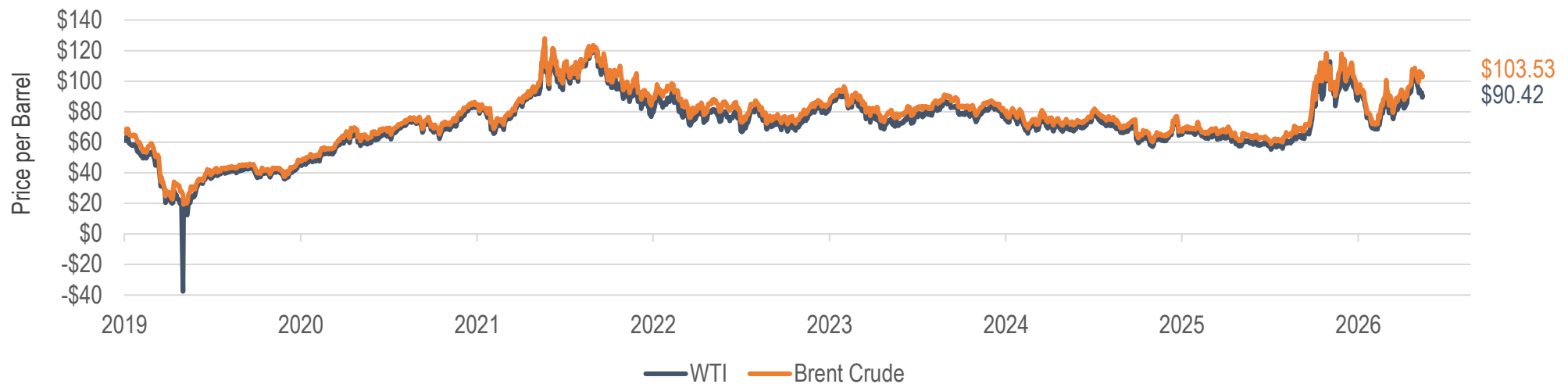
Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2014 - September 2026. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) indicates the general international value of the dollar relative to a basket of major world currencies. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

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GOLD SPOT PRICE



WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE (WTI) VS. BRENT CRUDE OIL



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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Gold is monthly data from February 2016 - September 2026. Gold spot price is the current market price. WTI and Brent Crude oil is daily data from July 2018 - September 2026.

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SIZE AND STYLE INDICES: TOTAL RETURNS

MARKETS

Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
S&P 500	12.73%	2.30%	17.85%	15.72%	22.86%	13.77%	15.32%
S&P 500 Growth	15.84%	3.44%	26.08%	18.40%	28.44%	14.90%	17.98%
S&P 500 Value	8.99%	0.90%	8.97%	12.47%	16.31%	11.67%	11.68%
S&P Midcap 400	9.87%	-6.36%	7.19%	11.67%	14.52%	7.99%	10.44%
S&P Midcap 400 Growth	13.65%	-6.51%	9.37%	15.09%	15.88%	7.77%	10.82%
S&P Midcap 400 Value	5.99%	-6.20%	4.94%	8.17%	13.09%	8.07%	9.73%
S&P SmallCap 600	14.15%	-7.93%	10.20%	16.08%	14.79%	6.17%	9.78%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	14.45%	-9.99%	11.30%	14.52%	14.68%	5.41%	10.05%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	13.86%	-5.88%	9.10%	17.74%	14.79%	6.84%	9.32%
Russell 1000	12.28%	1.78%	17.20%	14.99%	22.46%	12.99%	15.03%
Russell 2000	13.87%	-7.19%	12.83%	16.36%	17.76%	6.34%	9.83%
Russell 3000	12.41%	1.40%	17.06%	15.11%	22.24%	12.62%	14.71%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	7.19%	-2.34%	10.72%	11.50%	17.01%	10.58%	13.10%
The Nasdaq Composite	16.09%	2.61%	24.78%	19.26%	27.55%	14.07%	18.66%

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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Total returns as of 9/30/2026. ^Annualized returns. For illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. Indices do not charge management fees or brokerage expenses, and no such fees or expenses were deducted from the performance shown. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

Index Definitions: **S&P 500** - An unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. **S&P 500 Growth** - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P 500 Index. **S&P 500 Value** - S&P measures value stocks using three factors: the ratios of book value, earnings, and sales to price. Constituents are drawn from the S&P 500 Index. **S&P MidCap 400** - A capitalization-weighted index that tracks the mid-range sector of the U.S. stock market. **S&P MidCap 400 Growth** - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P MidCap 400 Index. **S&P MidCap 400 Value** - S&P measures value stocks using three factors: the ratios of book value, earnings, and sales to price. Constituents are drawn from the S&P MidCap 400 Index. **S&P SmallCap 600** - A capitalization-weighted index that tracks U.S. stocks with a small market capitalization. **S&P SmallCap 600 Growth** - S&P measures growth stocks using three factors: sales growth, the ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum. Constituents are drawn from the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. **S&P SmallCap 600 Value** - S&P measures value stocks using three factors: the ratios of book value, earnings, and sales to price. Constituents are drawn from the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. **Russell 1000** - Comprised of the largest 1000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index. It represents the universe of large capitalization stocks from which most active money managers typically select. **Russell 2000** - Comprised of the smallest 2000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index, representing approximately 8% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. **Russell 3000** - Comprised of 3,000 large U.S. companies, as determined by market capitalization. It captures approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. **Dow Jones Industrial Average** - A price-weighted measure of 30 U.S. blue-chip companies. The index covers all industries except transportation and utilities. **The Nasdaq Composite** - A large market-cap-weighted index of more than 2,500 stocks, American depositary receipts (ADRs), and real estate investment trusts (REITs), among others, listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

S&P 500 SECTOR INDEX: TOTAL RETURNS

MARKETS

Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
S&P 500 Communication Services	4.48%	3.64%	12.27%	12.06%	29.48%	12.88%	12.71%
S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary	-5.82%	-5.09%	3.71%	-5.15%	13.48%	5.62%	12.10%
S&P 500 Consumer Staples	5.98%	-1.90%	-1.57%	5.99%	10.11%	7.44%	8.00%
S&P 500 Energy	40.28%	17.23%	1.47%	42.42%	14.45%	23.18%	10.10%
S&P 500 Financials	-1.43%	-0.12%	8.87%	0.55%	19.01%	9.15%	12.80%
S&P 500 Health Care	10.15%	6.46%	15.80%	23.02%	11.28%	7.57%	10.82%
S&P 500 Industrials	8.54%	-9.66%	3.76%	9.48%	19.72%	12.98%	12.73%
S&P 500 Information Technology	28.38%	7.20%	41.28%	30.20%	36.60%	23.54%	25.95%
S&P 500 Materials	8.82%	-2.81%	-0.83%	10.04%	9.66%	6.46%	9.66%
S&P 500 Real Estate	5.31%	-5.57%	2.48%	2.29%	10.74%	2.20%	6.13%
S&P 500 Utilities	-5.65%	-12.39%	-12.85%	-6.97%	13.63%	7.57%	8.33%

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FOREIGN INDICES: TOTAL RETURNS

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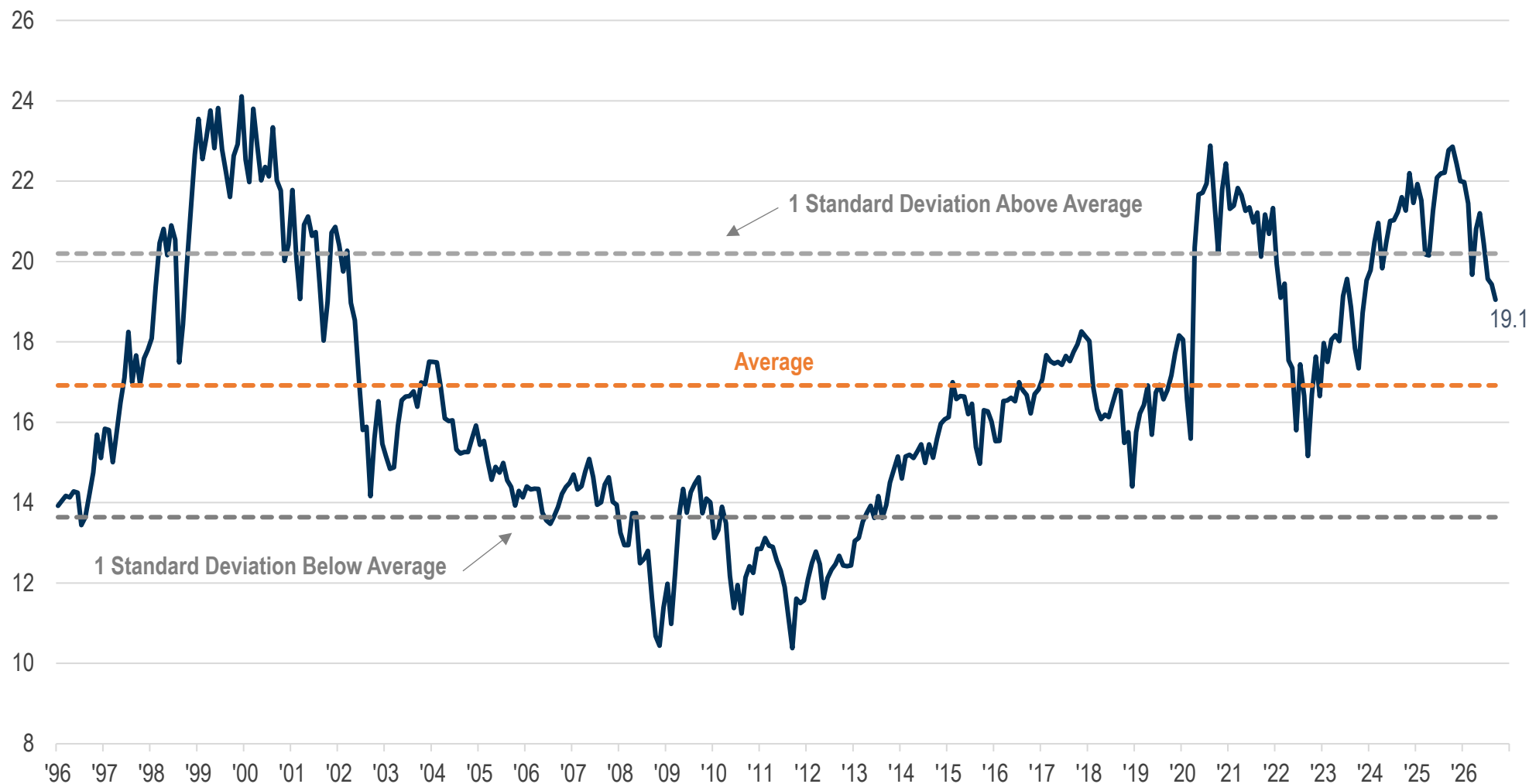
Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
MSCI All-Country World Ex-USA	14.23%	0.48%	15.04%	19.99%	20.54%	9.55%	9.25%
MSCI World Ex-USA	10.16%	0.89%	11.21%	15.89%	18.89%	9.66%	9.27%
MSCI Europe	4.07%	-1.94%	7.62%	10.21%	14.89%	6.98%	6.66%
MSCI EAFE	10.91%	0.91%	12.09%	16.36%	19.12%	10.02%	9.76%
MSCI Emerging Markets	23.52%	-0.40%	23.66%	29.44%	24.59%	9.38%	9.50%

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S&P 500 INDEX: PRICE-TO-NEXT TWELVE MONTHS EST. EPS

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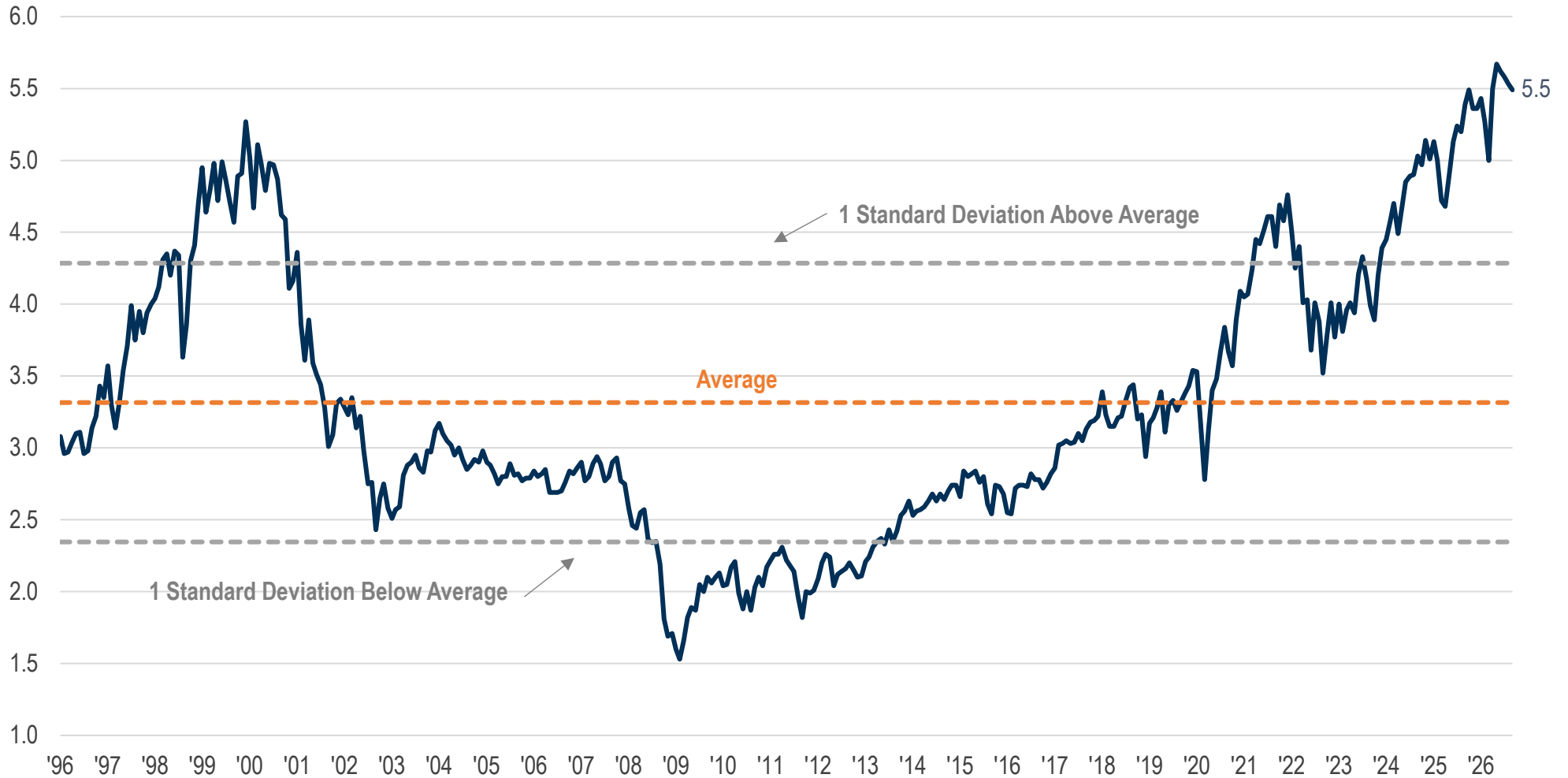


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S&P 500 INDEX: PRICE-TO-BOOK VALUE

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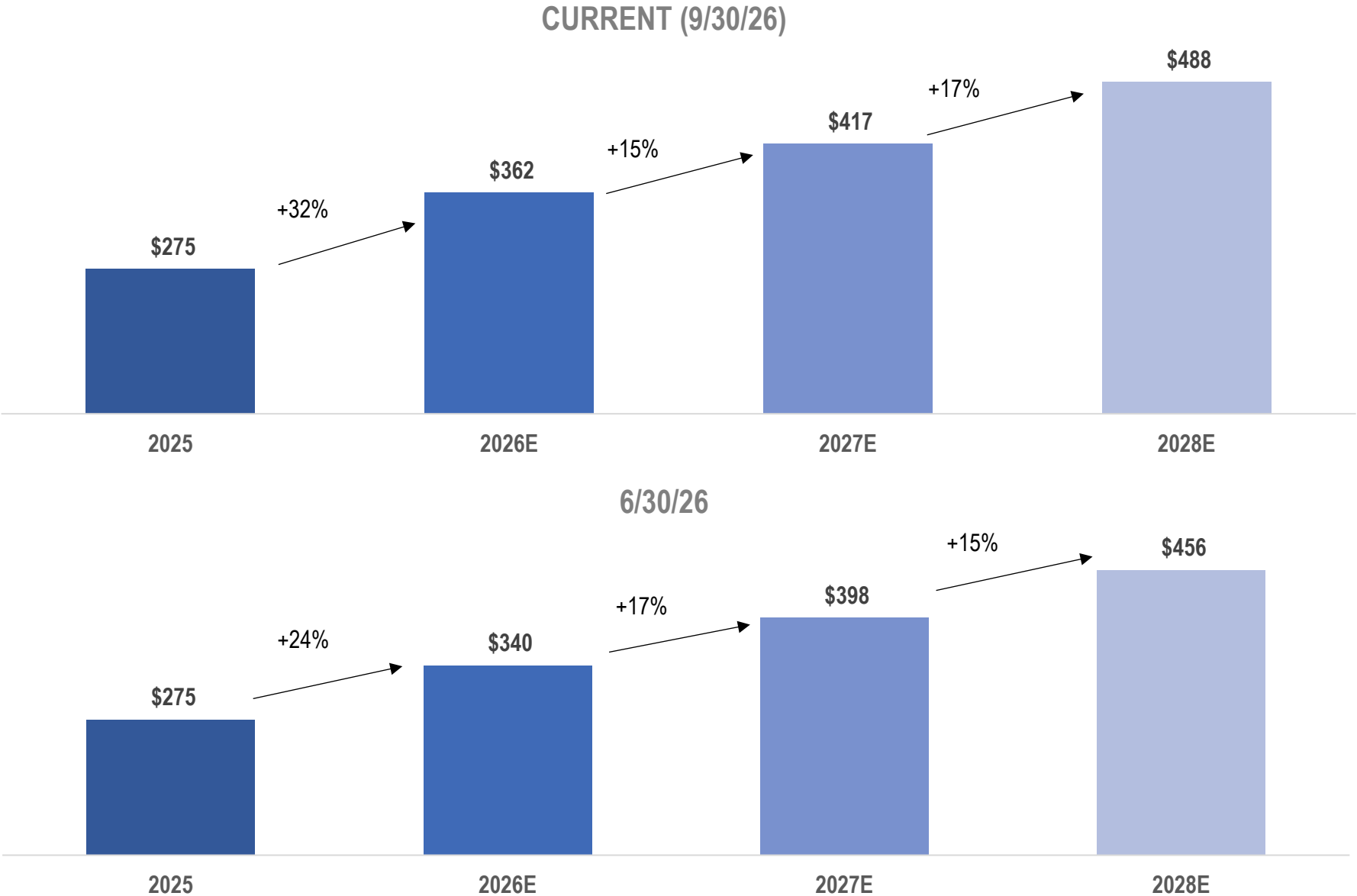
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S&P 500 INDEX EPS - CURRENT VS. PREVIOUS QUARTER

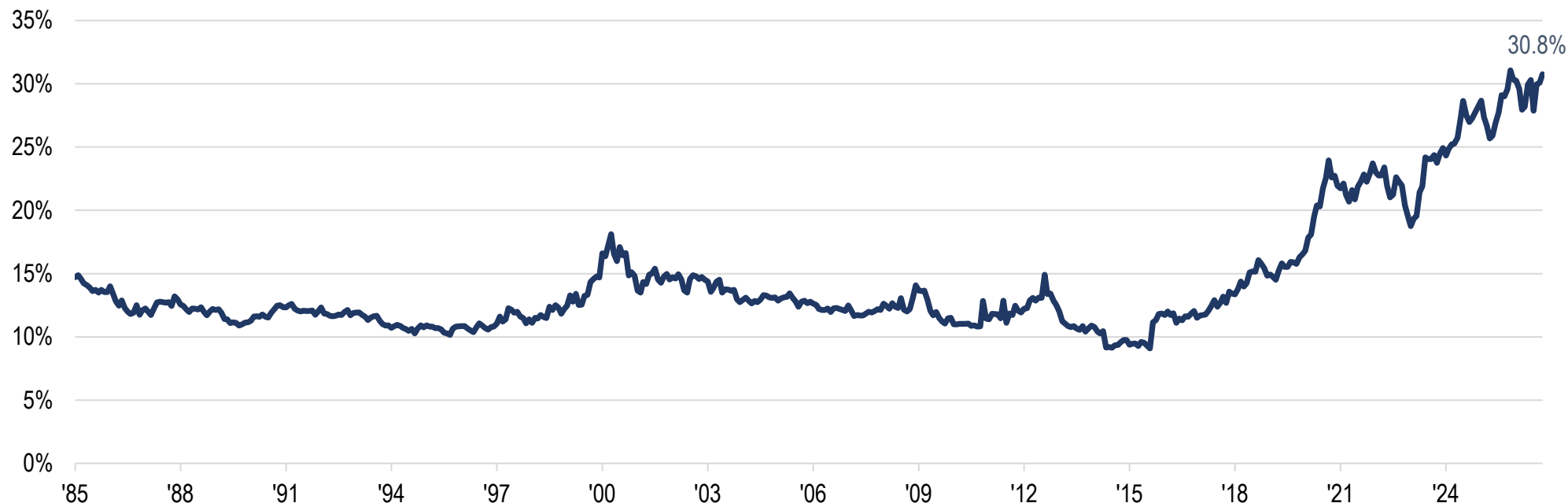
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% SHARE OF S&P 500 INDEX



TOP 5 MEMBER FIRMS BY WEIGHT IN THE INDEX

Ticker	Company Name	Weight in S&P 500 Index (9/30/26)
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	8.38%
AAPL	Apple Inc.	7.37%
MSFT	Microsoft Corp.	5.78%
GOOG/GOOGL	Alphabet Inc.	5.52%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	3.71%

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S&P 500 SECTOR INDEX VALUATION AND EST. EPS GROWTH

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S&P 500 Sector Index	PRICE TO NTM EPS			EST. EPS GROWTH			PRICE-TO-BOOK			EST. RETURN ON EQUITY	
	9/30/26	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2026	2027	2028	9/30/26	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2026	2027
Communication Services	18.6	17.8	105%	49%	-11%	16%	4.9	3.6	136%	25.9%	19.0%
Consumer Discretionary	22.6	24.3	93%	35%	-3%	19%	7.1	8.7	81%	29.9%	24.0%
Consumer Staples	20.7	20.1	103%	6%	7%	7%	6.8	6.3	109%	29.9%	29.0%
Energy	13.0	14.6	89%	94%	-11%	-7%	2.5	2.0	124%	19.9%	16.7%
Financials	14.1	14.0	101%	15%	9%	11%	2.2	1.5	146%	14.5%	14.6%
Health Care	18.4	16.5	112%	2%	22%	10%	5.4	4.7	117%	24.5%	26.2%
Industrials	22.5	19.1	118%	10%	16%	16%	7.0	5.0	140%	26.1%	26.7%
Information Technology	21.5	23.5	92%	57%	41%	26%	14.0	9.4	149%	42.8%	42.5%
Materials	16.7	17.9	93%	37%	12%	9%	3.2	2.9	109%	17.1%	17.2%
Real Estate	16.8	18.0	93%	6%	6%	7%	3.2	3.2	98%	17.2%	19.2%
Utilities	15.5	18.0	86%	11%	9%	10%	2.0	2.1	94%	11.5%	11.7%

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Price-to-Book ratio - Share price divided by book value of equity per share. **Est. Return on Equity (ROE)** - Estimated return on common equity utilizing FactSet consensus estimated earnings per share in calendar year divided by equity per share. **Est. EPS Growth** - Expected year-over-year growth in FactSet consensus forecasted Earnings Per Share. **Price to NTM EPS** - Price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share over the next twelve months.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION

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TOTAL RETURNS OF THE S&P 500 SECTOR INDICES

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
35.3%	-15.4%	61.7%	27.7%	19.9%	28.7%	43.1%	29.0%	10.1%	27.4%	38.8%	6.5%	50.3%	43.9%	54.4%	65.4%	57.8%	40.2%	33.6%	● Comm. Services
22.4%	-22.8%	48.6%	26.7%	14.0%	23.9%	41.5%	25.3%	6.9%	23.5%	23.8%	4.1%	32.7%	33.3%	46.2%	1.6%	55.8%	36.6%	24.0%	● Info. Tech.
19.4%	-29.0%	41.3%	22.2%	12.7%	18.3%	40.6%	20.1%	6.6%	22.7%	23.0%	0.8%	32.1%	23.6%	34.9%	-0.6%	42.3%	30.5%	19.3%	● Industrials
16.3%	-30.5%	20.9%	20.4%	6.3%	17.9%	35.6%	16.0%	5.9%	18.8%	22.1%	-0.3%	29.3%	20.7%	34.5%	-2.0%	18.1%	30.1%	16.0%	● Utilities
14.2%	-33.5%	19.7%	19.0%	6.1%	15.3%	28.4%	15.2%	3.4%	16.7%	22.1%	-2.2%	29.0%	13.4%	27.3%	-5.5%	12.5%	23.4%	15.0%	● Financials
12.0%	-34.9%	17.2%	14.1%	4.7%	15.0%	26.1%	9.8%	-1.6%	16.3%	21.0%	-8.4%	27.9%	11.1%	26.1%	-10.6%	12.4%	17.3%	14.6%	● Health Care
11.9%	-39.9%	14.9%	12.1%	2.4%	14.8%	25.6%	9.7%	-2.6%	13.8%	13.5%	-12.5%	27.6%	10.7%	24.4%	-12.3%	12.1%	14.9%	10.5%	● Materials
7.1%	-43.1%	13.8%	10.2%	-0.6%	10.8%	25.0%	6.9%	-4.8%	6.0%	12.1%	-13.0%	26.3%	0.5%	21.6%	-26.1%	2.1%	5.7%	8.7%	● Energy
-13.2%	-45.7%	11.9%	5.5%	-9.8%	4.6%	13.2%	3.0%	-8.4%	5.4%	10.9%	-13.3%	24.6%	-1.8%	21.1%	-28.2%	0.5%	5.2%	6.0%	● Consumer Disc.
-18.6%	-55.3%	8.9%	2.9%	-17.1%	1.3%	11.5%	-7.8%	-21.1%	-2.7%	-1.0%	-14.7%	20.8%	-2.2%	18.6%	-37.0%	-1.4%	2.6%	3.9%	● Consumer Staples
										-1.3%	-18.1%	11.8%	-33.7%	17.7%	-39.9%	-7.1%	0.0%	3.1%	● Real Estate

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In addition to the risks of investing in common stocks which includes the possible loss of principal, investing in individual sectors is subject to non-diversification risk, which generally will result in greater price fluctuations than the overall market.

Prior to 2017, Real Estate was included in the Financials sector. As of 9/28/18, the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was reconstituted, and the Telecommunications Services sector was renamed Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STYLE DIVERSIFICATION

MARKETS

ANNUAL RETURNS OF KEY EQUITY ASSET CLASSES

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
LCG 36.5%	LCG 42.2%	MCG 47.7%	REITs 25.9%	REITs 15.5%	REITs 5.2%	SCG 48.5%	REITs 30.4%	MCG 16.7%	REITs 34.4%	MCG 11.2%	SCV -28.9%	MCG 55.5%	SCG 29.1%	REITs 7.3%	REITs 20.1%	SCG 43.3%	REITs 27.1%	LCG 5.5%	SCV 31.7%	LCG 27.4%	LCG 0.0%	LCV 31.9%	SCG 34.6%	REITs 39.9%	LCV -5.2%	LCG 30.0%	LCG 35.9%	Foreign 31.2%
SCV 31.8%	Foreign 20.0%	SCG 43.1%	MCV 23.7%	SCV 14.0%	MCV -9.5%	SCV 46.0%	SCV 22.2%	Foreign 13.5%	Foreign 26.3%	Foreign 11.2%	MCV -34.8%	SCG 34.5%	MCG 28.2%	LCG 4.7%	MCV 18.6%	MCG 39.6%	LCG 14.9%	REITs 2.3%	MCV 20.3%	Foreign 25.0%	REITs -4.1%	LCG 31.1%	LCG 33.5%	LCG 32.0%	MCV -12.8%	MCG 22.6%	SCG 15.2%	LCG 22.4%
MCV 31.1%	LCV 14.7%	LCG 28.2%	SCV 22.8%	MCV 6.2%	SCV -11.4%	MCG 43.4%	Foreign 20.2%	REITs 8.3%	SCV 23.5%	LCG 9.1%	LCG -34.9%	MCV 32.0%	REITs 27.6%	LCV -0.5%	SCV 18.1%	SCV 34.5%	MCV 13.3%	MCG 0.4%	LCV 17.4%	MCG 23.7%	SCG -6.4%	MCG 28.8%	MCG 31.7%	SCV 28.3%	Foreign -14.5%	LCV 22.2%	LCV 12.3%	LCV 13.2%
LCV 30.0%	MCG 5.1%	Foreign 27.0%	LCV 6.1%	SCG -9.2%	Foreign -15.9%	Foreign 38.6%	MCG 18.9%	LCV 5.8%	LCV 20.8%	SCG 7.0%	REITs -37.3%	Foreign 31.8%	SCV 24.5%	MCG -0.6%	LCV 17.7%	MCV 33.3%	LCV 12.4%	MCV -0.7%	SCG 11.3%	SCG 18.5%	MCG -8.0%	SCG 28.4%	Foreign 7.8%	LCV 24.9%	SCV -14.5%	SCG 18.7%	MCG 12.3%	SCG 13.0%
MCG 22.5%	MCV 3.5%	LCV 12.7%	Foreign -14.2%	LCV -11.7%	LCV -20.9%	REITs 38.5%	MCV 17.9%	MCV 5.5%	MCV 15.7%	LCV 2.0%	SCG -38.5%	LCG 31.6%	MCV 21.9%	MCV -1.0%	Foreign 17.3%	LCG 32.8%	MCG 7.7%	Foreign -0.8%	MCG 10.1%	LCV 15.4%	LCV -9.0%	REITs 28.1%	SCV 4.6%	MCV 24.7%	REITs -25.1%	Foreign 18.2%	MCV 12.1%	SCV 12.6%
REITs 18.9%	SCG 1.2%	MCV 7.2%	LCG -22.1%	LCG -12.7%	LCG -23.6%	MCV 34.9%	LCV 15.7%	SCV 4.7%	SCG 13.3%	MCV -1.3%	LCV -39.2%	REITs 27.4%	LCV 15.1%	SCG -2.9%	MCG 16.7%	LCV 32.0%	SCG 5.6%	SCG -1.4%	REITs 9.3%	MCV 14.1%	MCV -9.6%	MCV 27.5%	LCV 1.4%	Foreign 11.3%	MCG -25.4%	SCV 14.6%	SCV 8.1%	MCV 10.1%
SCG 12.9%	SCV -6.5%	SCV -1.5%	SCG -22.4%	MCG -13.3%	MCG -24.5%	LCV 31.8%	SCG 14.3%	SCG 4.2%	MCG 11.6%	SCV -9.8%	MCG -41.6%	LCV 21.2%	LCG 15.1%	SCV -5.5%	LCG 14.6%	Foreign 22.8%	SCV 4.2%	LCV -3.1%	LCG 6.9%	REITs 9.3%	SCV -12.9%	SCV 22.4%	MCV -3.1%	MCG 10.4%	SCG -26.4%	MCV 13.6%	REITs 4.3%	MCG 9.8%
Foreign 1.8%	REITs -18.8%	REITs -6.5%	MCG -24.3%	Foreign -21.4%	SCG -30.3%	LCG 25.7%	LCG 6.1%	LCG 4.0%	LCG 11.0%	REITs -17.8%	Foreign -43.4%	SCV 20.6%	Foreign 7.8%	Foreign -12.1%	SCG 14.6%	REITs 3.2%	Foreign -4.9%	SCV -7.5%	Foreign 1.0%	SCV 7.8%	Foreign -13.8%	Foreign 22.0%	REITs -5.9%	SCG 2.8%	LCG -29.4%	REITs 11.5%	Foreign 3.8%	REITs 1.7%

● Foreign ● Large-Cap Growth (LCG) ● Large-Cap Value (LCV) ● Small-Cap Growth (SCG) ● Small-Cap Value (SCV) ● Mid-Cap Value (MCV) ● Mid-Cap Growth (MCG) ● REITs

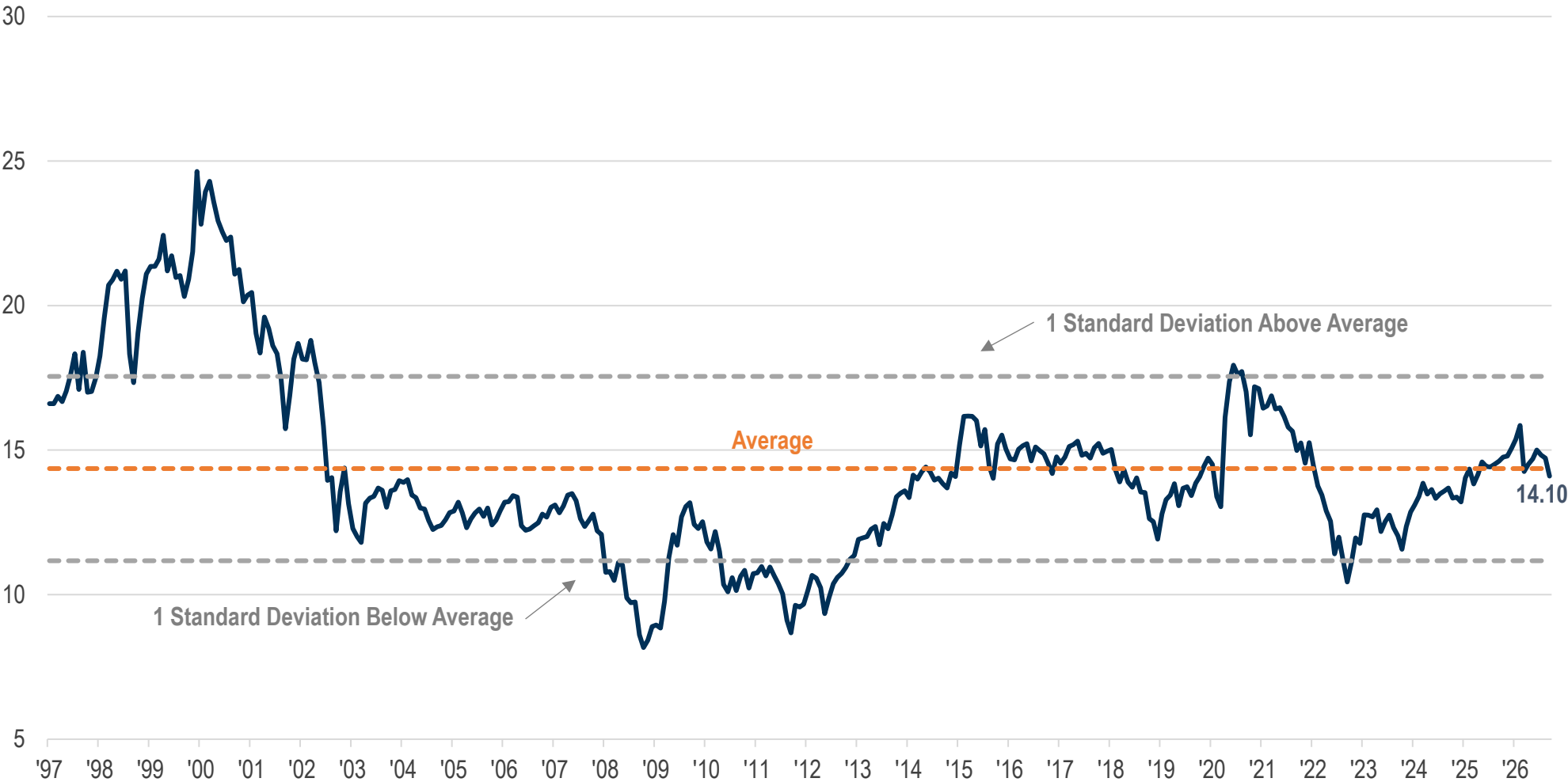
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The S&P 500 Growth and S&P 500 Value Indices were used to measure the performance of large-capitalization companies. The Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Total Stock Market Index and Dow Jones U.S. Mid-Cap Value Total Stock Market Index were used to measure the performance of mid-capitalization companies. The Russell 2000 Growth and Russell 2000 Value Indices were used to measure the performance of small-capitalization companies. The MSCI EAFE Index was used to measure the performance of foreign stocks. The NAREIT Composite Index was used to measure the performance of REITs. Small company stocks are more volatile than large company stocks and can be subject to significant price fluctuations. Foreign stocks are subject to additional risks including currency fluctuations, political risks, withholding, the lack of adequate financial information, and exchange control restrictions impacting foreign issuers.

MSCI EUROPE INDEX: PRICE-TO-NEXT TWELVE MONTHS EST. EPS

MARKETS

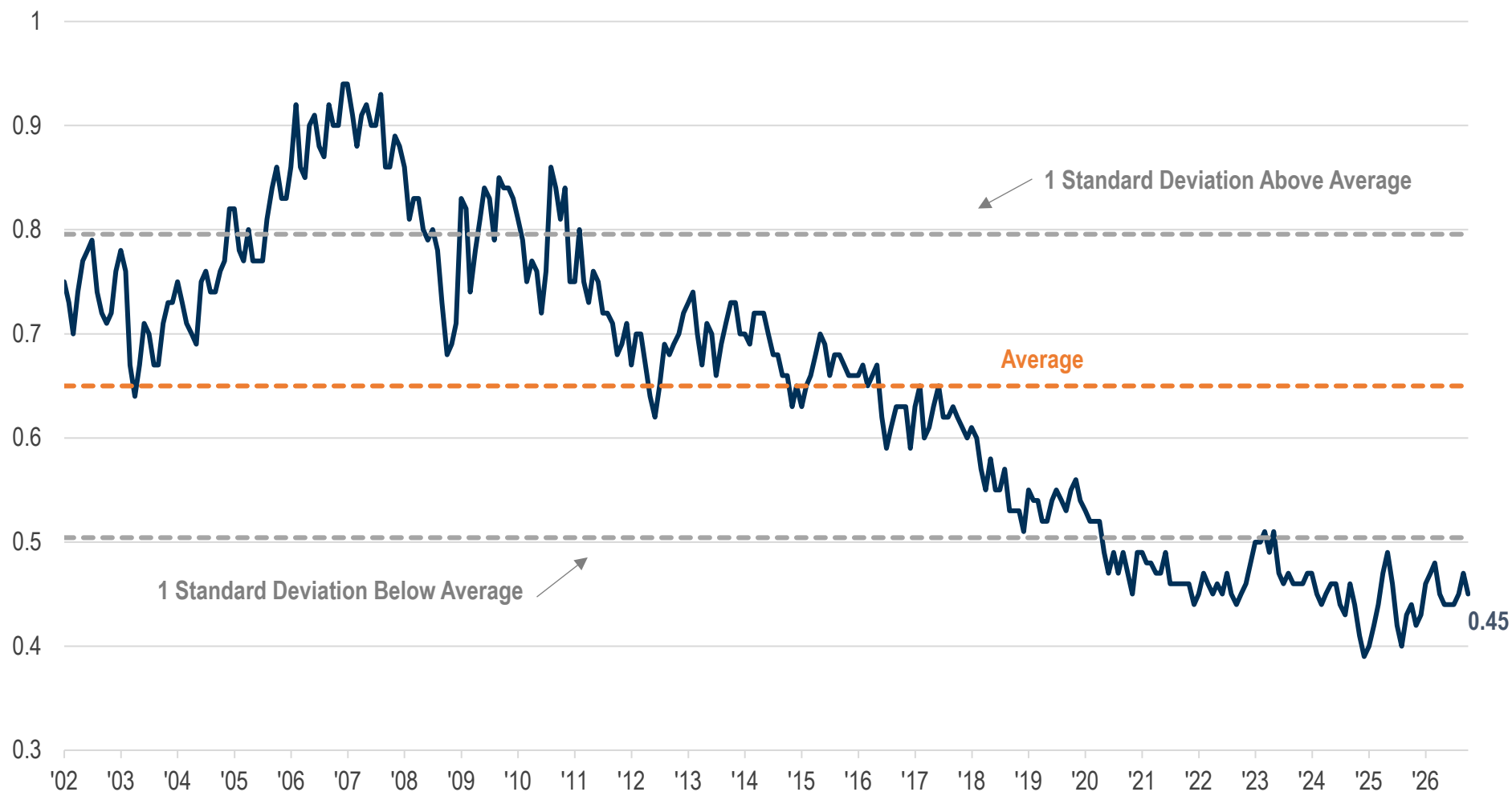


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Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 1/31/1997 to 9/30/2026. Price-to-Next Twelve Months earnings is price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share (EPS) over the next twelve months. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. The MSCI Europe Index captures large and mid cap representation across 15 Developed Markets countries in Europe. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

MSCI EUROPE INDEX: PRICE-TO-BOOK RATIO RELATIVE TO THE S&P 500 INDEX

MARKETS



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Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 12/31/2001 to 9/30/2026. Price-to-book (P/B) ratio is the share price divided by book value of equity per share. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The MSCI Europe Index captures large and mid cap representation across 15 Developed Markets countries in Europe. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.

INTERNATIONAL VALUATION AND EST. EPS GROWTH

MARKETS

Index	PRICE TO NTM EPS			EST. EPS GROWTH			PRICE TO BOOK			EST. RETURN ON EQUITY	
	9/30/26	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2026	2027	2028	9/30/26	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2026	2027
MSCI Europe	14.1	14.2	100%	15%	9%	10%	2.5	1.9	128%	15.7%	15.9%
MSCI Germany	14.1	13.1	108%	8%	15%	14%	1.9	1.7	114%	11.9%	12.8%
MSCI Switzerland	17.1	17.1	100%	5%	11%	10%	4.5	3.3	136%	21.1%	21.5%
MSCI United Kingdom	11.9	12.5	95%	24%	5%	7%	2.3	1.8	130%	18.0%	17.5%
MSCI Japan	15.5	14.4	108%	23%	14%	12%	2.1	1.4	146%	11.4%	12.1%
MSCI Pacific ex Japan	17.2	15.6	110%	7%	5%	6%	2.1	1.7	127%	11.8%	11.9%
MSCI Canada	15.8	14.7	108%	19%	9%	4%	2.6	1.8	144%	15.9%	16.1%
MSCI Emerging Markets (EM)	9.7	12.1	80%	68%	24%	11%	2.5	1.8	140%	19.4%	20.6%
MSCI China	10.2	11.0	93%	4%	14%	13%	1.5	1.6	94%	11.5%	12.0%
MSCI EM Latin America	9.5	10.3	93%	35%	3%	6%	2.0	1.8	111%	19.5%	18.9%
MSCI Brazil	8.4	9.2	92%	41%	1%	6%	1.9	1.7	109%	20.2%	19.4%
MSCI India	19.0	21.0	90%	7%	17%	16%	3.1	3.5	90%	14.2%	14.9%

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The above International MSCI Indices are designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of each region/country. **Price-to-Book ratio** - Share price divided by book value of equity per share. **Est. Return on Equity (ROE)** - Estimated return on common equity utilizing FactSet consensus estimated earnings per share in calendar year divided by equity per share. **Est. EPS Growth** - Expected year-over-year growth in FactSet consensus forecasted Earnings Per Share. **Price to NTM EPS** - Price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share over the next twelve months.

FACTOR RETURNS VS. S&P 500 EQUAL WEIGHT INDEX

FACTORS

Value: Lowest price-to-book

Momentum: Highest 12-month price change

Quality: Highest return-on-equity

Size: Lowest market capitalization

Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability

Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield

	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	12 Month
Top	Momentum 2.43%	Value 3.54%	Value 0.95%	Momentum 4.72%	Dividend Yield 4.11%	Value -3.42%	Momentum 13.97%	Momentum 6.01%	Size 3.90%	Value 3.91%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 2.06%	Momentum -0.44%	Value 13.86%
2	Size 0.14%	Dividend Yield 3.31%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 0.45%	Dividend Yield 4.49%	Low Volatility 4.06%	Dividend Yield -4.06%	Size 8.87%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 2.68%	Low Volatility 3.56%	Dividend Yield 3.59%	Quality 1.56%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -4.81%	Momentum 13.08%
3	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -0.95%	Low Volatility 3.04%	Dividend Yield 0.13%	Value 4.03%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 3.55%	Low Volatility -5.61%	Value 6.60%	Size 1.70%	Value 2.96%	Low Volatility 3.47%	Size 1.36%	Quality -4.93%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 11.56%
4	Quality -1.67%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 1.90%	Quality -0.31%	Size 3.60%	Value 2.82%	Size -5.68%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 5.97%	Quality 1.58%	Quality 2.80%	Quality 1.72%	Value 0.52%	Size -5.62%	Size 9.06%
5	Value -1.99%	Size 1.61%	Low Volatility -0.80%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 3.39%	Momentum 2.64%	Quality -5.89%	Quality 5.94%	Value 0.25%	Momentum 2.77%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 1.01%	Momentum 0.44%	Low Volatility -5.94%	Dividend Yield 8.33%
6	Dividend Yield -3.02%	Quality 1.46%	Size -0.86%	Low Volatility 3.11%	Quality 1.76%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -5.97%	Dividend Yield 5.56%	Dividend Yield -0.64%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 2.38%	Size 0.03%	Dividend Yield -0.16%	Value -6.38%	Quality 5.75%
Bottom	Low Volatility -3.43%	Momentum -1.39%	Momentum -1.56%	Quality 2.19%	Size 0.51%	Momentum -6.66%	Low Volatility 3.23%	Low Volatility -2.33%	Dividend Yield 2.12%	Momentum -8.70%	Low Volatility -1.25%	Dividend Yield -6.60%	Low Volatility 0.31%

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Source: First Trust, Capital IQ. As of 9/30/2026. Returns are total returns. Universe: largest 1,000 U.S. firms with \$1 million in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. Top 30% of stocks by factor are selected. Stocks are then equally weighted. These examples are for illustrative purposes and do not represent any actual investment.

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FACTOR RETURNS VS. S&P 500 INDEX

FACTORS

Value: Lowest price-to-book

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Quality: Highest return-on-equity

Size: Lowest market capitalization

Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability

Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield

	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	12 Month
Top	Momentum 3.78%	Dividend Yield 3.23%	Value 1.20%	Dividend Yield 6.23%	Dividend Yield 4.82%	Value -2.17%	Momentum 18.58%	Momentum 9.01%	Size 3.90%	Low Volatility 6.79%	S&P 500 2.72%	Momentum 3.60%	Momentum 24.36%
2	Quality 3.18%	Value 3.01%	Dividend Yield 0.08%	Momentum 3.57%	Value 2.99%	Dividend Yield -3.43%	Quality 12.48%	Quality 5.93%	Value 2.66%	Value 5.30%	Quality 2.71%	Quality 0.41%	Value 18.16%
3	S&P 500 2.34%	Low Volatility 1.82%	S&P 500 0.06%	Size 3.50%	Low Volatility 2.41%	Low Volatility -4.65%	S&P 500 10.49%	S&P 500 5.26%	Dividend Yield 2.03%	Dividend Yield 3.85%	Size 1.44%	S&P 500 -0.35%	Quality 16.15%
4	Size 0.10%	Size 1.51%	Momentum -0.09%	Value 3.43%	Size 0.78%	S&P 500 -4.98%	Size 9.07%	Size 1.73%	Momentum 1.12%	Quality 0.68%	Dividend Yield 1.38%	Low Volatility -3.38%	S&P 500 15.74%
5	Value -1.45%	S&P 500 0.25%	Low Volatility -0.54%	S&P 500 1.45%	S&P 500 -0.76%	Momentum -5.03%	Value 7.45%	Low Volatility 1.71%	S&P 500 -0.95%	Size 0.03%	Momentum 1.12%	Dividend Yield -4.77%	Dividend Yield 14.75%
6	Dividend Yield -1.75%	Quality 0.17%	Quality -0.74%	Quality 1.33%	Momentum -0.89%	Quality -5.41%	Dividend Yield 3.48%	Value -0.61%	Low Volatility -1.27%	S&P 500 -0.06%	Value 1.04%	Size -5.36%	Size 9.52%
Bottom	Low Volatility -2.31%	Momentum -2.50%	Size -0.95%	Low Volatility 1.18%	Quality -1.56%	Size -5.77%	Low Volatility 2.51%	Dividend Yield -0.68%	Quality -3.00%	Momentum -7.84%	Low Volatility 0.75%	Value -5.38%	Low Volatility 4.59%

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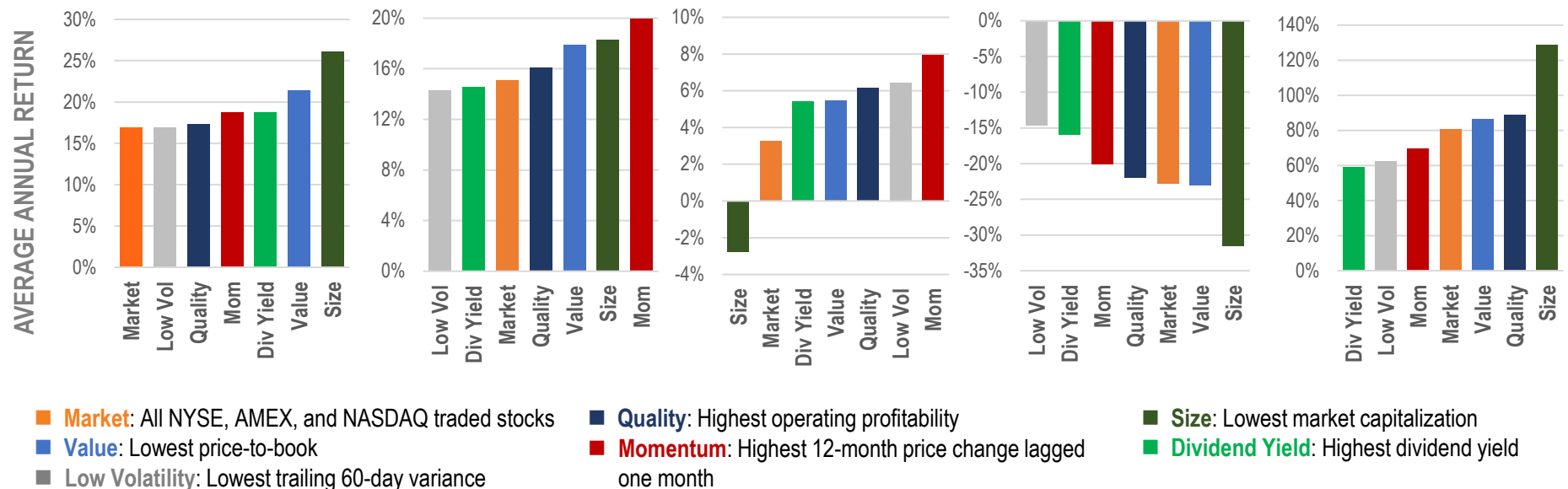
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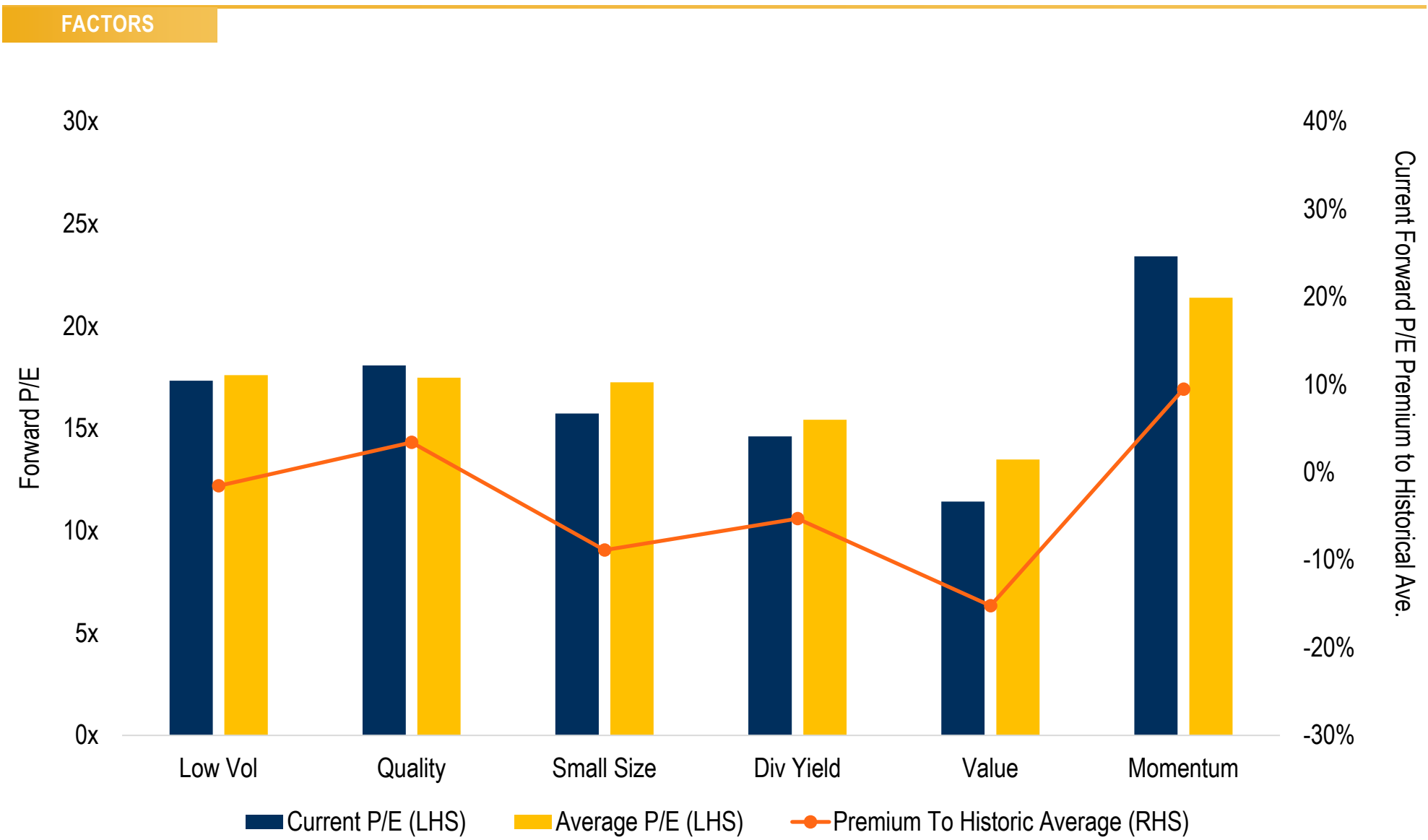
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Economy	High Growth Off Bottom	Continued Stable Growth	Slowing Growth	Negative Growth	Negative Growth
Fed Policy	Accommodative	Neutral	Tightening	Accommodative	Accommodative
Sentiment	Risk-On	Risk-On	Switching from Risk-On to Risk-Off	Risk-Off	Risk-Off
Equities	High Equity Returns	High Equity Returns	Lower Equity Returns	Negative Returns	Highest Returns
Top Factors	Size and Value	Momentum and Value	Early: Momentum Late: Low Volatility and Quality	Low Volatility, Dividend Yield and Quality	Size and Quality



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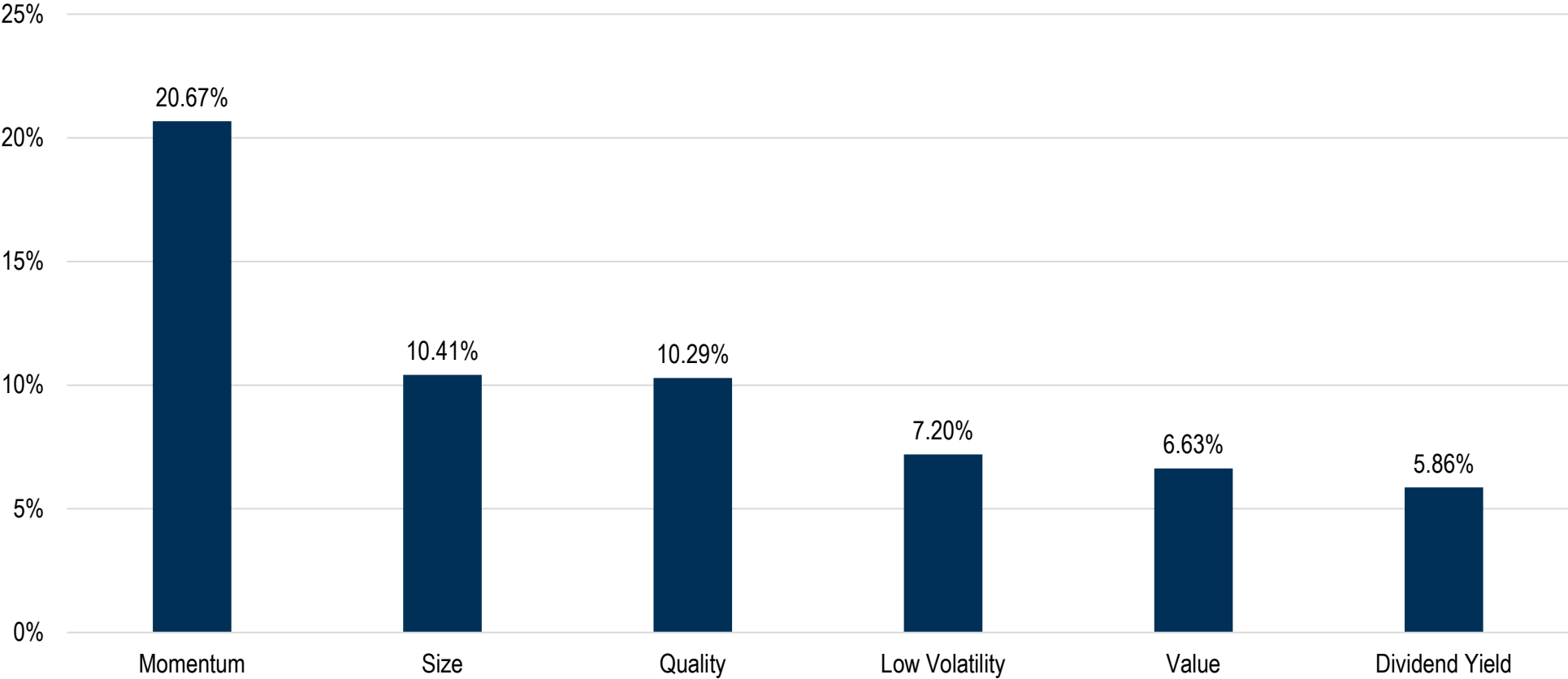
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FACTOR VALUATIONS: FORWARD PRICE-TO-EARNINGS RATIO



Source: First Trust, Bloomberg & Capital IQ. Monthly data is calculated from 12/31/1999 to 9/30/2026. For illustrative purposes and does not represent any actual investment. The median monthly forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is used for each factor. Each factor is comprised of the top 30% of stocks from a universe of the largest 1,000 U.S. stocks with at least \$1 million dollars in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. Value: Lowest price-to-book. Momentum: Highest 12-month price change. Quality: Highest return-on-equity. Size: Lowest market capitalization. Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability. Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield.

FACTORS



Source: First Trust, Bloomberg & Capital IQ. As of 9/30/2026. Chart shows median next twelve-month EPS growth for each factor group. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. Universe: largest 1,000 U.S. firms with \$1 million in average daily volume over the last 3 months and 12 months of trading history. Top 30% of stocks by factor are selected. Stocks are then equally weighted. Earnings per share (EPS) is a company's net profit divided by the number of common shares it has outstanding. Growth rates are based on the next twelve months earnings estimates compared to the trailing twelve months. Value: Lowest price-to-book. Momentum: Highest 12-month price change. Quality: Highest return-on-equity. Size: Lowest market capitalization. Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability. Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield.