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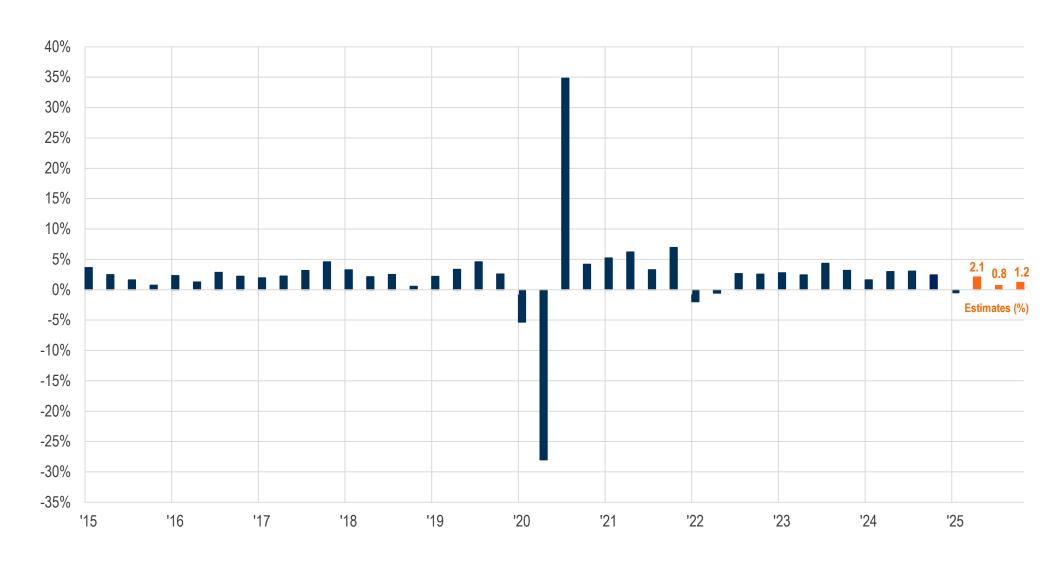
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# U.S. GDP: QUARTER-OVER-QUARTER CHANGE (SAAR)



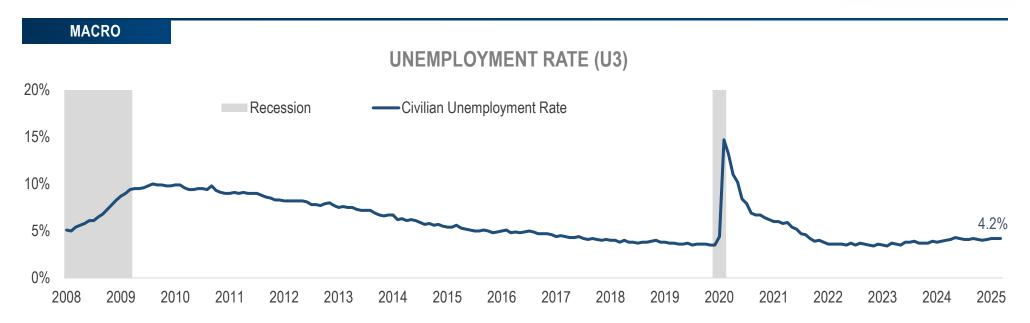
### **MACRO**



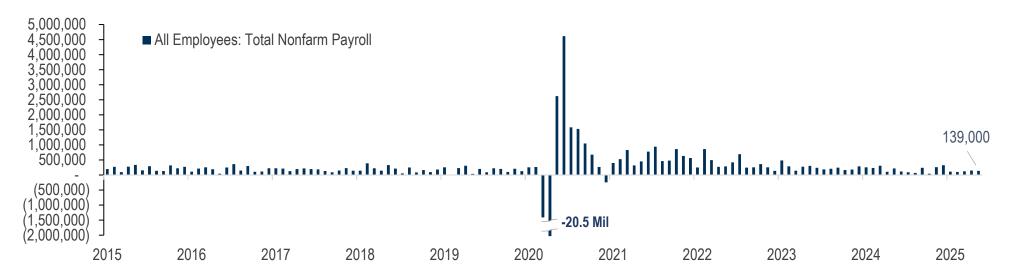
Source: First Trust, Haver Analytics (historical), Bloomberg (consensus estimates). Quarters in orange are consensus estimates. GDP percent change is on a quarter over quarter seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) basis. There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. Gross domestic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

## **U.S. LABOR MARKET**





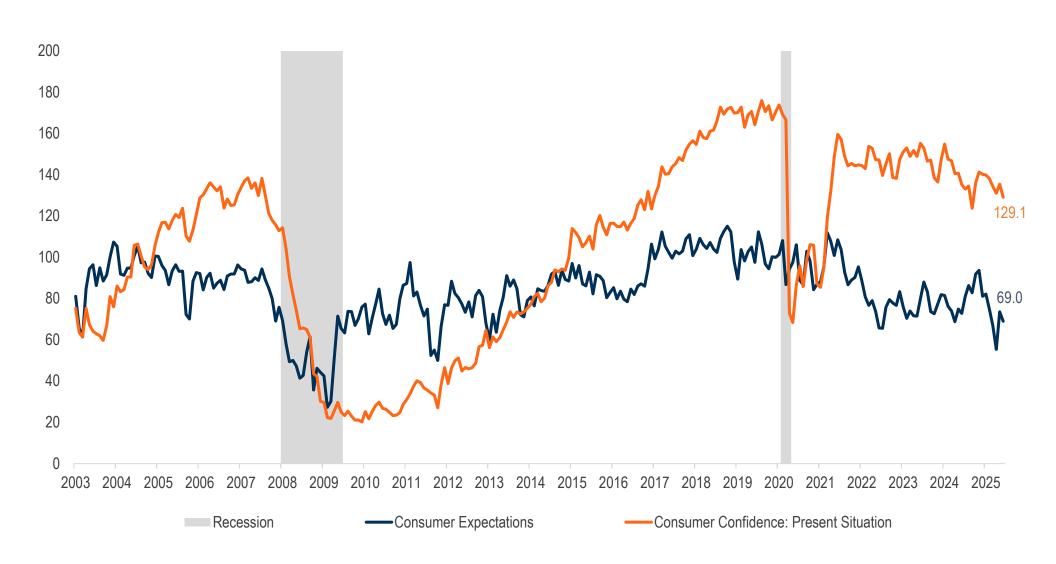
## CHANGE IN TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLLS



Source: First Trust, Haver Analytics. Unemployment data from March 2008 – May 2025 (latest data available). Unemployment Rate: 16+ years, seasonally adjusted. Payroll data from January 2015 - May 2025 (latest data available). Seasonally adjusted. April 2020 uses a broken axis since it has an extreme value.



### **MACRO**

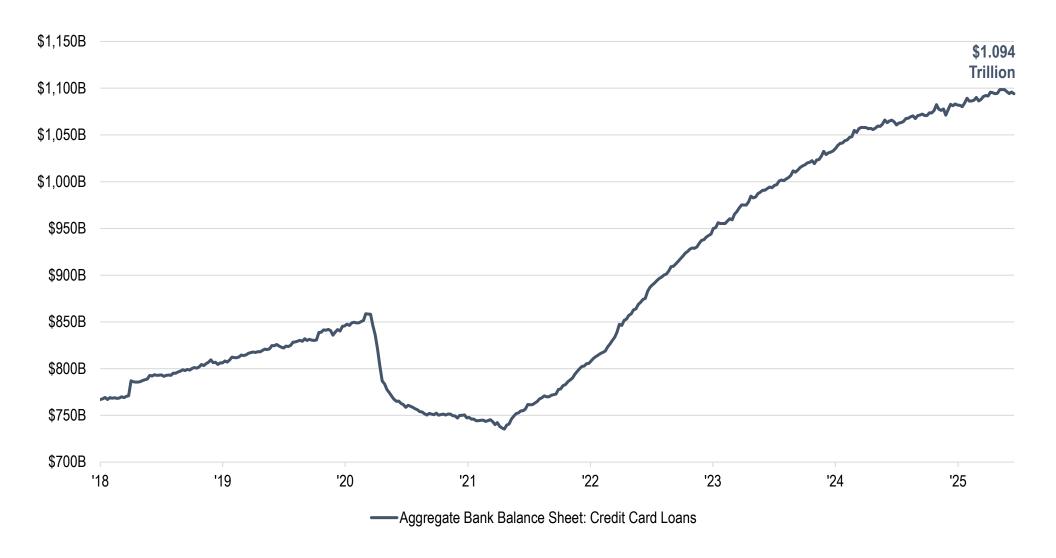


Source: First Trust, The Conference Board/Haver Analytics. Data from January 2003 - June 2025. The Consumer Confidence Index is a survey, administered by The Conference Board, that measures how optimistic or pessimistic consumers are regarding their expected financial situation. The Consumer Confidence Index started in 1967 and is benchmarked to 1985 = 100.

# **CREDIT CARD BALANCES**



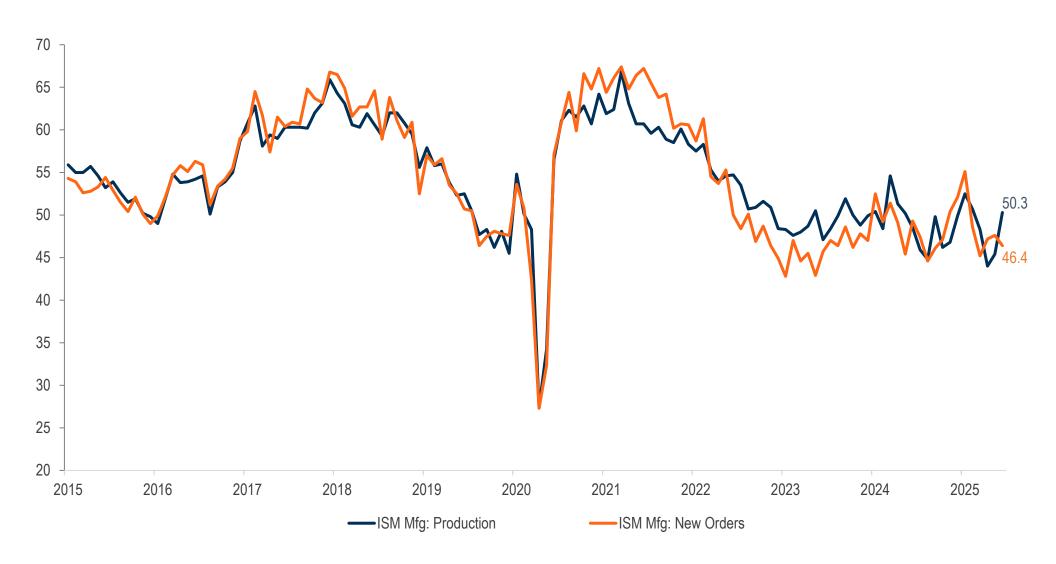
## **MACRO**



Source: First Trust, Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED). Weekly data from 1/3/2018 to 6/18/2025 (latest data available). Billions of U.S. dollars, seasonally adjusted. Includes consumer loans: credit cards and other revolving plans, all commercial banks.



## **MACRO**

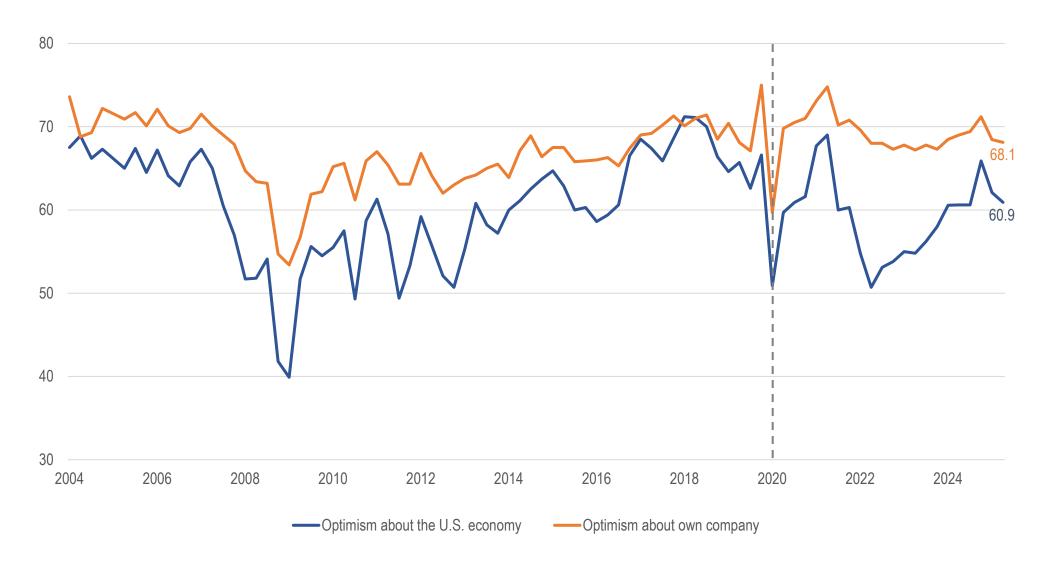


Source: First Trust, Haver Analytics. Data from January 2015 – June 2025. ISM Manufacturing Index measures manufacturing activity based on a monthly survey, conducted by Institute for Supply Management (ISM), of purchasing managers at more than 300 manufacturing firms. An index reading of more than 50 indicates expansion while a reading of below 50 suggests a contraction of the manufacturing sector.

# THE CFO SURVEY: OPTIMISM INDEXES



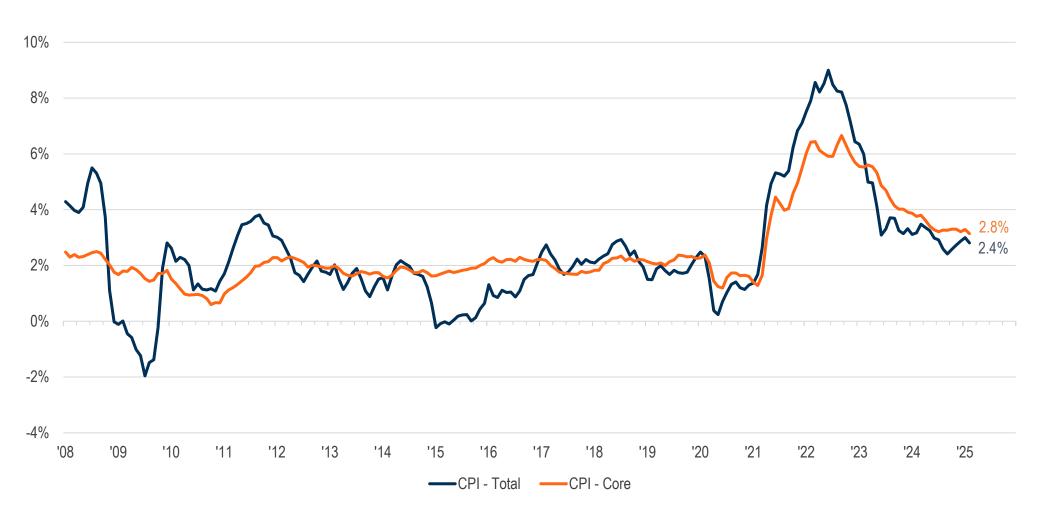
## **MACRO**



Source: First Trust, Duke University, FRB Atlanta and FRB Richmond, The CFO Survey. March 2004 – June 2025.



## **MACRO**



Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from January 2008 - May 2025 (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).

# **M2 MONEY SUPPLY**



## **MACRO**

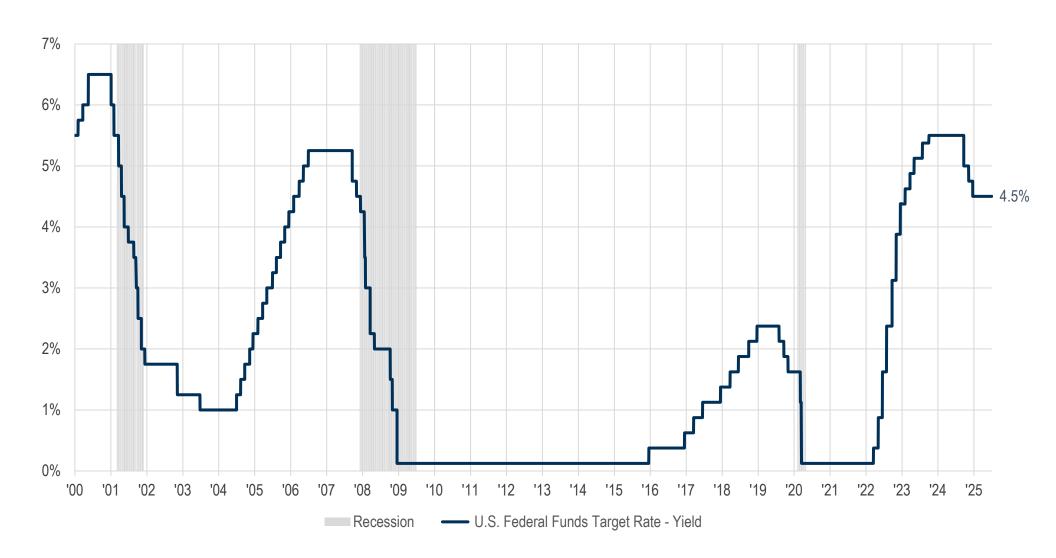


Source: First Trust, Federal Reserve Board/Haver Analytics, January 2015 – May 2025 (latest data available).

# **U.S. FEDERAL FUNDS TARGET RATE**



### **MACRO**



Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 12/31/1999 to 6/30/2025.



### **MACRO**



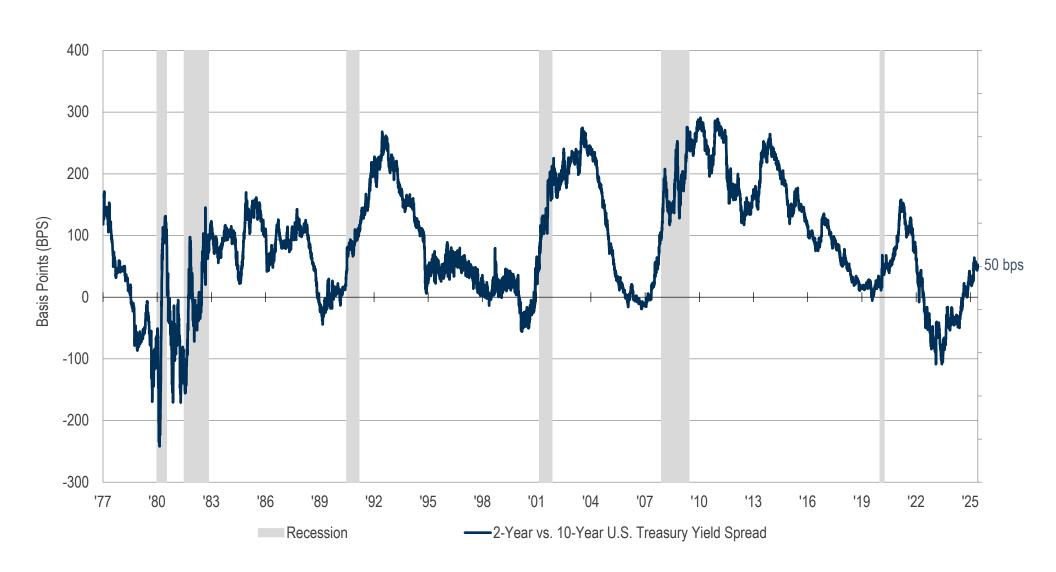
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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2000 - June 2025.

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



### **MACRO**



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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Data from January 1977 - June 2025.

# **U.S. DOLLAR INDEX**



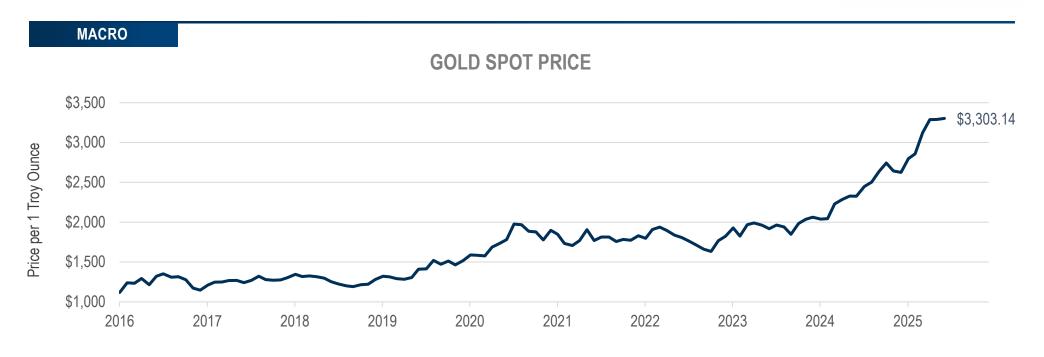
### **MACRO**



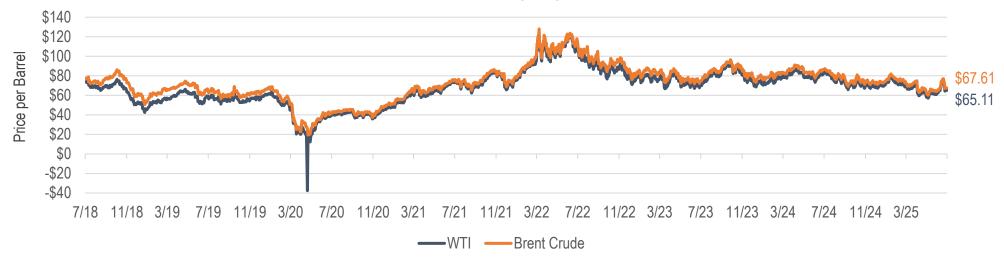
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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Weekly data from January 2014 - June 2025. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) indicates the general international value of the dollar relative to a basket of major world currencies. Indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index.





## WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE (WTI) VS. BRENT CRUDE OIL



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Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. Gold is monthly data from February 2016 - June 2025. Gold spot price is the current market price. WTI and Brent Crude oil is daily data from July 2018 - June 2025.



### **MACRO**



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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	6.20%	10.94%	6.20%	15.14%	19.69%	16.62%	13.63%
S&P 500 Growth	8.85%	18.94%	8.85%	19.83%	23.36%	17.27%	15.94%
S&P 500 Value	3.28%	3.00%	3.28%	9.61%	14.86%	15.00%	10.39%
S&P Midcap 400	0.19%	6.71%	0.19%	7.50%	12.78%	13.41%	9.23%
S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.48%	9.65%	0.48%	4.29%	13.86%	11.27%	9.21%
S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.13%	3.72%	-0.13%	11.04%	11.64%	15.44%	8.91%
S&P SmallCap 600	-4.48%	4.90%	-4.48%	4.55%	7.58%	11.61%	7.96%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-1.31%	7.24%	-1.31%	4.67%	9.31%	10.55%	8.54%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-7.66%	2.51%	-7.66%	4.23%	5.71%	12.47%	7.18%
Russell 1000	6.11%	11.11%	6.11%	15.65%	19.57%	16.29%	13.34%
Russell 2000	-1.79%	8.50%	-1.79%	7.66%	9.97%	10.00%	7.10%
Russell 3000	5.74%	10.99%	5.74%	15.28%	19.06%	15.94%	12.94%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	4.55%	5.46%	4.55%	14.72%	14.99%	13.52%	12.05%
The Nasdaq Composite	5.86%	17.97%	5.86%	15.70%	23.70%	16.07%	16.25%

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## **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	11.14%	18.49%	11.14%	23.02%	27.86%	17.08%	12.02%
S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary	-3.87%	11.52%	-3.87%	18.40%	18.61%	11.64%	12.42%
S&P 500 Consumer Staples	6.40%	1.11%	6.40%	12.16%	8.95%	11.20%	9.19%
S&P 500 Energy	0.77%	-8.56%	0.77%	-3.96%	9.66%	22.44%	5.45%
S&P 500 Financials	9.19%	5.51%	9.19%	29.35%	20.68%	19.91%	12.41%
S&P 500 Health Care	-1.11%	-7.18%	-1.11%	-5.90%	3.46%	7.93%	8.03%
S&P 500 Industrials	12.72%	12.94%	12.72%	22.71%	21.03%	18.37%	12.39%
S&P 500 Information Technology	8.05%	23.71%	8.05%	15.10%	31.79%	23.02%	23.21%
S&P 500 Materials	6.03%	3.13%	6.03%	1.86%	8.42%	11.55%	8.45%
S&P 500 Real Estate	3.52%	-0.06%	3.52%	11.66%	4.17%	7.17%	7.16%
S&P 500 Utilities	9.41%	4.26%	9.41%	23.40%	8.62%	11.15%	10.66%

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## **FOREIGN INDICES: TOTAL RETURNS**



**MARKETS** 

Index	YTD	3 Mo	6 Mo	12 Mo	3 Yr.^	5 Yr.^	10 Yr.^
MSCI All-Country World Ex-USA	17.90%	12.03%	17.90%	17.72%	13.99%	10.13%	6.12%
MSCI World Ex-USA	18.99%	12.05%	18.99%	18.70%	15.73%	11.51%	6.65%
MSCI Europe	20.93%	10.01%	20.93%	15.67%	14.44%	9.83%	4.26%
MSCI EAFE	19.94%	12.04%	19.94%	18.42%	16.67%	11.82%	7.13%
MSCI Emerging Markets	15.52%	12.17%	15.52%	15.89%	10.16%	7.21%	5.21%

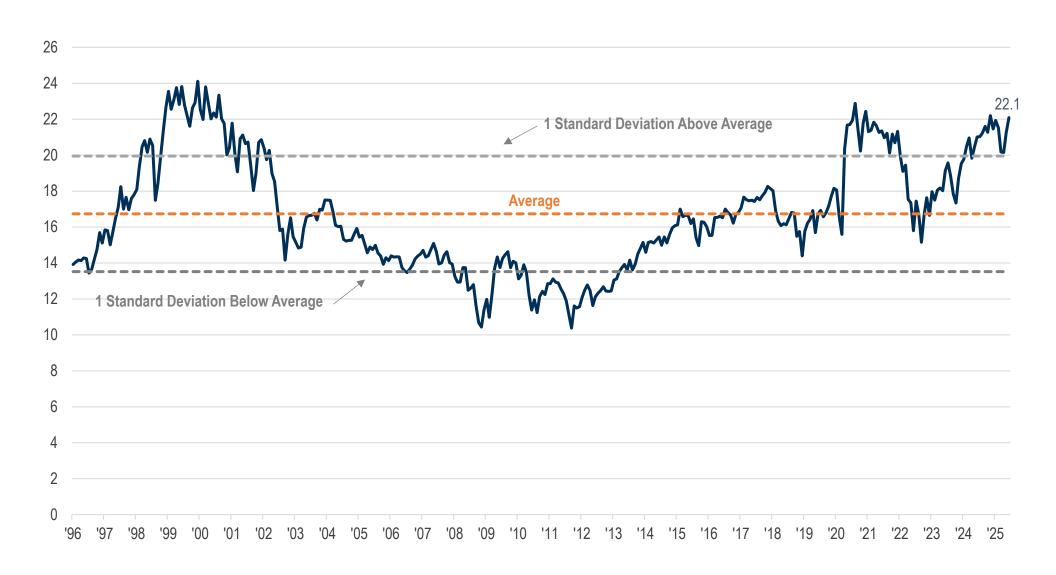
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## S&P 500 INDEX: PRICE-TO-NEXT TWELVE MONTHS EST. EPS



### **MARKETS**



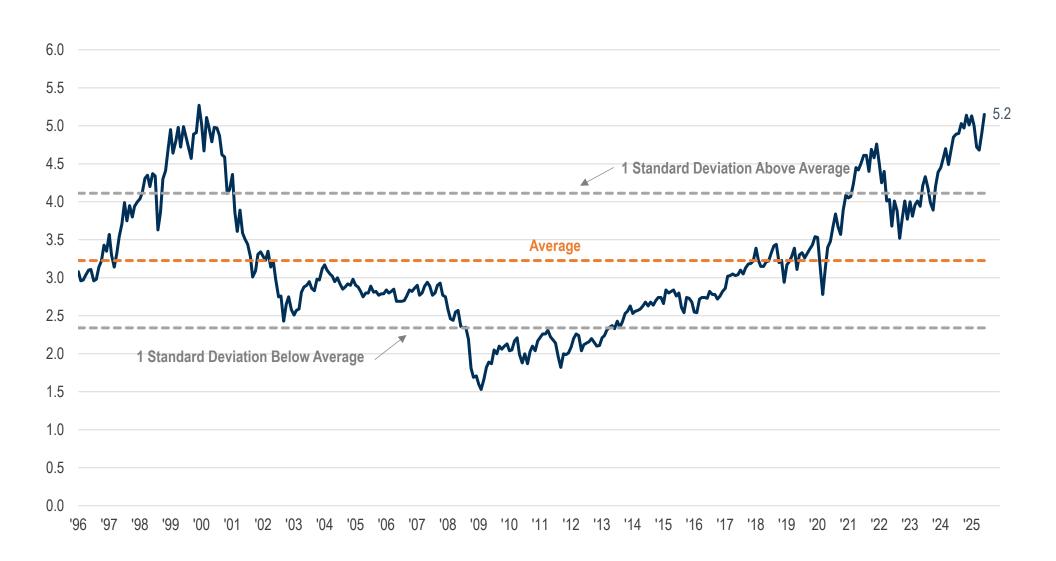
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Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 1/31/1996 to 6/30/2025. Standard Deviation is a measure of price variability (risk). There can be no assurance that any of the projections cited will occur. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. Price-to-Next Twelve Months earnings is price divided by FactSet consensus forecasted earnings per share over the next twelve months. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

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



### **MARKETS**



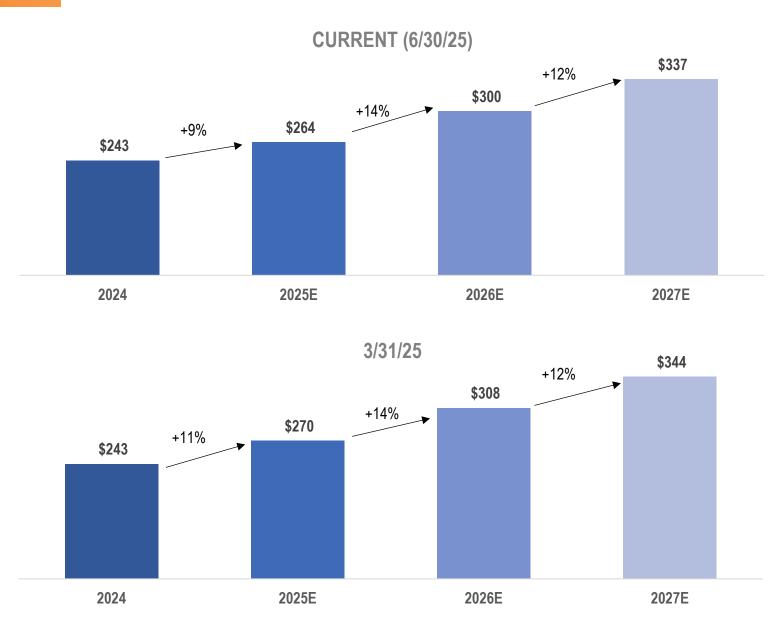
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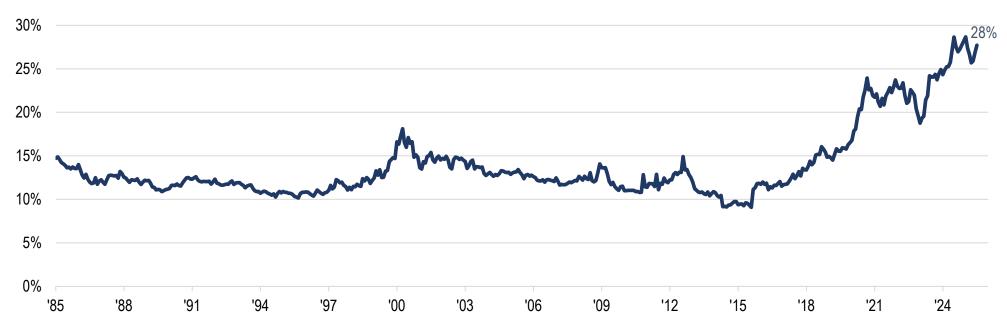


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### **MARKETS**





## TOP 5 MEMBER FIRMS BY WEIGHT IN THE INDEX

Ticker	Company Name	Weight in S&P 500 Index (3/31/25)
NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	7.34%
MSFT	Microsoft Corp.	7.04%
AAPL	Apple Inc.	5.84%
AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	3.95%
GOOG/GOOGL	Alphabet Inc.	3.54%

Source: First Trust, Bloomberg, FactSet. Data from 12/31/1984 to 6/30/2025. References to specific companies or securities should not be construed as a recommendation to buy or sell any such security, nor should they be assumed profitable. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

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



**MARKETS** 

	PRIC	CE TO NTM	EPS	EST	: EPS GRO	WTH	PR	ICE-TO-BO	ОК	EST. RETURN ON EQUITY		
S&P 500 Sector Index	6/30/25	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2025	2026	2027	6/30/25	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2025	2026	
Communication Services	20.1	17.1	118%	16%	9%	13%	5.2	3.4	154%	22.1%	20.9%	
Consumer Discretionary	28.3	22.4	126%	-2%	15%	14%	9.2	8.3	111%	26.8%	26.1%	
Consumer Staples	22.1	19.9	111%	0%	8%	7%	7.0	5.9	118%	28.7%	28.4%	
Energy	15.0	15.4	98%	-13%	19%	19%	1.9	1.9	103%	11.7%	13.6%	
Financials	17.1	13.4	127%	5%	13%	12%	2.4	1.4	170%	12.8%	13.6%	
Health Care	16.2	16.3	100%	14%	11%	11%	4.6	4.5	102%	24.7%	24.3%	
Industrials	24.3	17.9	135%	9%	16%	14%	6.7	4.9	136%	24.2%	25.5%	
Information Technology	29.2	21.0	139%	18%	18%	11%	13.1	7.9	165%	36.2%	34.4%	
Materials	20.3	17.4	117%	5%	16%	14%	2.9	3.0	99%	12.8%	14.1%	
Real Estate	17.9	18.1	99%	1%	7%	7%	3.2	3.2	98%	16.5%	18.1%	
Utilities	18.0	17.8	101%	7%	9%	8%	2.3	2.1	111%	11.5%	11.8%	

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION



**MARKETS** 

### TOTAL RETURNS OF THE S&P 500 SECTOR INDICES

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
36.8%	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%	<ul><li>Comm. Services</li></ul>
24.2%	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%	46.1%	1.6%	55.8%	36.6%	Info. Tech.
21.0%	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%	Financials
19.2%	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%	<ul><li>Consumer Disc.</li></ul>
18.6%	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%	<ul><li>Utilities</li></ul>
18.2%	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%	12.3%	17.3%	Industrials
14.4%	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%	<ul><li>Consumer Staples</li></ul>
13.2%	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%	-26.2%	2.1%	5.7%	<ul><li>Energy</li></ul>
8.4%	-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%	<ul><li>Real Estate</li></ul>
7.5%	-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%	<ul><li>Health Care</li></ul>
<u> </u>											-1.3%	-18.1%	11.8%	-33.7%	17.7%	-39.9%	-7.1%	0.0%	<ul><li>Materials</li></ul>

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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
36.5%	42.2%	47.7%	25.9%	15.5%	5.2%	48.5%	30.4%	16.7%	34.4%	11.2%	-28.9%	55.5%	29.1%	7.3%	20.1%	43.3%	27.1%	5.5%	31.7%	27.4%	0.0%	31.9%	34.6%	39.9%	-5.2%	30.0%	35.9%
31.8%	20.0%	43.1%	23.7%	14.0%	-9.5%	46.0%	22.2%	13.5%	26.3%	11.2%	-34.8%	34.5%	28.2%	4.7%	18.6%	39.6%	14.9%	2.3%	20.3%	25.0%	-4.1%	31.1%	33.5%	32.0%	-12.8%	22.6%	12.3%
31.1%	14.7%	28.2%	22.8%	6.2%	-11.4%	43.4%	20.2%	8.3%	23.5%	9.1%	-34.9%	32.0%	27.6%	-0.5%	18.1%	34.5%	13.3%	0.4%	17.4%	23.7%	-8.0%	28.8%	31.7%	28.3%	-14.5%	22.2%	12.3%
30.0%	5.1%	27.0%	6.1%	-9.2%	-15.9%	38.6%	18.9%	5.8%	20.8%	7.0%	-37.3%	31.8%	24.5%	-0.6%	17.7%	33.3%	12.4%	-0.7%	11.3%	22.2%	-9.0%	28.5%	7.8%	24.9%	-14.5%	18.7%	12.1%
22.5%	3.5%	12.7%	-14.2%	-11.7%	-20.9%	38.5%	17.9%	5.5%	15.7%	2.0%	-38.5%	31.6%	21.9%	-1.0%	17.3%	32.8%	7.7%	-0.8%	10.1%	15.4%	-9.3%	28.1%	4.6%	24.7%	-25.1%	18.2%	15.2%
18.9%	1.2%	7.2%	-22.1%	-12.7%	-23.6%	34.9%	15.7%	4.7%	13.3%	-1.3%	-39.2%	27.4%	15.1%	-2.9%	16.7%	32.0%	5.6%	-1.4%	9.3%	14.1%	-9.6%	25.0%	1.4%	11.3%	-25.4%	14.6%	8.1%
12.9%	-6.5%	-1.5%	-22.4%	-13.3%	-24.5%	31.8%	14.3%	4.2%	11.6%	-9.8%	-41.6%	21.2%	15.0%	-5.5%	14.6%	22.8%	4.2%	-3.1%	6.9%	9.3%	-12.9%	22.4%	-1.1%	10.4%	-26.4%	13.6%	4.3%
1.8%	-18.8%	-6.5%	-24.3%	-21.4%	-30.3%	25.7%	6.1%	4.0%	11.0%	-17.8%	-43.4%	20.6%	7.8%	-12.1%	14.6%	3.2%	-4.9%	-7.5%	1.0%	7.8%	-13.8%	22.0%	-5.9%	2.8%	- <b>29.4</b> %	11.5%	3.8%
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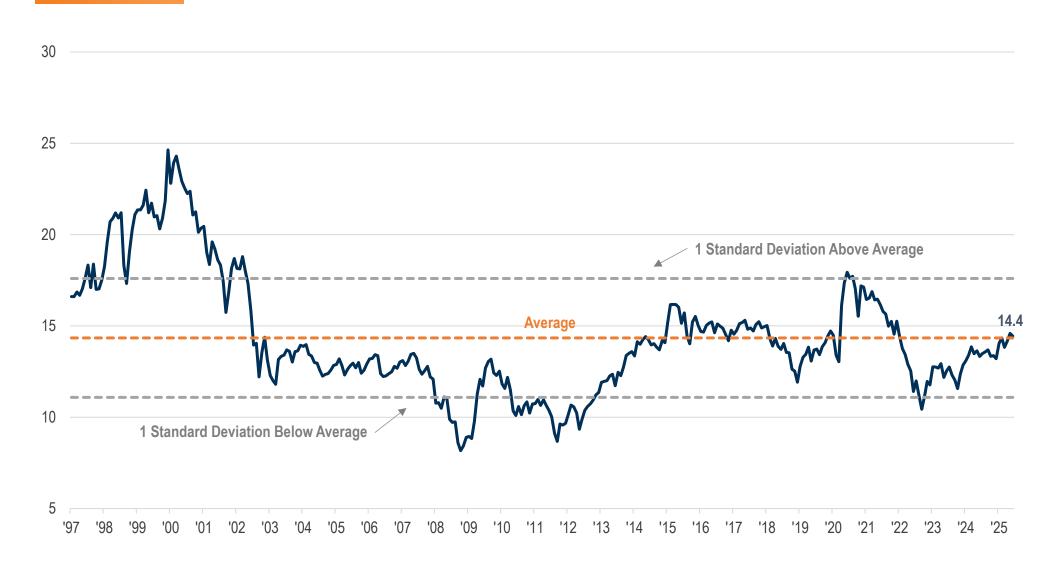
Source: First Trust, Bloomberg, NAREIT. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. For illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. All indices are unmanaged, statistical composites that cannot be purchased directly by investors. An index does not charge management fees or brokerage expenses, and no such fees or expenses were deducted from the performance shown.

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**



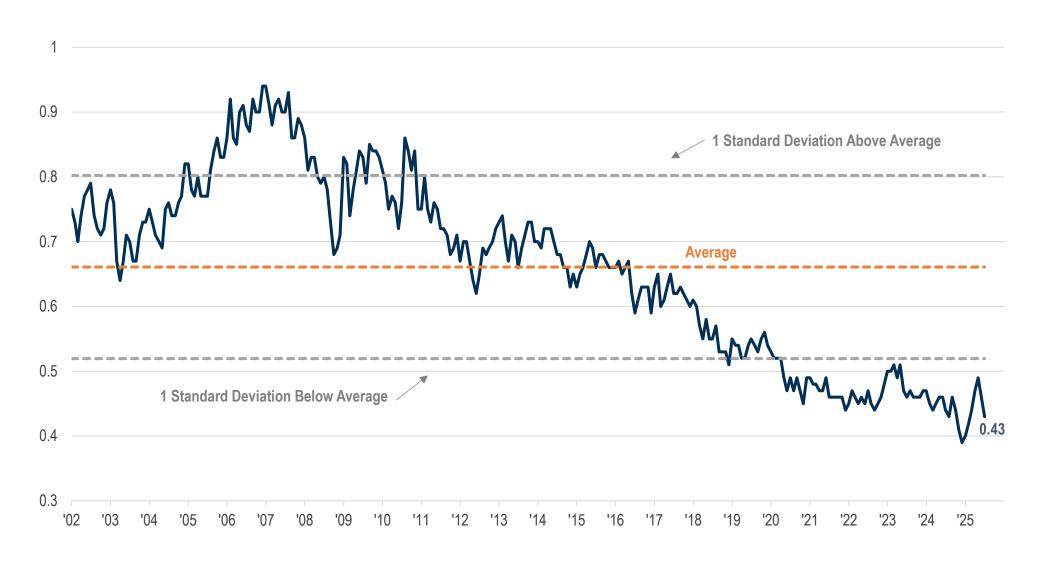
#### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 1/31/1997 to 6/30/2025. 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 RELATIVE TO THE S&P 500 INDEX



### **MARKETS**



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Source: First Trust, FactSet. Data from 12/31/2001 to 6/30/2025. 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** 

	PRIC	PRICE TO NTM EPS  EST. EPS GROWTH  PRICE TO BOOK						EST. RETURN ON EQUITY			
Index	6/30/25	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2025	2026	2027	6/30/25	10-Yr. Median	Ratio to Median	2025	2026
MSCI Europe	14.4	14.2	102%	13%	12%	11%	2.2	1.9	118%	13.6%	14.2%
MSCI Germany	15.2	12.9	118%	27%	13%	13%	1.9	1.6	116%	11.2%	11.9%
MSCI Switzerland	17.0	17.0	100%	15%	10%	10%	3.6	3.1	118%	19.9%	20.3%
MSCI United Kingdom	12.7	12.6	100%	5%	11%	12%	1.9	1.8	110%	14.6%	15.1%
MSCI Japan	14.9	14.1	106%	7%	9%	10%	1.6	1.4	114%	9.4%	9.7%
MSCI Pacific ex Japan	17.3	15.3	113%	3%	5%	7%	2.0	1.6	123%	10.8%	10.9%
MSCI Canada	16.3	14.5	112%	12%	10%	4%	2.2	1.8	121%	12.9%	13.3%
MSCI Emerging Markets (EM)	12.8	12.1	106%	17%	13%	11%	2.0	1.7	117%	13.1%	13.5%
MSCI China	11.4	10.7	107%	5%	12%	11%	1.6	1.5	106%	11.9%	12.2%
MSCI EM Latin America	9.4	11.8	80%	42%	9%	13%	1.7	1.7	101%	16.3%	16.8%
MSCI Brazil	8.4	10.6	80%	52%	9%	14%	1.6	1.7	98%	17.2%	17.7%
MSCI India	23.6	19.9	119%	14%	15%	14%	3.8	3.4	111%	14.6%	15.1%

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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

	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	12 Month
Тор	Size 8.01%	Low Volatility 3.71%	Quality 2.28%	Momentum 0.80%	Size 10.40%	Quality -1.55%	Value 4.54%	Dividend Yield 3.38%	Dividend Yield -1.15%	Momentum 1.11%	Momentum 8.17%	Momentum 6.82%	Value 17.11%
2	Value 6.33%	Momentum 3.36%	Momentum 2.26%	Value 0.30%	Momentum 8.76%	S&P 500 -2.38%	Size 3.90%	Low Volatility 2.36%	Value -1.37%	Quality 0.00%	Quality 7.57%	Quality 5.85%	S&P 500 15.16%
3	Dividend Yield 5.66%	Dividend Yield 3.19%	S&P 500 2.14%	Dividend Yield -0.75%	Value 7.96%	Momentum -2.76%	Momentum 3.37%	Value 2.21%	Low Volatility -2.96%	S&P 500 -0.68%	S&P 500 6.29%	S&P 500 5.09%	Quality 14.01%
4	Low Volatility 3.45%	Quality 2.80%	Dividend Yield 1.76%	Quality -0.87%	Low Volatility 5.90%	Low Volatility -3.65%	Dividend Yield 3.06%	S&P 500 -1.30%	Size -4.70%	Low Volatility -1.26%	Size 4.79%	Size 4.64%	Low Volatility 13.87%
5	S&P 500 1.22%	S&P 500 2.43%	Size 1.73%	S&P 500 -0.91%	S&P 500 5.87%	Dividend Yield -6.50%	S&P 500 2.78%	Quality -1.66%	S&P 500 -5.63%	Size -2.60%	Low Volatility 3.41%	Value 3.87%	Dividend Yield 13.65%
6	Quality -0.13%	Value 1.52%	Low Volatility 1.17%	Size -0.96%	Quality 4.69%	Value -7.29%	Quality 2.57%	Size -4.59%	Quality -7.47%	Value -4.33%	Value 3.26%	Dividend Yield 2.87%	Momentum 13.50%
Bottom	Momentum -3.03%	Size -0.02%	Value -0.08%	Low Volatility -1.73%	Dividend Yield 4.43%	Size -7.57%	Low Volatility 1.97%	Momentum -5.79%	Momentum -8.71%	Dividend Yield -4.83%	Dividend Yield 2.51%	Low Volatility 1.16%	Size 12.01%

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Source: First Trust, Capital IQ. As of 6/30/2025. 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.

The S&P 500 Index is an index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. S&P 500 Equal Weight Index (EWI) - The equal-weight version of the S&P 500 Index. The index includes the same constituents as the capitalization-weighted S&P 500, but each company in the S&P 500 EWI is allocated a fixed weight - or 0.2% of the index total at each quarterly rebalance. An index does 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.

## FACTOR RETURNS VS. S&P 500 INDEX



#### **FACTORS**

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**Dividend Yield:** Highest dividend yield

	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	12 Month
Тор	Size 8.09%	Low Volatility 3.65%	Momentum 3.30%	Value -0.49%	Momentum 12.78%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -6.26%	Momentum 6.27%	Low Volatility 2.21%	Low Volatility -1.00%	Momentum 0.59%	Quality 6.33%	Size 4.62%	Momentum 17.84%
2	Value 8.07%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 2.50%	Quality 2.73%	Momentum -0.60%	Size 10.54%	Low Volatility -6.32%	Quality 4.34%	Dividend Yield 0.94%	Dividend Yield -1.76%	Quality -0.69%	Momentum 5.94%	Value 4.25%	Value 13.17%
3	Dividend Yield 7.23%	Momentum 2.21%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 2.34%	Dividend Yield -0.87%	Value 8.24%	Dividend Yield -6.77%	Size 3.86%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -0.61%	Value -3.10%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -2.29%	Size 4.74%	Momentum 4.10%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 12.73%
4	Low Volatility 5.66%	Dividend Yield 2.11%	Size 1.71%	Low Volatility -0.87%	Quality 7.57%	Quality -6.89%	Value 3.85%	Value -1.03%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -3.38%	Low Volatility -2.61%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 4.35%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 3.43%	Low Volatility 12.68%
5	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 4.49%	Quality 0.91%	Dividend Yield 1.53%	Size -1.07%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 6.42%	Value -7.50%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt 3.50%	Quality -2.57%	Size -4.91%	Size -2.62%	Value 4.34%	Quality 3.15%	Size 11.49%
6	Quality 4.37%	Value 0.80%	Low Volatility 1.39%	Quality -1.16%	Low Volatility 6.34%	Size -7.68%	Dividend Yield 2.37%	Size -4.61%	Momentum -6.18%	Value -4.75%	Dividend Yield 3.31%	Dividend Yield 2.73%	Dividend Yield 11.47%
Bottom	Momentum 3.44%	Size -0.07%	Value 1.04%	S&P 500 Equal Wgt -1.63%	Dividend Yield 5.84%	Momentum -7.92%	Low Volatility 2.16%	Momentum -5.50%	Quality -6.48%	Dividend Yield -4.85%	Low Volatility 1.76%	Low Volatility 0.30%	Quality 10.90%

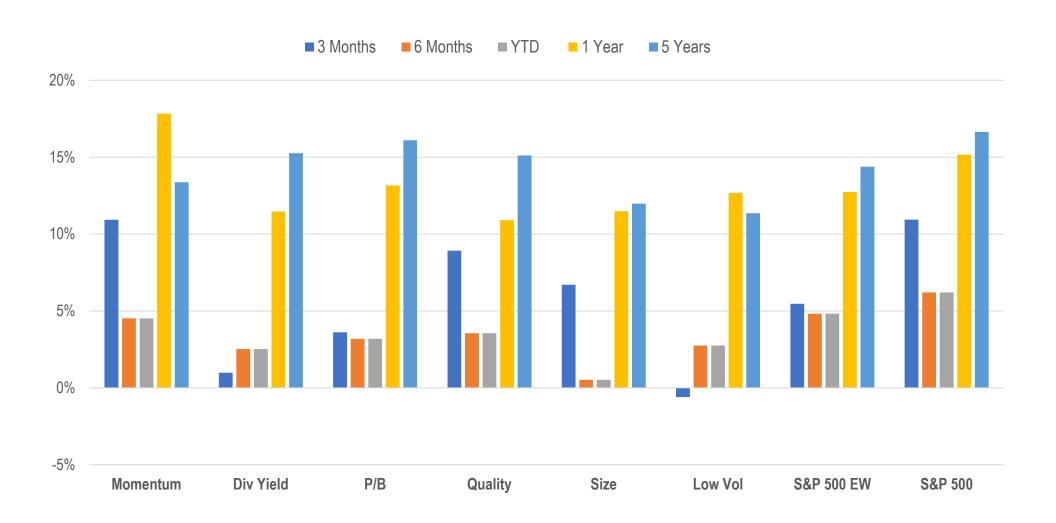
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Value: Lowest price-to-book. Momentum: Highest 12-month price change. Quality: Highest return-on-equity. Size: Lowest market capitalization. Low Volatility: Lowest 1-year price variability. Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield. The S&P 500 Index is an index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. The S&P 500 Equal Weight Index (EWI) is the equal-weight version of the S&P 500 Index. The index includes the same constituents as the capitalization-weighted S&P 500, but each company in the S&P 500 EWI is allocated a fixed weight - or 0.2% of the index total at each quarterly rebalance. An index does 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.

## **FACTORS AND ECONOMIC CYCLES**



### **FACTORS**

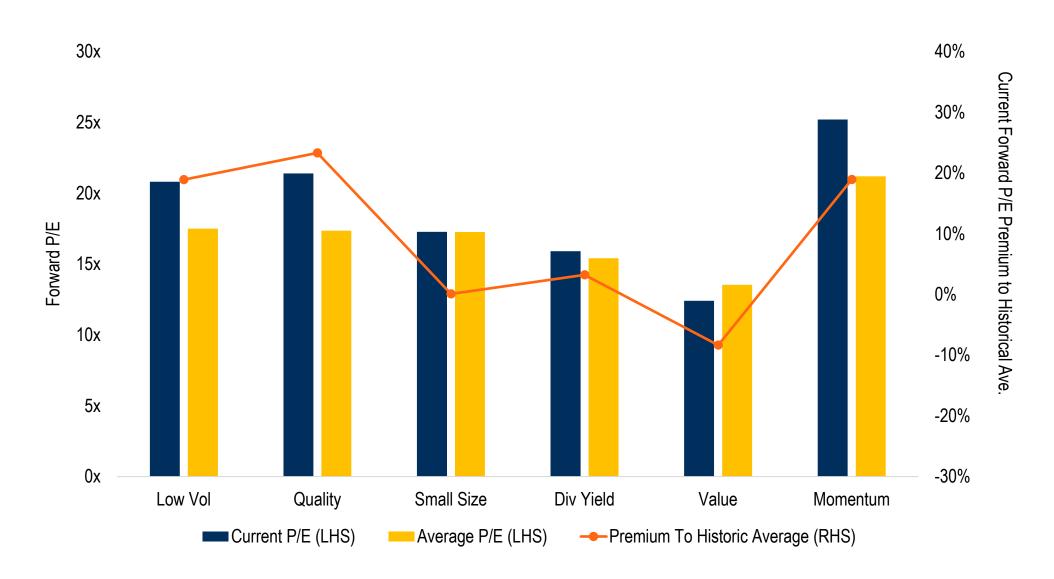


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Source: First Trust. As of 6/30/2025. This example is for illustrative purposes and does not represent any actual investment. We define economic cycles as follows: Recovery – 18 months following the end of a recession. Expansion – time between recovery and late-expansion. Late expansion – last 18 months before peak economic growth. Early recession – start of a recessionary period until 3 months before it ends. Late recession – last 3 months before the economy bottoms. Business cycle dates were sourced from the National Bureau of Economic Research. Data source for performance: Kenneth R. French data library using the CRSP database, July 1963 through May 2022 (for the purposes of this analysis we ended expansion 18 months from the end of late recession). Universe includes all NYSE, AMEX & Nasdag stocks. Top 30% of stocks by factor are selected. Stocks are then market cap weighted.



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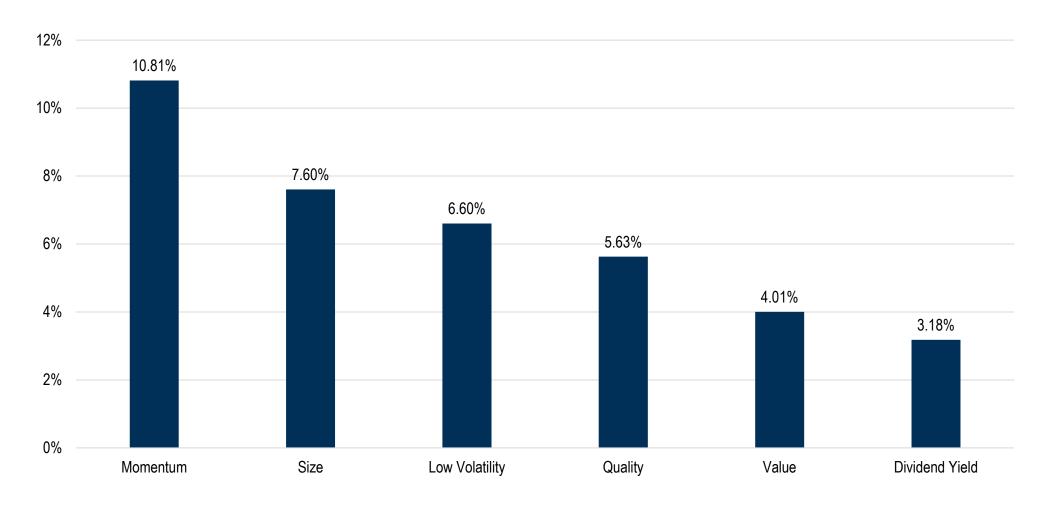


Source: First Trust, Bloomberg & Capital IQ. Monthly data is calculated from 12/31/1999 to 6/30/2025. For illustrative purposes and does not represent any actual investment. The median monthly forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is used for each factor. Each factor is comprised of the top 30% of stocks 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: Dividend Yield: Highest dividend yield.

## **FACTOR EPS GROWTH RATES**



### **FACTORS**



Source: First Trust, Bloomberg & Capital IQ. As of 6/30/2025. 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.

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