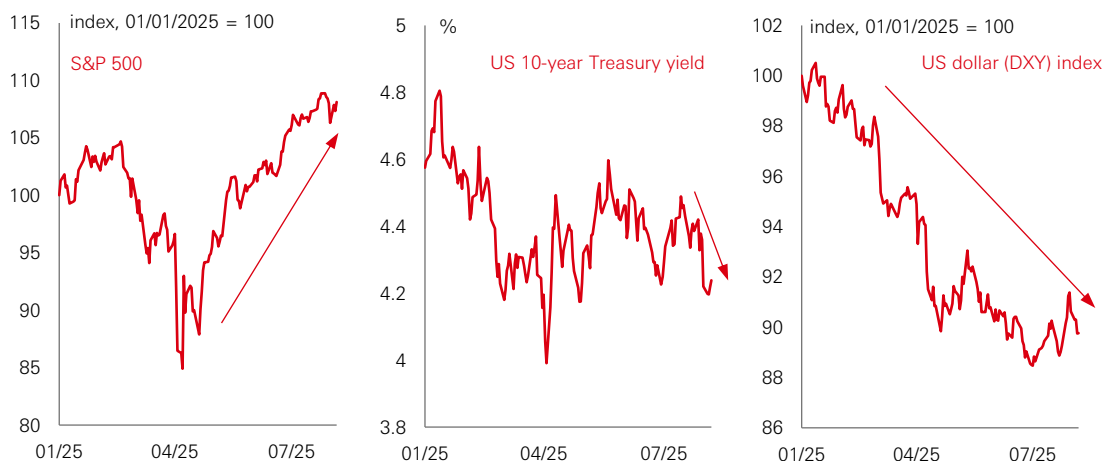


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Chart of the week – Turning tides?



There has been a trend in recent years for global stock markets to turn volatile in early August. It happened again last week, with a pick-up in trade policy uncertainty coinciding with weak US labour data, sending stocks lower. But this summer, US markets have rebounded at near-record speeds. Q2 earnings are beating expectations, and technology stocks are driving the market. Prices are within touching distance of all-time highs. But is it really all good news?

Well, the undercurrents could point to choppy waters ahead. Last week's disappointing payrolls print came with marked downward revisions for previous months, and the latest numbers could be slimmed down too. Meanwhile, economic activity is slowing. **With the tariff deadline passed, imports to the US will now see average effective tariffs of 19% – far higher than had been expected.** And beneath the surface, corporate profits face headwinds. Higher tariffs mean consumer sectors in particular, face a tricky trade-off between hiking prices and losing customers.

Yet, above the surface, it's calm. Aside from last week's brief dip, stock volatility has generally fallen, credit spreads are close to decade lows, and analysts actually nudged up their profit forecasts for S&P 500 firms in July. In part, lower bond yields are helping. Short term US yields have dropped to 3.7% and long bond yields to 4.2%. That lower cost of capital means investors can live with skinny credit spreads and higher PE multiples. Likewise, a weaker dollar also helps – both as a terms-of-trade profits booster for larger companies exporting from the US, and for foreign investors looking to buy in; from a European perspective, US stocks are still global underperformers this year. **For now, markets are proving resilient, but it's worth being cautious of turning tides.** [#markets](#) [#volatility](#) [#tariffs](#)

Market Spotlight

Climate control

A recent academic paper from our Multi Asset colleagues entitled 'Cross-Asset Climate Betas' has been published in the Journal of Portfolio Management. It explores how asset returns respond to climate risk – both from physical climate events and heightened media attention – and what that means for multi-asset portfolio construction.

Using a novel "extreme weather index" (based on temperature, wind, and precipitation data) and a complementary news-based climate concern index, the study quantifies the climate sensitivity – or "beta" – of a broad range of asset classes, from equities and bonds to commodities, real estate, and infrastructure.

A key takeaway is that climate risk should be treated as an asset allocation issue, not just a security selection problem. Bonds generally showed low or even negative sensitivity to climate shocks, while equities, commodities, and property had stronger positive betas. Portfolios tilted towards these climate-sensitive assets delivered stronger performance during periods of climate stress – though often at the cost of higher volatility and tracking error.

The study demonstrates that **diversifying across asset classes and adjusting within them (such as using green bonds or climate-tilted equities), can help investors better hedge against climate-related risks without sacrificing long-term portfolio resilience.** [#portfolios](#) [#climate](#)

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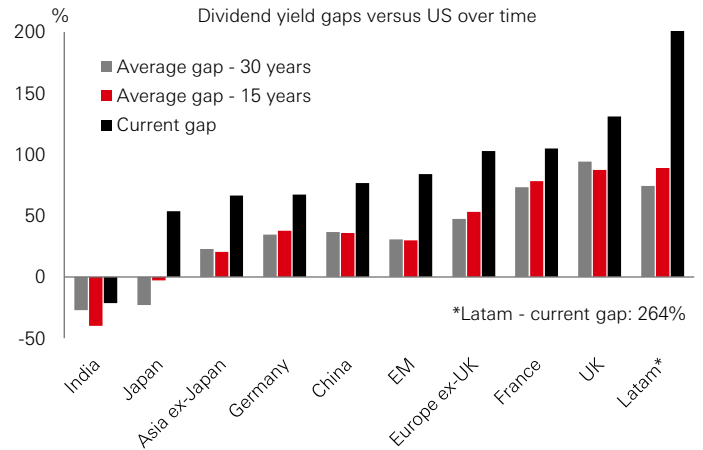
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Dividends matter

Investors have been fixated on US growth over the past decade – and potentially overlooking the power of dividends.

Dividends matter because they make up a significant portion of longer run returns. A Yale academic study* showed that between 1926 and 2000 dividends made up about 60% of total returns (after inflation). Dividend payments also tend to be more dependable than earnings. While profits can be prone to wild swings, especially in downturns, dividends are relatively more stable. In Europe, for instance, history shows that on average since 1970, falling earnings have only resulted in dividends being cut by one-quarter respectively – that includes the drastic cuts during the Financial Crisis. That’s because company management are wary of changing dividend policies designed to weather setbacks.

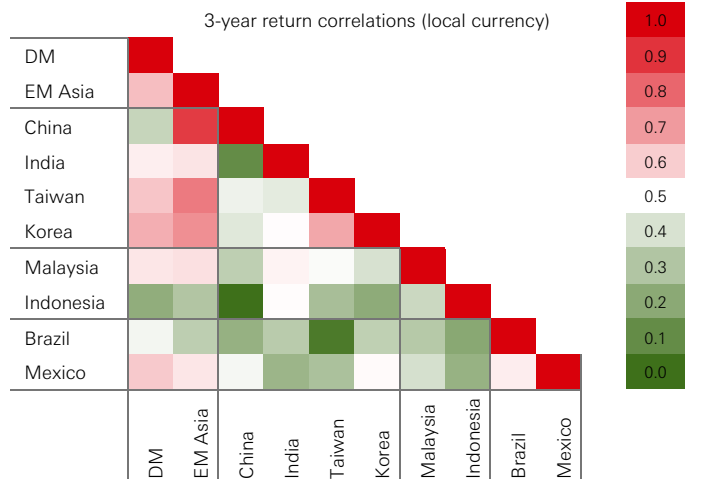
There is currently an abnormally wide dividend yield gap between US and non-US markets. The US yield is about 1.3% (MSCI), with US tech stocks offering only 0.6%. That compares to 3.1% for Europe ex-UK and 3.5% for the UK. **These could provide an opportune entry point for long-term investors.** The yield opportunity is covered in our recent [Equity Insights](#). [#dividends](#) [#stocks](#)



Go your own way

Emerging market stocks have outperformed their developed market peers in 2025 – with the respective MSCI indices delivering net USD returns of 17% versus 11%. That’s been driven by a sense of fading US exceptionalism – with a weaker dollar and cooling growth spurring investors to look beyond the US. The appeal of potentially cheaper EM valuations has also helped, as well as signs of stabilisation in China, where a policy put is supporting confidence.

But while EMs have outperformed as a whole, local idiosyncrasies mean they shouldn’t be treated as a single bloc. Correlations between EM stock returns show that some key countries don’t tend to perform the same. China and India are a good example. The return correlation between them is only very weakly positive (at just 0.1). That’s reflected in their diverging performance this year, with China leading the EM rally, and India lagging it, further reversing a trend seen between 2021 and 2023. From here, we think more economic fragmentation could reduce EM correlations even further. For investors, it means taking a granular approach to capture diversification in these markets. [#emergingmarkets](#) [#stocks](#)

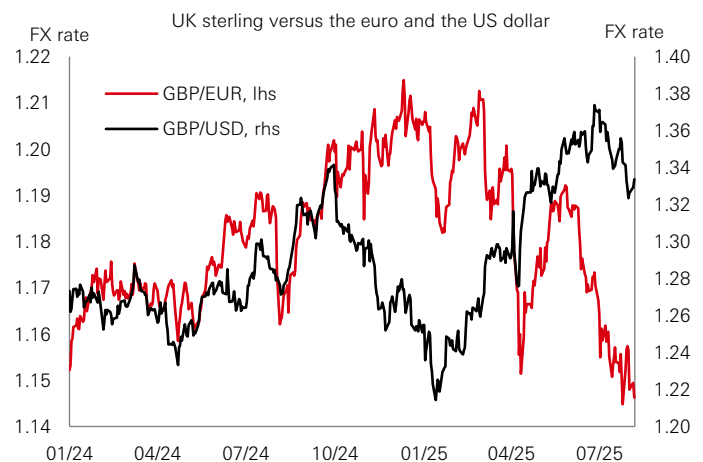


Deficit dilemma

The Bank of England delivered a hawkish cut at its August meeting, with four of the nine MPC members voting for unchanged policy. The split highlights the difficulties facing the BoE, but this may prove to be a side-show relative to the decisions facing the government. The UK faces a fiscal “black hole” of GBP50bn, according to the policy wonks at the NIESR think tank. If right, the Chancellor faces some tough choices in the Autumn budget.

Poor productivity growth, rising debt interest payments, a burgeoning social benefits bill, and increasing defence spending all present challenges. With political constraints limiting the scope for spending cuts, the onus is on higher taxes to rein in the budget deficit. But tax rises can weigh on already-soft growth, presenting the risk of a “doom loop”.

Investors are giving the UK government the benefit of the doubt, but the “kindness of strangers” may have its limits, particularly if the economy is hit by further negative shocks. A weak USD masks some of the UK-related concerns, but GBP/EUR has been under pressure this year despite a more dovish ECB. [#BoE](#) [#budgetdeficit](#)



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Asset class views

Our baseline macro scenario is for below-trend growth and above-target inflation in the US while other major economies experience more trend-like growth and limited inflation pressures. But policy uncertainty remains high, and the data flow is likely to remain bumpy. Risk asset valuations are stretched in many areas. That means that any deterioration in corporate fundamentals could create market volatility. A defensive positioning in portfolios remains appropriate, which includes selective exposures to fixed income, risk assets, and private markets.

House view represents a 12-month investment view across major asset classes in our portfolios.

| | Asset Class | - | View | + | Comments |
|---------------|-------------------------|---|------|---|---|
| Macro Factors | Global growth | ■ | ■ | ■ | A defensive positioning in investment portfolios remains appropriate given continuing risk of macro disappointment or weakness. We prefer to access the growth factor in laggard regions, such as Asia and emerging markets |
| | Duration | ■ | ■ | ■ | The shape of the yield curve is highly dependent on Fed policies. While there may be periods of flattening, we expect a trend of modest steepening over the medium term, as US fiscal concerns build. If adverse economic outcomes prevail, there is scope for strong returns in global duration |
| | Emerging Markets | ■ | ■ | ■ | The EM growth outlook is a relative bright spot in a global context. Falling inflation, modest Fed policy easing, and a weaker USD should pave the way for more countries to cut rates. China policy remains supportive, but US tariffs will exert a meaningful drag on some EM economies |
| Bonds | US 10yr Treasuries | ■ | ■ | ■ | Yields have been volatile in recent months reflecting the uncertain macro and policy outlook. Slower growth should lead to modest Fed easing, with a gradual decline in rates, but inflation risks and fiscal concerns are likely to keep yields above 4% |
| | EMD Local | ■ | ■ | ■ | Inflation does not appear to be an issue in EM. Several central banks are cutting rates despite the Fed pause, supporting growth in many regions. Broad US dollar weakness, reflecting weaker US growth expectations, is a tailwind |
| | Asia Local | ■ | ■ | ■ | Macro-stability indicators are largely sound, and the inflation outlook is broadly benign. We expect most EM Asian central banks to ease policy opportunistically given growth concerns from US policy/global trade uncertainty, while staying vigilant on FX volatility/financial stability concerns |
| Credits | Global Credit | ■ | ■ | ■ | IG credit spreads reversed the widening seen in April's bout of volatility and are low in a historical context. Nonetheless, all-in yields remain reasonable. Global policy uncertainty remains a potential risk, particularly if it leads to a widespread loss of confidence and unexpectedly sharp slowdown |
| | Global High-Yield | ■ | ■ | ■ | The risk to spreads may be to the upside given their rapid retracement from April's peak at a time when the uncertain outlook is starting to filter through to the latest corporate earnings guidance for 2025. We maintain a more defensive stance with a preference for higher quality |
| | Asia Credit | ■ | ■ | ■ | Spreads have compressed recently. Any future widening is expected to be modest given the balance of macro risks. High all-in yields and low issuance are positives. Trade tensions are a risk, but low duration and strong balance-sheet quality are further positives for the asset class |
| | EMD Hard Currency Bonds | ■ | ■ | ■ | EM hard-currency debt is a structurally improving asset class with ratings upgrades outpacing downgrades. Moreover, policy stimulus from China and Europe provides some offset to headwinds from trade tariffs. Any spread widening from here is likely to be limited |
| Equities | DM Equities | ■ | ■ | ■ | Markets face potential volatility amid slowing global growth and geopolitical risks, although falling rates should be supportive. We expect more broadening out for asset returns beyond the US technology sector and mega-cap growth into other regions, sectors, and styles |
| | EM Equities | ■ | ■ | ■ | EM growth premiums (vs DM) are expected to widen, with overall valuations favorable and the USD playing a key role in their performance. They remain unloved, as reflected in low P/E multiples. However, EMs should not be treated as a single bloc given their idiosyncrasies |
| | Asia ex Japan | ■ | ■ | ■ | Asian markets offer broad sector diversification and fair valuations, with China's policy measures and other structural stories as positives. Tech remains the profit engine amid rising optimism over China's AI developments, but export-oriented markets are more vulnerable to external shocks |
| Alternatives | Private Credit | ■ | ■ | ■ | As interest rates normalise, private credit continues to offer potentially attractive 'all in' yields, and an illiquidity premium that suits long-term investors. It can also serve as a useful portfolio diversifier. Default rates remain consistently low |
| | Hedge Funds | ■ | ■ | ■ | Hedge funds can be good diversifiers in an environment of elevated inflation and should there be sharp upticks in volatility. Macro and CTA strategies can be potentially attractive alternatives to bonds when there are positive stock-bond correlations |
| | Global Real Estate | ■ | ■ | ■ | After a multi-year correction, returns are expected to improve towards long-run averages, driven by income. Traditional sectors (retail, logistics, residential) have turned modestly positive recently, but office space remains a laggard. Global policy uncertainty could hamper investment volumes |

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Key Events and Data Releases

This week

| Date | Country | Indicator | Data as of | Actual | Prior | Comment |
|----------------|---------|---|------------|--------|---------|--|
| Tue. 05 August | US | ISM Services Index | Jul | 50.1 | 50.8 | The ISM highlighted weakening services activity and employment, whilst prices paid rose to a cyclical high amid tariff effects |
| Wed. 06 August | IN | RBI Repo Rate | Aug | 5.50% | 5.50% | The RBI maintained its policy rates and a neutral stance to evaluate the impact of tariffs and domestic macro conditions |
| Thu. 07 August | MX | Banxico de Mexico, Overnight Lending Rate | Aug | 7.75% | 8.00% | Banxico cut rates by 25bp, as expected, reflecting MXN moves, the weakness of economic activity, and global trade risks |
| | UK | BoE MPC Base Rate | Aug | 4.00% | 4.25% | Five MPC members voted for a 25bp cut, although one initially favoured a 50bp move. Four members voted for no change |
| | CN | Trade Balance (USD) | Jul | 98.2bn | 114.8bn | Trade surplus narrowed, driven by strength in chip and high-tech imports. Exports growth stayed robust |
| Sat. 09 August | CN | CPI (yoy) | Jul | - | 0.1% | The headline CPI should indicate muted inflationary pressures in China, while core inflation (in yoy terms) picked up modestly in Q2 |

US - United States, IN - India, MX - Mexico, UK - United Kingdom, CN - China

The week ahead

| Date | Country | Indicator | Data as of | Survey | Prior | Comment |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|--------|---|---|
| Mon. 11 August | US | Earnings | Q2 | | | ~85% of the S&P500 have now reported. Tech, Financials, and Healthcare had the most beats, whilst Materials and Energy suffered |
| Tue. 12 August | US | NFIB Index of Small Business Optimism | Jul | 99.0 | 98.6 | Small business optimism is expected to edge up, although slowing growth and weaker ISM surveys point to downside risks |
| | US | CPI (yoy) | Jul | 2.8% | 2.7% | Headline and core inflation should rise as the recent pick up in goods prices should broaden in July as tariff hikes feed through |
| | AU | RBA Cash Target Rate | Aug | 3.60% | 3.85% | After a surprise pause in July, the RBA is likely to cut rates by 25bp given recent macro data has been softer than anticipated |
| Thu. 14 August | IN | CPI (yoy) | Jul | 1.4% | 2.1% | Headline inflation is expected to drop further below the RBI's target range, driven by ongoing food price disinflation |
| | US | PPI (mom) | Jul | 0.2% | 0.0% | PPI is expected to rise modestly, driven by higher core goods prices. Services prices should remain soft |
| | JP | GDP (qoq) | Q2 | 0.1% | 0.0% | GDP is expected to remain weak in Q2, with slowing real income growth weighing on consumer spending |
| | NW | Norges Bank Sight Deposit Rate | Aug | - | 4.25% | The Norges Bank looks set to remain on hold due to elevated core inflation but further gradual easing is likely before year-end |
| | EZ | GDP, Flash (qoq) | Q2 | 0.1% | 0.1% | Little change is envisaged in the preliminary estimate of Q2 GDP, with growth led by Spain and France |
| Fri. 15 August | US | Retail Sales (mom) | Jul | 0.5% | 0.6% | Another firm print for retail sales is likely in July but lower real income growth should crimp consumption in H2 25 |
| | CN | Industrial Production (yoy) | Jul | 5.8% | 6.8% | Industrial production should remain solid, supported by a strong performance in tech sectors/high-end manufacturing |
| | CN | Retail Sales (yoy) | Jul | 4.6% | 4.8% | Retail sales are expected to grow at a solid pace, supported by higher services consumption alongside trade-in subsidies |
| | US | Industrial Production (mom) | Jul | 0.0% | 0.3% | Industrial output has been firm during the first half of 2025, but the ISM manufacturing survey points to headwinds in H2 |
| US | Univ. of Michigan Sentiment Index (Prelim) | Aug | 62.3 | 61.7 | The recent rally in US equities may provide a fillip for consumer confidence, medium-term inflation expectations have eased | |

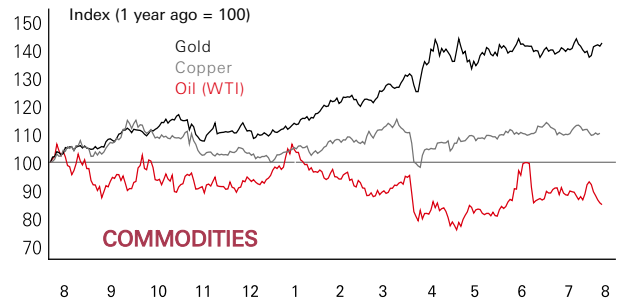
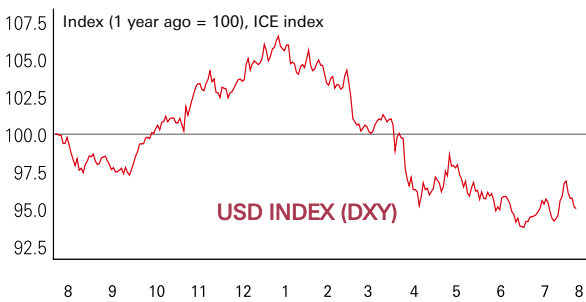
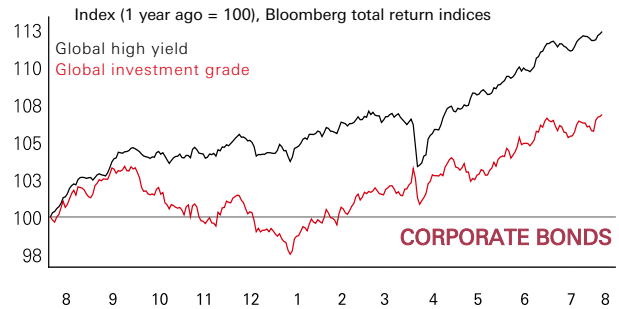
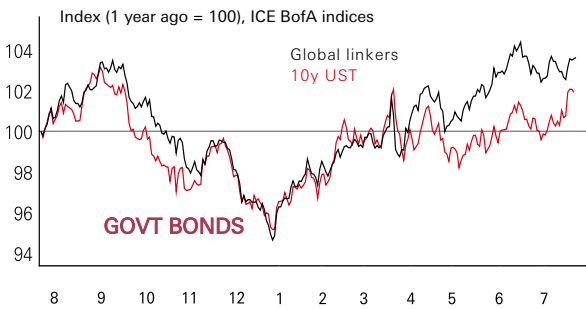
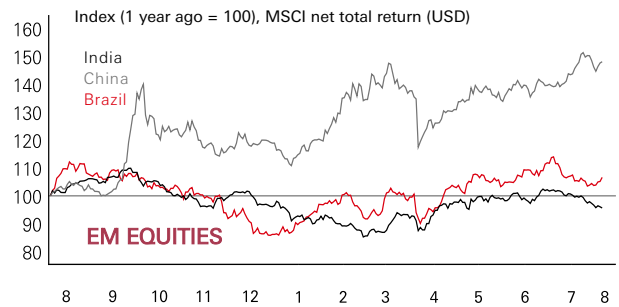
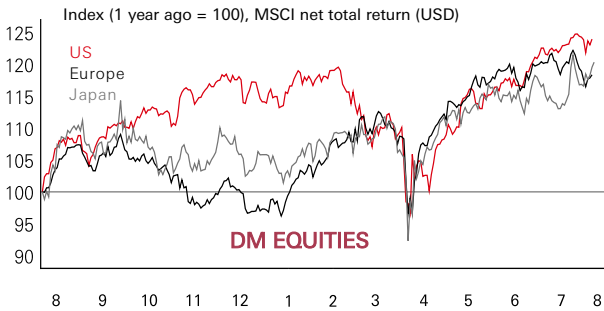
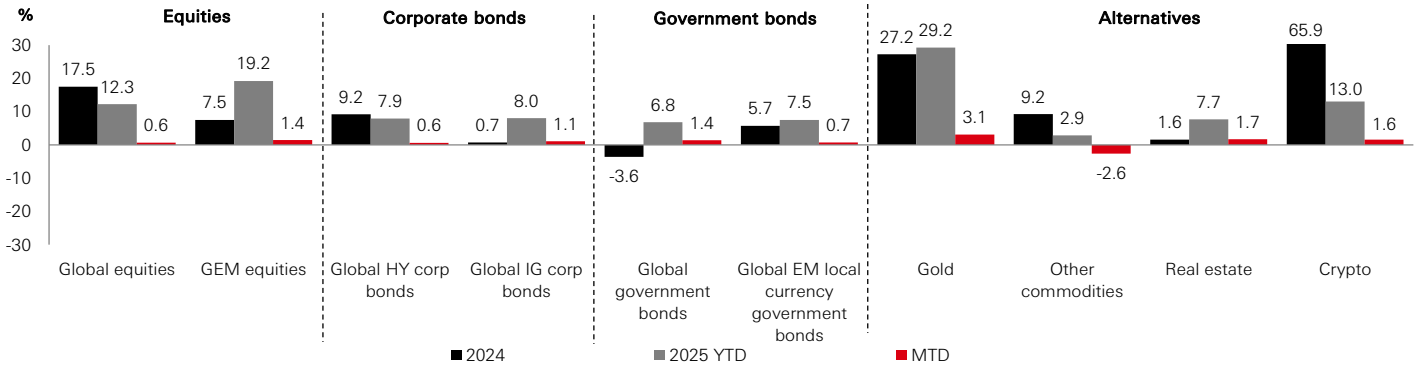
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This week

Risk markets were resilient in the face of continued global trade tensions and growing expectations of early Fed easing following last week's disappointing US employment report. The US dollar index weakened, while US Treasury yields rebounded modestly after soft auction results and last week's sharp declines. Meanwhile, credit spreads in the US and euro area tightened. In developed markets, US equities rallied broadly, along with gains in the Euro Stoxx 50 and Japan's Nikkei 225. Most major Asian stock markets traded higher, aided by strength in tech shares. Korea's Kospi led the gains, followed by China's Shanghai Composite and Hong Kong's Hang Seng, while India's Sensex bucked the regional trend to edge lower. In Latam, Brazil's Bovespa index also advanced. In commodities, oil prices fell while gold prices were on course to close the week slightly higher.

Selected asset performance



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Market data

| Equity Indices | Close | 1-week Change (%) | 1-month Change (%) | 3-month Change (%) | 1-year Change (%) | YTD Change (%) | 52-week High | 52-week Low | Fwd P/E (X) |
|---|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| World | | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI AC World Index (USD) | 935 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 10.6 | 19.7 | 11.2 | 943 | 723 | 20.2 |
| North America | | | | | | | | | |
| US Dow Jones Industrial Average | 43,969 | 0.9 | -0.6 | 6.3 | 11.5 | 3.3 | 45,074 | 36,612 | 21.6 |
| US S&P 500 Index | 6,340 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 11.9 | 19.2 | 7.8 | 6,427 | 4,835 | 23.7 |
| US NASDAQ Composite Index | 21,243 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 18.5 | 27.5 | 10.0 | 21,457 | 14,784 | 31.6 |
| Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index | 27,761 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 9.9 | 24.9 | 12.3 | 27,978 | 21,950 | 17.3 |
| Europe | | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI AC Europe (USD) | 638 | 2.6 | -0.6 | 4.9 | 16.9 | 20.6 | 655 | 516 | 15.3 |
| Euro STOXX 50 Index | 5,332 | 3.2 | -0.7 | 0.8 | 14.2 | 8.9 | 5,568 | 4,540 | 15.9 |
| UK FTSE 100 Index | 9,101 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 6.7 | 11.7 | 11.4 | 9,191 | 7,545 | 13.7 |
| Germany DAX Index* | 24,193 | 3.3 | -0.1 | 3.6 | 36.8 | 21.5 | 24,639 | 17,440 | 17.0 |
| France CAC-40 Index | 7,709 | 2.2 | -0.7 | 0.2 | 6.4 | 4.5 | 8,258 | 6,764 | 16.4 |
| Spain IBEX 35 Index | 14,691 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 8.9 | 39.1 | 26.7 | 14,691 | 10,446 | 13.0 |
| Italy FTSE MIB Index | 41,393 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 30.4 | 21.1 | 41,801 | 31,288 | 12.8 |
| Asia Pacific | | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (USD) | 661 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 11.6 | 21.6 | 16.2 | 670 | 507 | 15.6 |
| Japan Nikkei-225 Stock Average | 41,836 | 2.5 | 5.4 | 13.3 | 20.1 | 4.9 | 42,066 | 30,793 | 20.5 |
| Australian Stock Exchange 200 | 8,808 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 7.5 | 14.7 | 7.9 | 8,849 | 7,169 | 20.1 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng Index | 24,880 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 9.2 | 47.3 | 24.0 | 25,736 | 16,665 | 11.4 |
| Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index | 3,638 | 2.2 | 4.0 | 8.5 | 26.8 | 8.5 | 3,674 | 2,690 | 14.1 |
| Hang Seng China Enterprises Index | 8,908 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 49.9 | 22.2 | 9,296 | 5,857 | 10.7 |
| Taiwan TAIEX Index | 23,981 | 2.3 | 7.2 | 16.7 | 14.9 | 4.1 | 24,051 | 17,307 | 18.5 |
| Korea KOSPI Index | 3,203 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 24.2 | 25.3 | 33.5 | 3,288 | 2,285 | 11.7 |
| India SENSEX 30 Index | 80,068 | -0.7 | -4.4 | -0.3 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 85,978 | 71,425 | 22.4 |
| Indonesia Jakarta Stock Price Index | 7,549 | 0.1 | 9.3 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 7,911 | 5,883 | 12.8 |
| Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index | 1,553 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.7 | -2.3 | -5.4 | 1,685 | 1,387 | 14.2 |
| Philippines Stock Exchange PSE Index | 6,350 | 0.7 | -1.3 | -0.6 | -3.0 | -2.7 | 7,605 | 5,805 | 10.3 |
| Singapore FTSE Straits Times Index | 4,231 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 10.0 | 29.7 | 11.7 | 4,274 | 3,229 | 13.7 |
| Thailand SET Index | 1,259 | 3.4 | 12.9 | 4.4 | -2.8 | -10.1 | 1,507 | 1,054 | 14.3 |
| Latam | | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina Merval Index | 2,349,021 | 3.1 | 10.3 | 13.9 | 53.5 | -7.3 | 2,867,775 | 1,452,161 | 10.0 |
| Brazil Bovespa Index* | 136,528 | 3.1 | -2.0 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 13.5 | 141,564 | 118,223 | 8.6 |
| Chile IPSA Index | 8,361 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 32.8 | 24.6 | 8,493 | 6,184 | 11.8 |
| Colombia COLCAP Index | 1,775 | 1.3 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 36.6 | 28.6 | 1,775 | 1,295 | 7.4 |
| Mexico S&P/BMV IPC Index | 58,261 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 10.2 | 17.7 | 59,735 | 48,770 | 12.5 |
| EEMEA | | | | | | | | | |
| Saudi Arabia Tadawul Index | 10,930 | 0.1 | -3.2 | -3.8 | -6.3 | -9.2 | 12,536 | 10,429 | N/A |
| South Africa JSE Index | 100,643 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 10.7 | 24.7 | 19.7 | 100,963 | 77,165 | 11.9 |
| Turkey ISE 100 Index* | 10,956 | 1.9 | 9.6 | 18.1 | 8.5 | 11.4 | 11,044 | 8,567 | 4.4 |

*Indices expressed as total returns. All others are price returns.

| Equity Indices - Total Return | 1-week Change (%) | 1-month Change (%) | 3-month Change (%) | YTD Change (%) | 1-year Change (%) | 3-year Change (%) | 5-year Change (%) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Global equities | 2.0 | 1.8 | 11.0 | 12.3 | 21.4 | 53.3 | 80.0 |
| US equities | 1.7 | 2.0 | 12.4 | 8.6 | 21.0 | 58.5 | 98.0 |
| Europe equities | 2.6 | -0.5 | 5.8 | 23.2 | 19.9 | 53.6 | 66.2 |
| Asia Pacific ex Japan equities | 2.7 | 2.7 | 12.5 | 18.0 | 24.2 | 35.8 | 33.1 |
| Japan equities | 1.6 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 13.7 | 21.8 | 46.8 | 52.6 |
| Latam equities | 4.0 | -1.2 | 5.6 | 28.7 | 11.4 | 27.4 | 55.5 |
| Emerging Markets equities | 2.8 | 2.5 | 12.2 | 19.2 | 23.2 | 35.7 | 30.6 |

All total returns quoted in USD terms and subject to one-day lag.

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|--|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Bond indices - Total Return | | | | | | |
| BarCap GlobalAgg (Hedged in USD) | 599 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 3.3 |
| JPM EMBI Global | 964.6 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 5.1 | 9.4 | 7.5 |
| BarCap US Corporate Index (USD) | 3456.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| BarCap Euro Corporate Index (Eur) | 264.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 5.1 | 2.5 |
| BarCap Global High Yield (Hedged in USD) | 664.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 11.1 | 5.9 |
| Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan Bond Index (USD) | 236.1 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 4.9 |
| Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan High-Yield Bond Index (USD) | 276 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 8.0 | 5.7 |

Total return includes income from dividends and interest as well as appreciation or depreciation in the price of an asset over the given period.

| Currencies (vs USD) | Latest | 1-week Ago | 1-month Ago | 3-months Ago | 1-year Ago | Year End 2024 | 52-week High | 52-week Low | 1-week Change (%) |
|--------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Developed markets | | | | | | | | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.17 | 1.12 | 1.09 | 1.04 | 1.18 | 1.01 | 0.5 |
| GBP/USD | 1.34 | 1.33 | 1.36 | 1.32 | 1.27 | 1.25 | 1.38 | 1.21 | 1.1 |
| CHF/USD | 1.24 | 1.24 | 1.26 | 1.20 | 1.15 | 1.10 | 1.27 | 1.09 | -0.4 |
| CAD | 1.37 | 1.38 | 1.37 | 1.39 | 1.37 | 1.44 | 1.48 | 1.34 | 0.3 |
| JPY | 147 | 147 | 147 | 146 | 147 | 157 | 159 | 140 | 0.0 |
| AUD/USD | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.62 | 0.69 | 0.59 | 0.7 |
| NZD/USD | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.56 | 0.64 | 0.55 | 0.6 |
| Asia | | | | | | | | | |
| HKD | 7.85 | 7.85 | 7.85 | 7.77 | 7.79 | 7.77 | 7.85 | 7.75 | 0.0 |
| CNY | 7.18 | 7.19 | 7.18 | 7.24 | 7.18 | 7.30 | 7.35 | 7.01 | 0.2 |
| INR | 87.6 | 87.5 | 85.7 | 85.7 | 84.0 | 85.6 | 88.0 | 83.4 | -0.1 |
| MYR | 4.24 | 4.28 | 4.24 | 4.28 | 4.47 | 4.47 | 4.52 | 4.09 | 1.0 |
| KRW | 1390 | 1389 | 1372 | 1405 | 1377 | 1472 | 1487 | 1303 | 0.0 |
| TWD | 29.8 | 30.0 | 29.1 | 30.3 | 32.6 | 32.8 | 33.3 | 28.8 | 0.6 |
| Latam | | | | | | | | | |
| BRL | 5.42 | 5.54 | 5.45 | 5.66 | 5.55 | 6.18 | 6.32 | 5.38 | 2.1 |
| COP | 4046 | 4127 | 4047 | 4252 | 4073 | 4406 | 4566 | 3946 | 2.0 |
| MXN | 18.6 | 18.9 | 18.6 | 19.5 | 18.9 | 20.8 | 21.3 | 18.5 | 1.2 |
| ARS | 1327 | 1364 | 1255 | 1112 | 936 | 1031 | 1375 | 936 | 2.7 |
| EEMEA | | | | | | | | | |
| RUB | 79.2 | 79.7 | 78.5 | 82.5 | 86.8 | 113.5 | 115.1 | 74.1 | 0.6 |
| ZAR | 17.8 | 18.1 | 17.8 | 18.2 | 18.4 | 18.8 | 19.9 | 17.0 | 2.0 |
| TRY | 40.7 | 40.6 | 40.0 | 38.6 | 33.5 | 35.4 | 41.9 | 33.5 | -0.2 |

| Bonds | Close | 1-week Ago | 1-month Ago | 3-months Ago | 1-year Ago | Year End 2024 | 1-week basis point change* |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| US Treasury yields (%) | | | | | | | |
| 3-Month | 4.22 | 4.27 | 4.35 | 4.32 | 5.21 | 4.31 | -4 |
| 2-Year | 3.73 | 3.68 | 3.89 | 3.87 | 4.04 | 4.24 | 5 |
| 5-Year | 3.79 | 3.76 | 3.97 | 3.98 | 3.83 | 4.38 | 3 |
| 10-Year | 4.25 | 4.22 | 4.40 | 4.38 | 3.99 | 4.57 | 3 |
| 30-Year | 4.82 | 4.82 | 4.92 | 4.84 | 4.28 | 4.78 | 0 |
| 10-year bond yields (%) | | | | | | | |
| Japan | 1.48 | 1.55 | 1.49 | 1.33 | 0.84 | 1.09 | -7 |
| UK | 4.55 | 4.53 | 4.63 | 4.54 | 3.98 | 4.56 | 2 |
| Germany | 2.63 | 2.68 | 2.69 | 2.53 | 2.27 | 2.36 | -5 |
| France | 3.30 | 3.35 | 3.36 | 3.24 | 3.02 | 3.19 | -5 |
| Italy | 3.42 | 3.51 | 3.54 | 3.58 | 3.70 | 3.52 | -9 |
| Spain | 3.20 | 3.26 | 3.30 | 3.17 | 3.13 | 3.06 | -6 |
| China | 1.70 | 1.71 | 1.65 | 1.63 | 2.17 | 1.68 | 0 |
| Australia | 4.25 | 4.32 | 4.26 | 4.24 | 4.07 | 4.36 | -7 |
| Canada | 3.39 | 3.38 | 3.43 | 3.20 | 3.18 | 3.23 | 1 |

*Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

| Commodities | 1-week Change (%) | 1-month Change (%) | 3-month Change (%) | 1-year Change (%) | YTD Change (%) | 52-week High | 52-week Low | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Gold | 3,392 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 39.7 | 29.2 | 3,500 | 2,381 |
| Brent Oil | 66.3 | -4.9 | -3.9 | 7.0 | -11.5 | -8.4 | 78 | 58 |
| WTI Crude Oil | 63.7 | -5.4 | -4.9 | 8.4 | -9.6 | -7.9 | 76 | 54 |
| R/J CRB Futures Index | 293.9 | -0.5 | -2.8 | 0.6 | 7.3 | -1.0 | 317 | 265 |
| LME Copper | 9,685 | 0.6 | -1.1 | 2.7 | 10.1 | 10.5 | 10,165 | 8,105 |

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