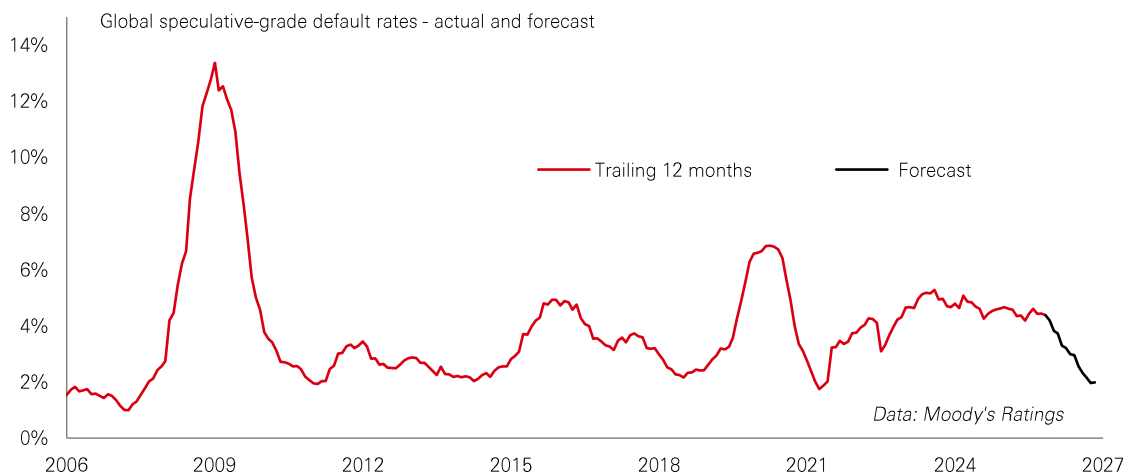


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Chart of the week – Resilient credit



Something doesn't quite add up in bond markets. G7 government bond yields have risen sharply of late, particularly at the long end, yet corporate credit spreads have barely budged. Where has the usual credit transmission gone?

An important point about the recent rise in yields is that, so far, it's been mainly driven by higher real yields and term premia, rather than a big shift in inflation expectations. Normally, higher risk-free rates feed into tighter financial conditions, raising refinancing costs for firms and, eventually, leading to more downgrades and defaults. That should mean wider credit spreads. Yet US investment-grade spreads remain around 80bp, and high yield spreads are also relatively tight, suggesting investors are demanding relatively little compensation for corporate credit risk.

There are a few possible explanations. **First, the transmission may just be taking its time.** Many companies locked in cheap funding before yields rose, meaning the refinancing wall has yet to bite. Downgrades, defaults, and interest coverage will be worth watching for signs that's changing. **Second, corporate fundamentals remain in decent shape,** and record profits can offset higher yields. Financially fit balance sheets help justify tight spreads, even if government finances look less comfortable. **Third, is the possibility that credit spreads have become too tight** as investors increasingly look for ways to "diversify the diversifiers", allocating out of bonds and into credits. Strong fund flows themselves could be suppressing spreads relative to the underlying risk.

For now, **the question is whether tight spreads are a sign of resilience or complacency.** If higher yields eventually weaken corporate fundamentals, credit could start to feel the pressure. But if the bond sell-off is mainly a repricing of sovereign term premia, credit may have less reason to follow. [#bonds](#) [#volatility](#) [#vigilantes](#)

Market Spotlight

From mines to minds

Globally, 2026 is shaping up as a bumper year for new company listings (IPOs), with high-profile US listings grabbing headlines (read our [note](#)). But a key subplot is emerging markets' growing role in the innovation pipeline.

China raised more IPO capital than any other region in the first quarter, with AI-related companies alone bringing in around USD22bn. Hong Kong, meanwhile, has a record pipeline of 400+ prospective listings, many tied to AI, semis, robotics and medtech. Elsewhere, fintech unicorns are lining up in parts of Africa and Latin America.

This flow of new listings is reshaping EM benchmarks. **Where indices were once dominated by commodities, state-owned banks, and industrial cyclicals, innovative industries now account for close to 40% – more than double levels a decade ago.** That matters because platform- and IP-led firms tend to bring different margin profiles and growth trajectories, making EM earnings potentially less hostage to commodity cycles and external demand.

Yet valuations haven't fully caught up: EM still trades at an above-average discount to the US on common metrics. And while any re-rating won't be immediate, selective exposure to higher-quality EM innovators could make longer-term sense. Read more in our latest [Equity Insights](#). [#emergingmarkets](#) [#IPOs](#)

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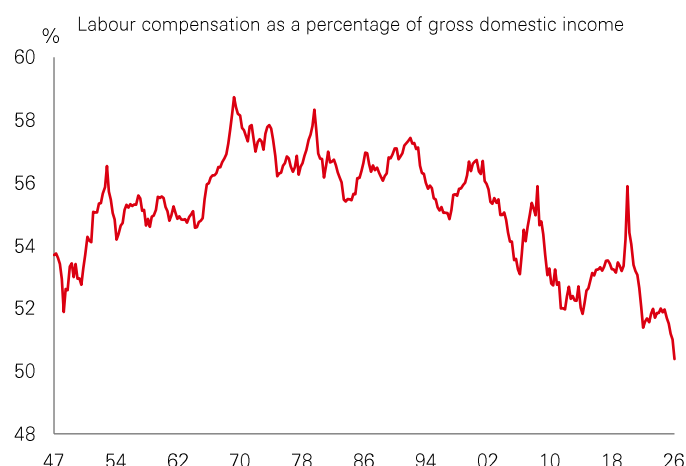
Exploring Europe's AI role and its wide sector exposure

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Profit drivers

US corporate profits are surging, with the prevailing view attributing the upswing to AI-led investment and broadly resilient demand. That assessment is partly right: growth remains firm, and AI-related capital expenditure is clearly lifting technology-sector earnings. However, it overlooks a crucial driver – a squeeze on employment and wage growth. The profit share of national income has climbed to a post-war high, while labour's share has fallen to a record low.

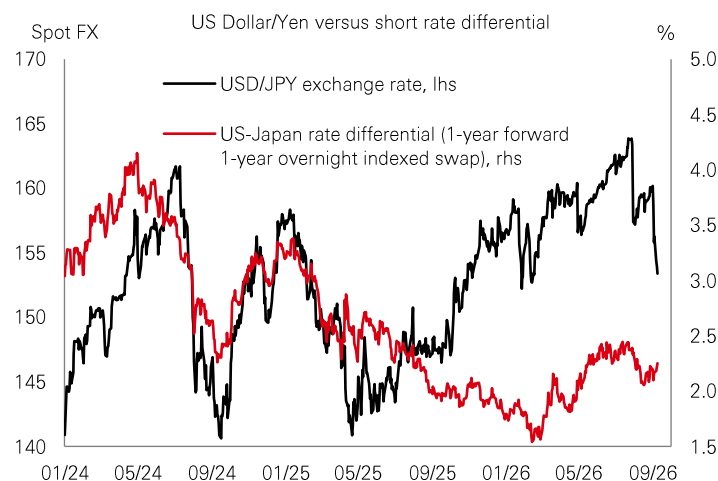
This raises a central question: how has the economy continued to expand at a solid pace as household incomes have come under strain? The answer lies in a declining savings rate, which has helped sustain consumer spending. It also highlights key risks to the outlook. If profits keep rising at labour's expense, household demand may eventually falter. Conversely, a sharper rebound in the labour market could squeeze margins unless firms pass through higher costs via price rises, potentially triggering a more restrictive Federal Reserve stance. Overall, **the optimal path is a rebalancing of capex growth and a gradual recovery in household incomes** that avoids materially compressing profits – or a productivity boom that supports both. [#profits](#) [#householdincome](#)



Yen at a turning point?

The Japanese yen has long been the dog that didn't bark in the night – undervalued but continuing to weaken. But after a few false dawns, has it now turned the corner? Several factors are now aligning to support a stronger JPY: expectations for further Bank of Japan tightening have risen, leading to a jump in short-dated government bond yields; intervention risk has resurfaced following comments from US Treasury Secretary Bessent; and speculative short-yen positions are unwinding. These forces could sustain the yen's rally in the near term. Indeed, some hedge funds are now betting on USD/JPY approaching 140 by year-end.

The key question is whether longer-term investors follow. **Durable appreciation will require conviction that Japan has entered a genuinely different environment**, rather than intervention or positioning alone. Relative US-Japan monetary policy will be crucial, but so will external fundamentals. Higher oil prices, for example, worsens Japan's terms-of-trade given its dependence on energy imports, while the US is largely self-sufficient. Renewed BoJ disappointment or adverse terms-of-trade dynamics could therefore trigger some backward steps. [#japan](#) [#yen](#)

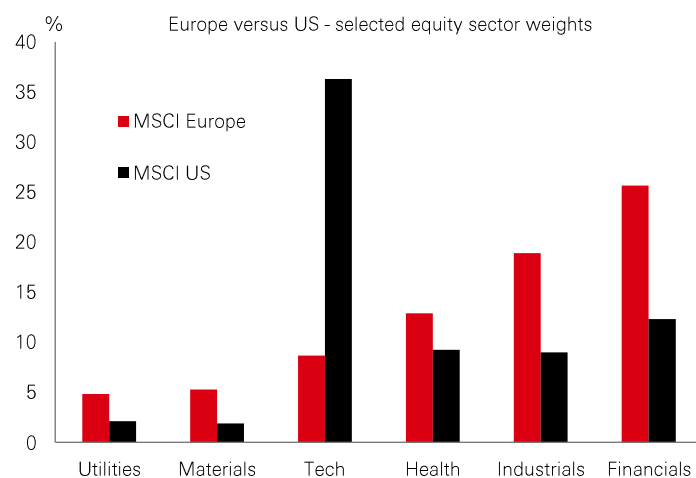


Europe – AI and beyond

Europe may not be the most visible player in artificial intelligence, but it performs an important role in providing the infrastructure that supports the AI investment cycle. Data centres require power, cooling, specialised equipment, precision components, and large amounts of copper – areas where several European companies are global leaders. These businesses may be less prominent than the largest US technology platforms, but they're integral to the build-out of AI capacity.

But for investors, the case for Europe goes beyond AI. Its equity markets offer broad exposure across industrials, financials, healthcare, consumer brands, energy, utilities and technology – diversification that can be underappreciated. Revenues are global too: with more than half of MSCI Europe sales coming from outside the region. This breadth is becoming more visible as earnings momentum improves. Second-quarter results have been firmer than expected in parts of the market.

Risks remain – including volatile energy prices and geopolitical tensions. But **improving profits, global revenue exposure, participation in the AI investment cycle, and comparatively modest valuations** could make Europe a useful complement within a global equity portfolio. Read more in our latest [Europe Insights](#). [#europe](#) [#stocks](#)



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Key Events and Data Releases

This week

Date	Country	Indicator	Data as of	Actual	Prior	Comment
Tue. 08 September	US	NFIB Index of Small Business Optimism	Aug	98.7	99.8	The index ticked down, partially reversing July's gain. The labour backdrop remained solid, with confidence at around average levels
	CN	Trade Balance (USD)	Aug	119.1bn	112.5bn	Strong demand and higher prices for tech products are still boosting exports and imports, leaving the trade surplus sizeable
	CL	Banco Central de Chile Policy Rate	Sep	4.50%	4.50%	Rates were left unchanged as weak growth offset rising inflation risks, with the 2026 growth forecast downgraded
Wed. 09 September	CN	CPI (yoy)	Aug	0.8%	0.5%	Headline CPI rose on higher energy costs, while core inflation remained subdued despite higher electronic product prices
Thu. 10 September	US	PPI (mom)	Aug	0.4%	0.1%	The key components of PPI that feed into the core PCE deflator were relatively strong
	EZ	ECB Deposit Rate	Sep	2.50%	2.25%	The ECB raised rates given still-elevated headline inflation and resilient growth. The market is pricing further tightening
	TY	CBRT 1 Week Repo Lending Rate	Sep	37.00%	37.00%	CBRT left rates unchanged because upside risks remain amid higher energy prices, despite decelerating underlying inflation
	JP	Speech by BoJ Policy Board Member Kazuyuki Masu				BoJ Board Member Masu stated rates "must be raised" to prevent underlying inflation exceeding 2%
Fri. 11 September	US	CPI (yoy)	Aug	-	3.4%	Higher energy prices should support the headline rate. The consensus is for a benign core print but with upside risks
	BR	CPI (yoy)	Aug	-	4.4%	Little change is envisaged in headline inflation. Core services inflation remains sticky amid tight labour market conditions

US - United States, CN - China, CL - Chile, EZ - Eurozone, TY - Turkey, JP - Japan, BR - Brazil

The week ahead

Date	Country	Indicator	Data as of	Survey	Prior	Comment
Mon. 14 September	IN	CPI (yoy)	Aug	4.8%	4.5%	Ongoing food price pressures are driving headline CPI higher, while underlying inflation remains broadly stable
Tue. 15 September	CN	Industrial Production (yoy)	Aug	4.8%	4.5%	Strong tech-driven exports and high-end manufacturing should underpin growth in industrial production
	CN	Retail Sales (yoy)	Aug	0.8%	0.6%	Retail sales growth should remain subdued due to weak non-tech demand and unfavourable base effects
Wed. 16 September	US	Retail Sales (mom)	Aug	0.8%	-0.6%	Sales should rebound on higher energy prices but real terms consumer spending should ease in Q3 following Q2's strength
	US	Fed Funds Rate (upper band)	Sep	3.75%	3.75%	The consensus is for the Fed to leave policy on hold, but it is a close call, contingent on August's core CPI print
	BR	Banco Central do Brazil SELIC Target Rate	Sep	13.75%	14.00%	Another 25bp rate cut is envisaged but sticky services inflation suggests limited room for further easing in the rest of 2026
	UK	CPI (yoy)	Aug	3.0%	2.9%	Higher oil prices should lift headline inflation. Core services inflation has softened recently, in line with subdued wage growth
Thu. 17 September	JP	CPI (yoy)	Aug	2.0%	1.9%	Rising energy prices are likely to push up headline inflation, with passthrough to goods prices. Services inflation remains low
	UK	BoE MPC Base Rate	Sep	3.75%	3.75%	The BoE should leave policy on hold given the lack of second round price effects. The risk of a rate hike by end-26 is rising
Fri. 18 September	JP	BoJ Policy Rate	Sep	1.25%	1.00%	A 25bp rate hike is likely. BoJ governor Ueda may signal a faster pace of policy normalisation due to rising upside inflation risks
	US	Industrial Production (mom)	Aug	0.3%	0.2%	Industrial production has been trending higher, consistent with an improving ISM manufacturing index

IN - India, CN - China, US - United States, BR - Brazil, UK - United Kingdom, JP - Japan

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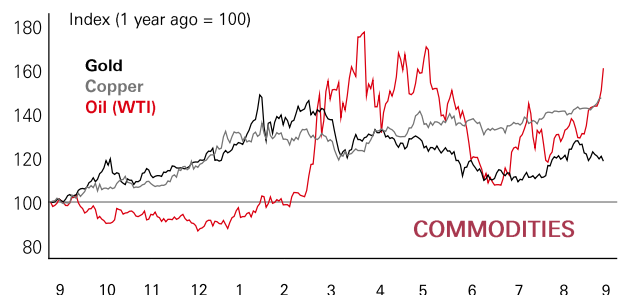
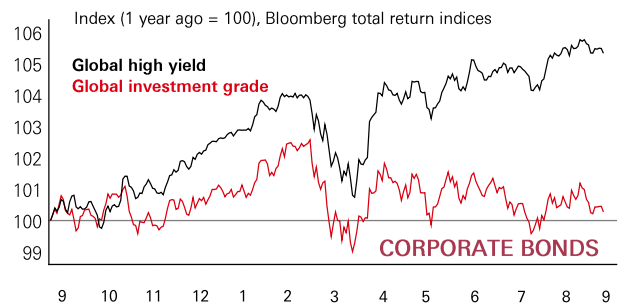
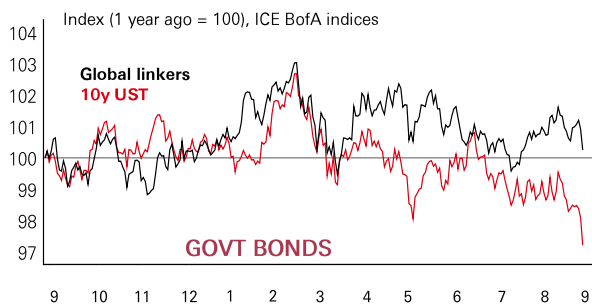
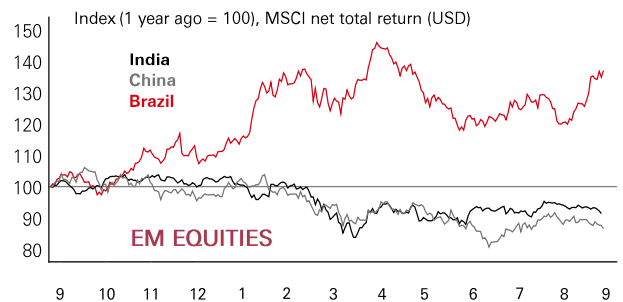
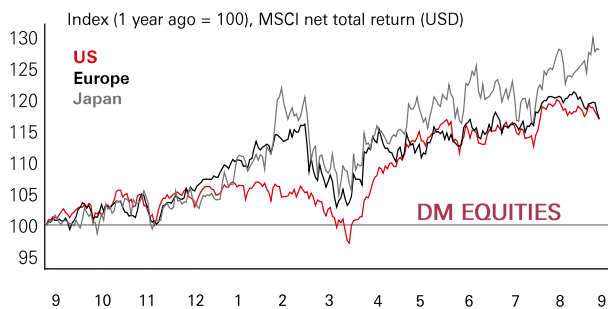
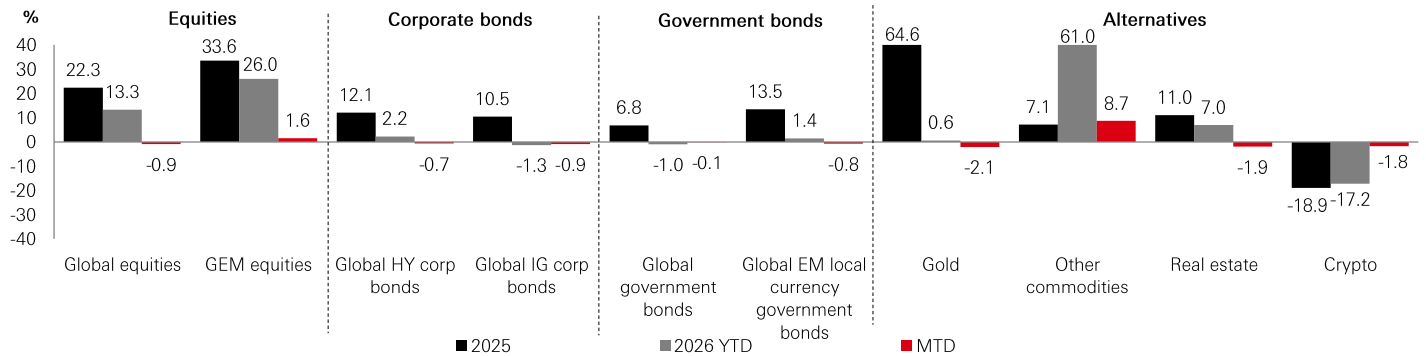


Market review

This week

Global equities came under pressure this week, with higher oil prices and rising G7 bond yields dominating attention. Renewed inflation worries pushed US Treasury yields higher ahead of next week's Federal Reserve rate decision, with long-end yields rising despite Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announcing USD6bn of bond buybacks. 10-year yields also rose notably in Germany and the UK, as the ECB delivered a 25bp rate hike and revised its medium-term inflation forecasts higher. In Japan, JGB yields reversed their intraweek declines ahead of next week's BoJ policy meeting. Equities weakened, with US and European exchanges on course to close the week lower. In Asia, Korea's tech-heavy Kospi index was a rare gainer after losses in previous weeks, while major indices in Japan, China, and India fell. The US dollar firmed against most major currencies.

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)	1,139	-1.3	-1.0	3.6	17.2	12.2	1,163	958	18.1
North America									
US Dow Jones Industrial Average	52,064	-2.5	-3.2	2.4	12.9	8.3	54,744	45,057	20.7
US S&P 500 Index	7,592	-1.6	-1.8	2.7	15.2	10.9	7,817	6,317	20.8
US NASDAQ Composite Index	26,082	-1.6	-1.4	1.1	18.3	12.2	27,190	20,690	28.9
Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index	35,506	-2.8	-2.7	2.4	20.7	12.0	37,069	29,179	17.1
Europe									
MSCI AC Europe (USD)	747	-2.0	-2.9	3.5	14.0	6.9	777	646	15.5
Euro STOXX 50 Index	6,269	-1.9	-4.3	3.5	16.4	8.2	6,577	5,355	15.8
UK FTSE 100 Index	10,609	-2.1	-2.2	3.0	14.1	6.8	10,989	9,177	13.0
Germany DAX Index*	25,361	-2.6	-3.9	4.8	7.0	3.6	26,619	21,864	16.3
France CAC-40 Index	8,117	-2.0	-6.9	-1.0	3.7	-0.4	8,755	7,505	14.6
Spain IBEX 35 Index	19,660	-1.9	-2.7	7.5	28.3	13.6	20,357	15,052	14.6
Italy FTSE MIB Index	51,807	-0.6	-3.5	2.6	22.1	15.3	54,042	41,360	13.9
Asia Pacific									
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (USD)	896	0.6	3.5	4.8	30.3	24.1	929	684	12.6
Japan Nikkei-225 Stock Average	63,805	-1.9	-4.7	-0.6	43.8	26.7	72,832	43,871	21.7
Australian Stock Exchange 200	8,740	-3.0	-5.5	1.2	-0.7	0.3	9,297	8,262	18.1
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	24,792	-3.3	-3.4	2.2	-5.0	-3.3	28,056	22,518	11.3
Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index	3,876	-1.4	-1.5	-2.8	0.0	-2.3	4,259	3,741	14.0
Hang Seng China Enterprises Index	8,249	-3.6	-3.3	0.4	-10.9	-7.5	9,770	7,404	10.1
Taiwan TAIEX Index	46,271	-0.6	2.5	7.2	83.5	59.8	48,219	25,174	21.0
Korea KOSPI Index	6,885	3.0	8.5	-11.3	105.9	63.4	9,386	3,312	6.9
India SENSEX 30 Index	74,328	-2.9	-4.9	0.7	-8.9	-12.8	86,159	71,546	18.6
Indonesia Jakarta Stock Price Index	6,491	-2.2	3.6	10.3	-16.2	-24.9	9,174	5,318	11.1
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index	1,688	-1.2	-2.5	0.5	6.7	0.5	1,771	1,580	15.2
Philippines Stock Exchange PSE Index	6,058	-0.5	-4.3	2.5	-1.1	0.1	6,674	5,584	9.6
Singapore FTSE Straits Times Index	5,682	-2.1	-1.2	13.9	30.5	22.3	5,829	4,265	17.1
Thailand SET Index	1,604	0.5	-0.5	2.0	24.5	27.3	1,658	1,232	14.6
Latam									
Argentina Merval Index	3,157,852	3.6	4.5	-5.8	74.9	3.5	3,395,937	1,635,451	9.2
Brazil Bovespa Index*	188,269	1.7	12.1	9.8	31.5	16.8	199,355	140,231	9.2
Chile IPSA Index	11,315	0.0	1.7	5.3	23.6	8.0	11,721	8,669	12.8
Colombia COLCAP Index	2,627	3.2	8.4	11.7	41.6	27.0	2,627	1,823	11.0
Mexico S&P/BMV IPC Index	64,107	-1.2	-2.2	-4.3	4.1	-0.3	72,111	60,110	12.9
EEMEA									
Saudi Arabia Tadawul Index	11,007	-0.2	1.6	-0.3	5.3	4.9	11,782	10,194	N/A
South Africa JSE Index	114,993	-1.5	-0.8	4.3	10.6	-0.7	129,339	102,801	10.2
Turkey ISE 100 Index*	14,394	2.7	5.0	4.7	38.6	27.8	15,205	10,054	2.7

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	-1.3	-0.9	3.8	13.3	18.7	74.2	67.0
US equities	-1.6	-1.8	3.0	11.5	15.8	74.1	75.3
Europe equities	-2.0	-2.7	3.8	9.1	16.8	63.0	51.7
Asia Pacific ex Japan equities	0.7	3.8	5.5	26.0	32.7	89.4	50.9
Japan equities	0.6	2.5	10.1	23.0	27.4	74.7	53.8
Latam equities	0.6	7.7	8.4	19.9	33.6	58.6	80.8
Emerging Markets equities	1.1	4.9	5.5	26.0	35.7	90.5	50.3

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)	605	-0.8	-1.0	-1.2	0.1	-0.6
JPM EMBI Global	1032.3	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7	4.4	1.4
BarCap US Corporate Index (USD)	3494.0	-0.9	-0.9	-2.1	-1.0	-1.4
BarCap Euro Corporate Index (Eur)	263.5	-0.9	-1.6	-1.4	-0.5	-0.8
BarCap Global High Yield (Hedged in USD)	707.7	-0.6	-0.4	0.3	5.0	2.6
Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan Bond Index (USD)	243.4	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	1.6	0.4
Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan High-Yield Bond Index (USD)	297	-0.2	0.2	1.6	5.9	4.2

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Currencies (vs USD)	Latest	1-week Ago	1-month Ago	3-months Ago	1-year Ago	Year End 2025	52-week High	52-week Low	1-week Change (%)
Developed markets									
EUR/USD	1.16	1.16	1.15	1.16	1.17	1.17	1.21	1.13	0.0
GBP/USD	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.34	1.36	1.35	1.39	1.30	-0.1
CHF/USD	1.23	1.23	1.23	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.32	1.22	-0.4
CAD	1.38	1.38	1.39	1.40	1.38	1.37	1.42	1.35	0.0
JPY	154	156	159	160	147	157	164	145	1.4
AUD/USD	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.70	0.67	0.67	0.73	0.64	-0.5
NZD/USD	0.58	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.60	0.58	0.61	0.56	-0.8
Asia									
HKD	7.84	7.84	7.85	7.84	7.79	7.78	7.85	7.77	0.0
CNY	6.71	6.71	6.75	6.77	7.12	6.99	7.14	6.71	0.0
INR	95.6	94.5	95.4	95.8	88.4	89.9	97.0	87.6	-1.2
MYR	4.07	4.04	4.09	4.07	4.22	4.06	4.23	3.88	-0.6
KRW	1346	1352	1413	1531	1389	1440	1562	1335	0.4
TWD	31.7	31.6	32.3	31.6	30.3	31.4	32.5	30.0	-0.1
Latam									
BRL	5.11	5.13	5.16	5.10	5.39	5.47	5.61	4.88	0.5
COP	3090	3126	3132	3493	3893	3778	3969	3024	1.2
MXN	17.0	16.9	17.1	17.2	18.5	18.0	18.8	16.9	-0.5
ARS	1513	1508	1491	1433	1432	1452	1517	1321	-0.3
EEMEA									
RUB	84.0	86.2	82.5	72.0	84.8	78.8	88.0	70.0	2.5
ZAR	16.2	16.0	16.2	16.3	17.4	16.6	17.6	15.6	-1.4
TRY	48.6	48.4	47.7	46.2	41.3	43.0	48.6	41.2	-0.3

Bonds	Close	1-week Ago	1-month Ago	3-months Ago	1-year Ago	Year End 2025	1-week basis point change*
US Treasury yields (%)							
3-Month	3.93	3.84	3.79	3.70	4.02	3.63	8
2-Year	4.56	4.37	4.21	4.06	3.54	3.47	20
5-Year	4.75	4.54	4.39	4.18	3.60	3.73	20
10-Year	4.95	4.78	4.69	4.46	4.02	4.17	17
30-Year	5.36	5.24	5.24	4.96	4.65	4.84	12
10-year bond yields (%)							
Japan	2.98	2.91	2.81	2.68	1.58	2.06	7
UK	5.37	5.13	4.96	4.90	4.61	4.48	24
Germany	3.50	3.34	3.16	3.03	2.66	2.85	16
France	4.44	4.20	3.98	3.80	3.44	3.56	24
Italy	4.38	4.15	3.95	3.80	3.45	3.55	23
Spain	3.98	3.77	3.60	3.47	3.23	3.29	21
China	1.69	1.68	1.71	1.75	1.81	1.86	0
Australia	5.37	5.17	5.03	4.90	4.23	4.74	19
Canada	3.95	3.78	3.71	3.41	3.16	3.43	17

*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	4,338	-2.1	-0.7	3.0	19.4	0.4	5,595	3,627
Brent Oil	107.0	11.1	23.5	23.7	63.9	77.8	110	59
WTI Crude Oil	101.9	11.4	24.4	22.9	66.0	79.0	104	56
R/J CRB Futures Index	429.2	3.1	9.9	16.1	42.9	43.6	429	292
LME Copper	14,234	-1.3	0.5	5.6	41.6	14.6	14,875	9,917

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