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Q4 Outlook: The Bond Squeeze

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VanEck's "Ten-Year Macro" Investing Philosophy

- Government Spending (Fiscal)
- Monetary Policy – Affects Inflation and Interest Rates
- Technology
- Regulatory
- What's Different From Other Macro Approaches? Historical Perspective:
  - Change can be rapid and dramatic, broad range of outcome scenarios
  - Longer-term – Focus on big trends, higher conviction if multi-decade extremes

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Today's Review of the 10-Year Mega Trends

- AI – Accept Tech Dominance or Overweight Tech
  - AI 1.0 beating 2.0
  - Open Source/Frontier Shift
  - Private Market Perspective
- Higher Rates – Structural Underweight
  - When Will Rates Stop Going Up?
- Real Assets – Structural Overweight
  - Major Trends for Resource Companies
- India

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Expected Q3 Earnings

- TECH+: 46.3%
- Financials: 6.4%
- Non-Cyclicals: 3.5%
- Cyclicals ex-Energy: 14.5%
- Energy: 127.7%

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Big Tech+ Q3 Earnings Expectations

Year over Year, One-Time Gains Excluded

Ticker	2Q26A	2Q26 Result	3Q26E
AMZN	15.9%	Beat	1.7%
META	-12.5%	Miss	-14.8%
MSFT	22.4%	Beat	14.3%
GOOGL	24.3%	Slight Miss	6.1%
AAPL	19.6%	Beat	5.5%
NVDA	110.0%	Beat	89.0%

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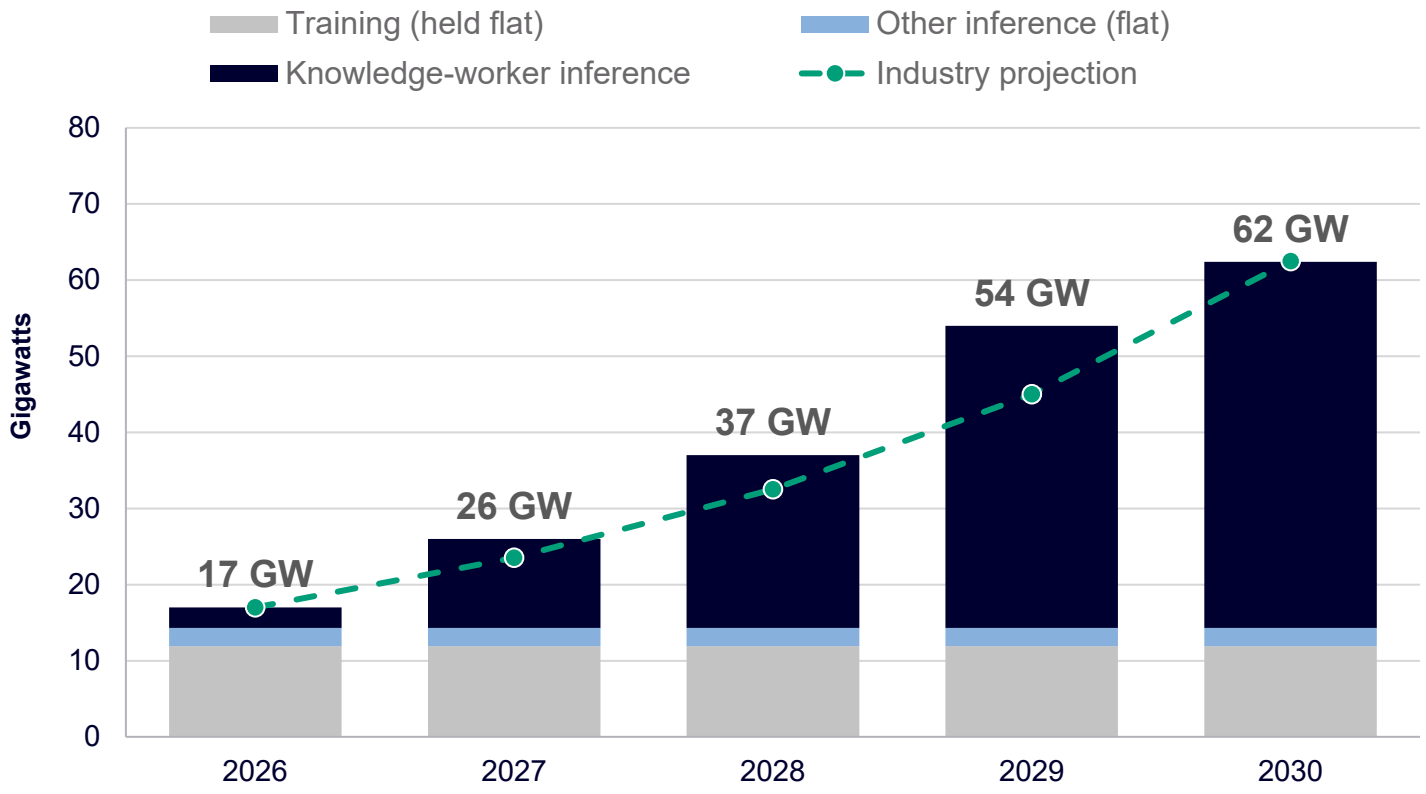
Understanding AI: From Supply Constraint to Modeling Demand

AI compute with training held flat, GW of facility power

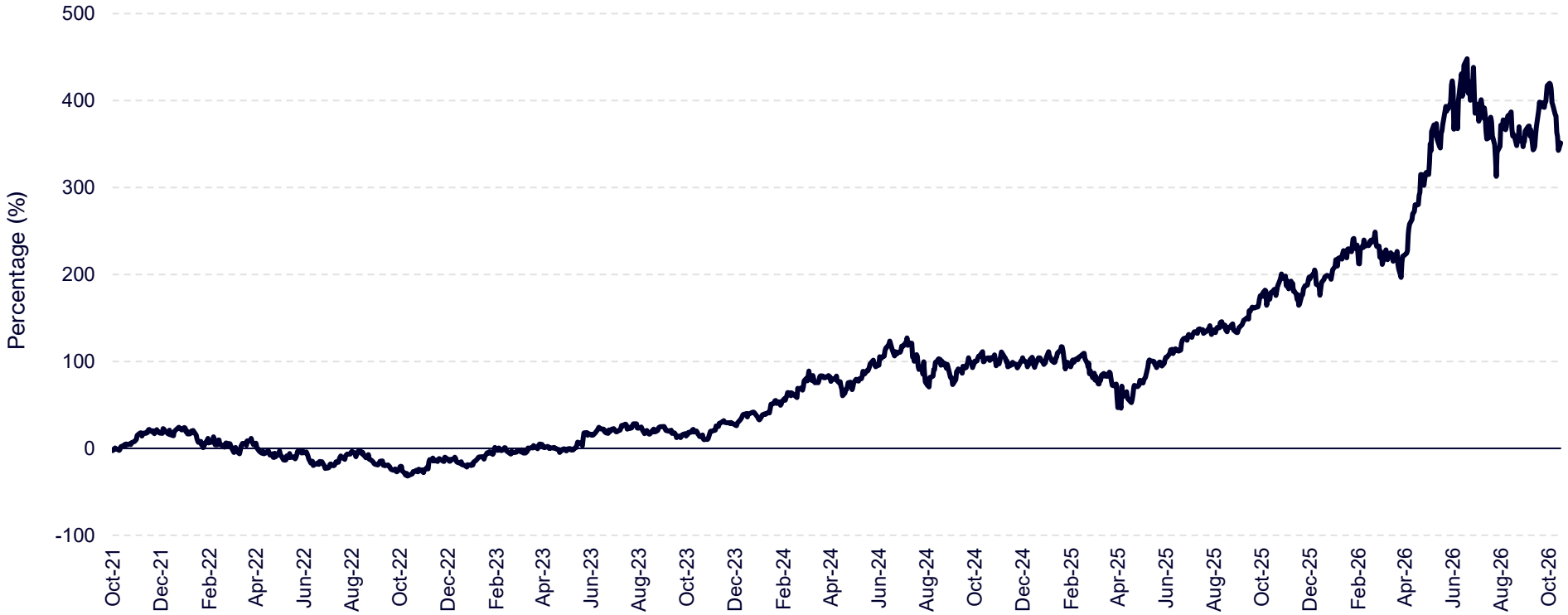


Training flat, inference only:

- **~62 GW:** AI compute by 2030, 5x today's fleet
- **30% to 81%**: inference share of compute, 2026 to 2030
- **~$2.0T**: Demand runs ahead of the 2027–29 build; expect continued tightness - fab capacity, electricity, politics and debt markets

Source: VanEck analysis; DC Market Insights (12.4 GW AI capacity 2025, 62.4 GW 2030 base case, interpolated); Yield Theory (big-four capex). Today's ~17 GW split 30% inference / 70% training; training and other inference held flat. Knowledge-worker inference = seats plus agents on the indicative path. Capex at $45bn per GW new build, $30bn re-chipped, spent a year ahead. Indicative only. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

“AI 1.0” – Chips Continue to Lead the AI Mega-Trend



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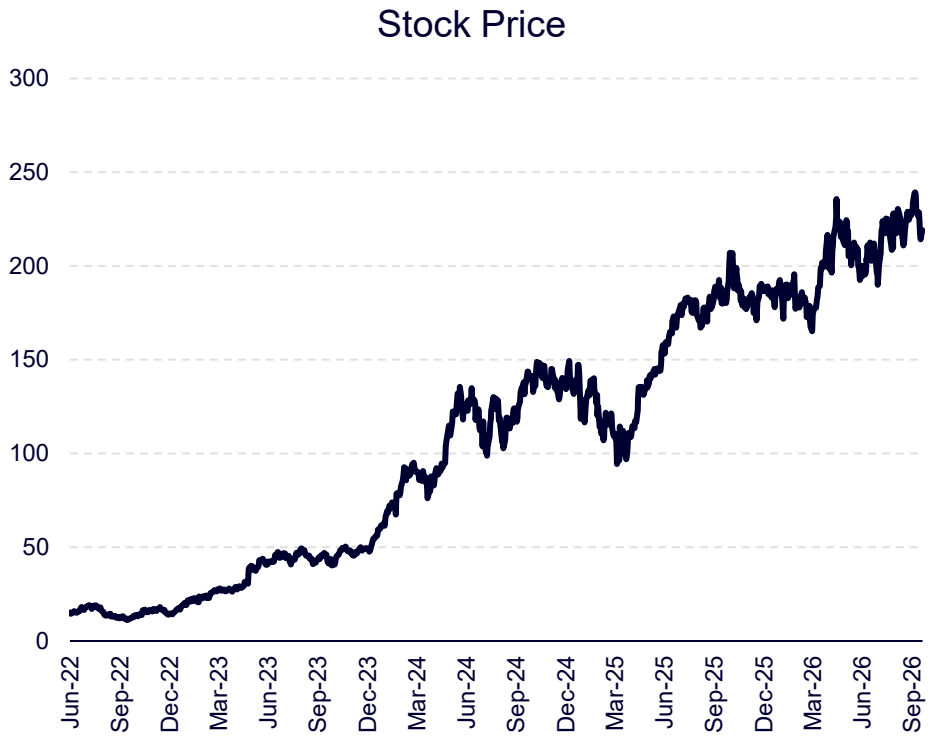
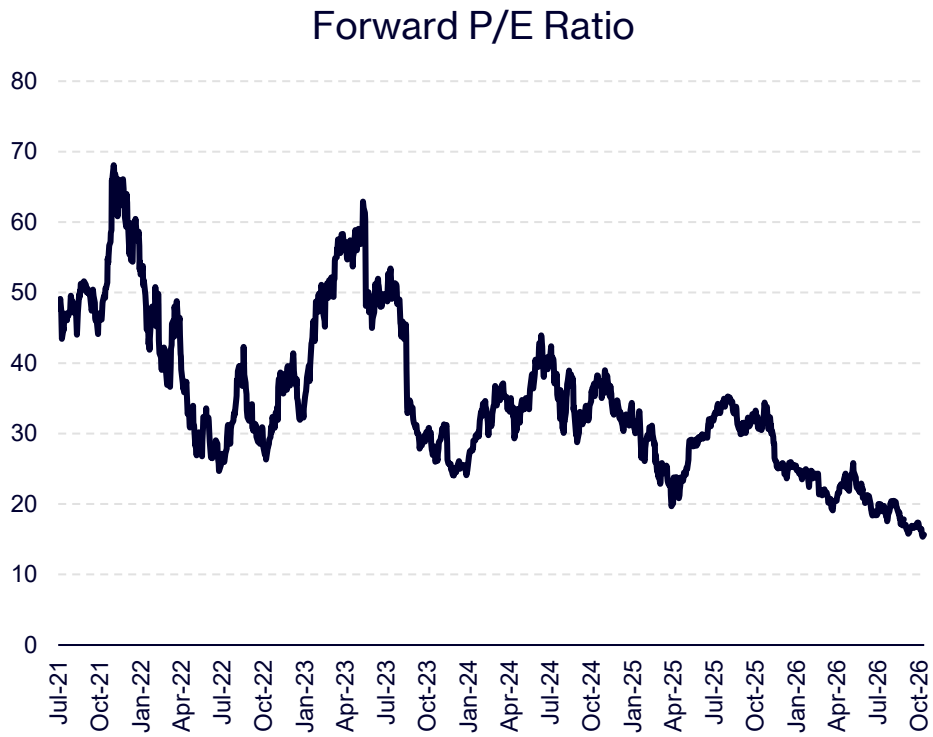
NVIDIA: Valuations Now Reasonable





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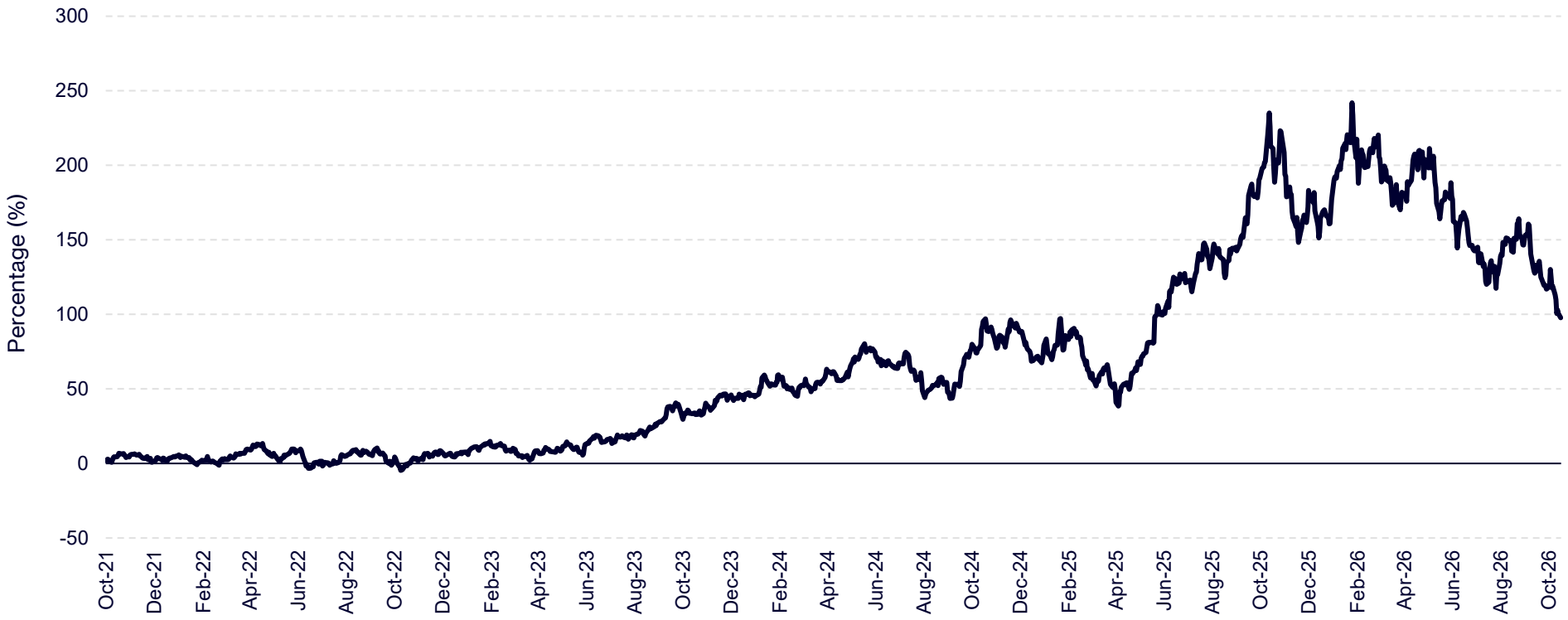
“AI 2.0” Correction – Nuclear



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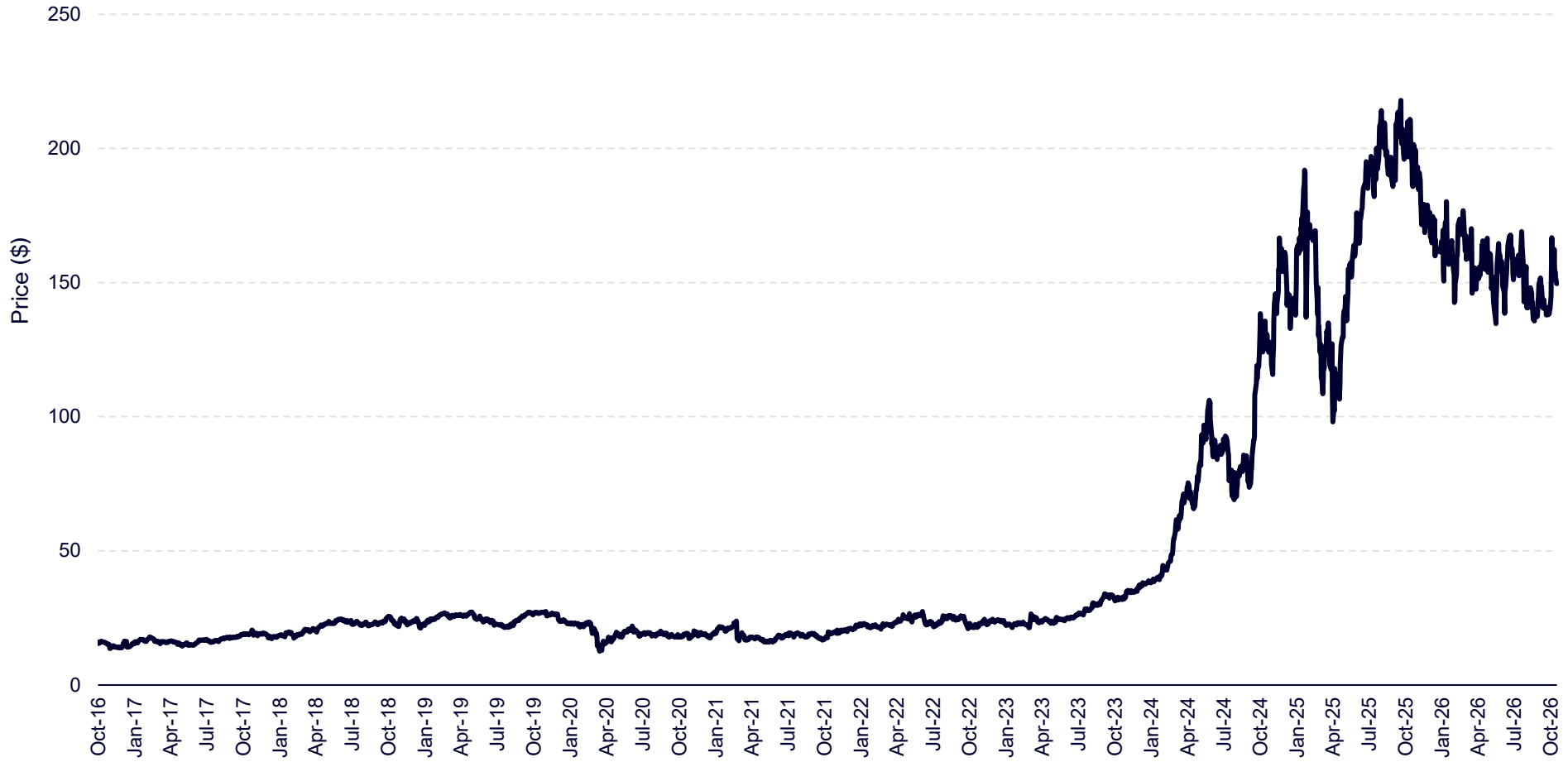
“AI 2.0” Correction – Power Producers (Vistra)



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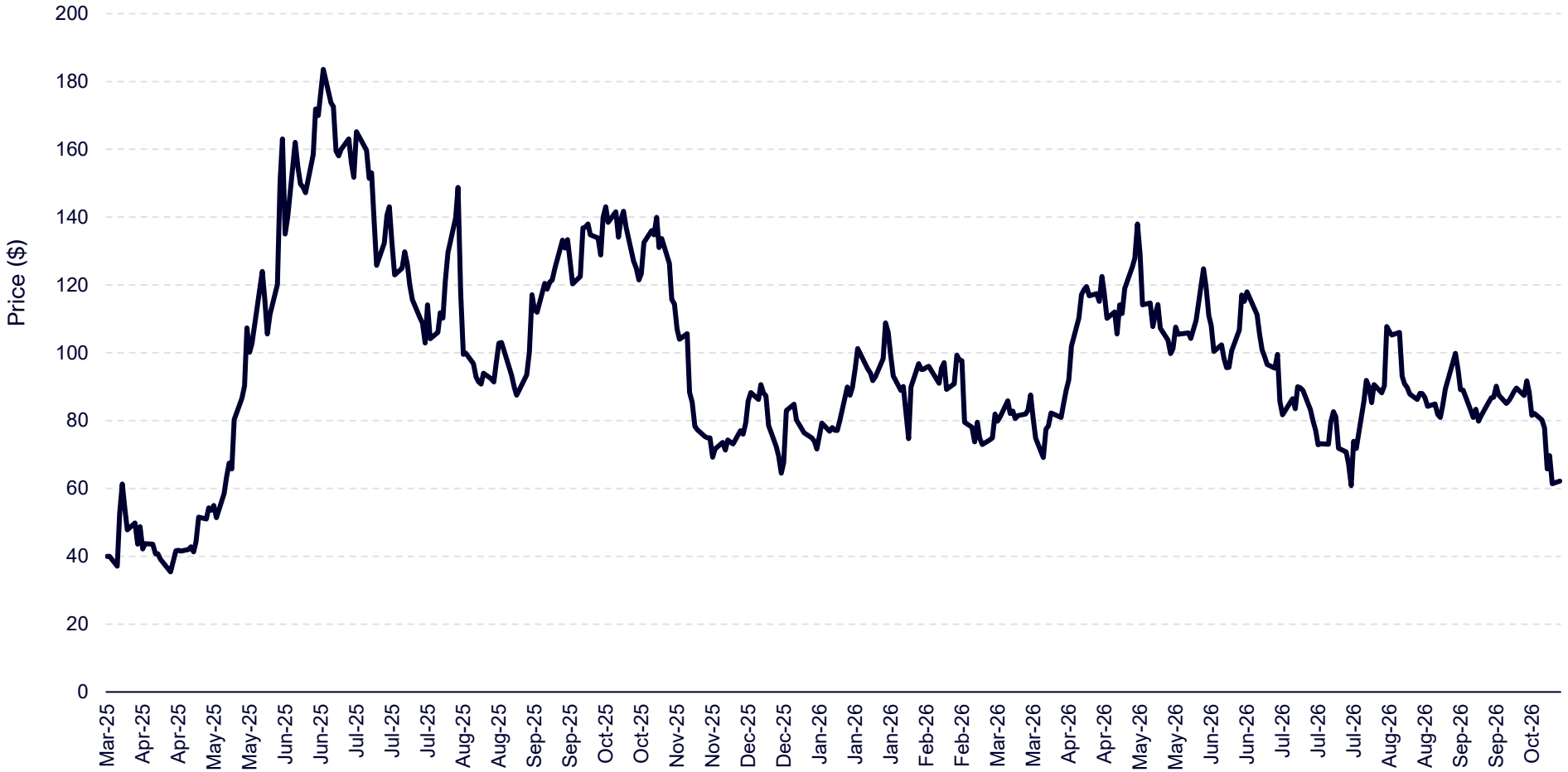
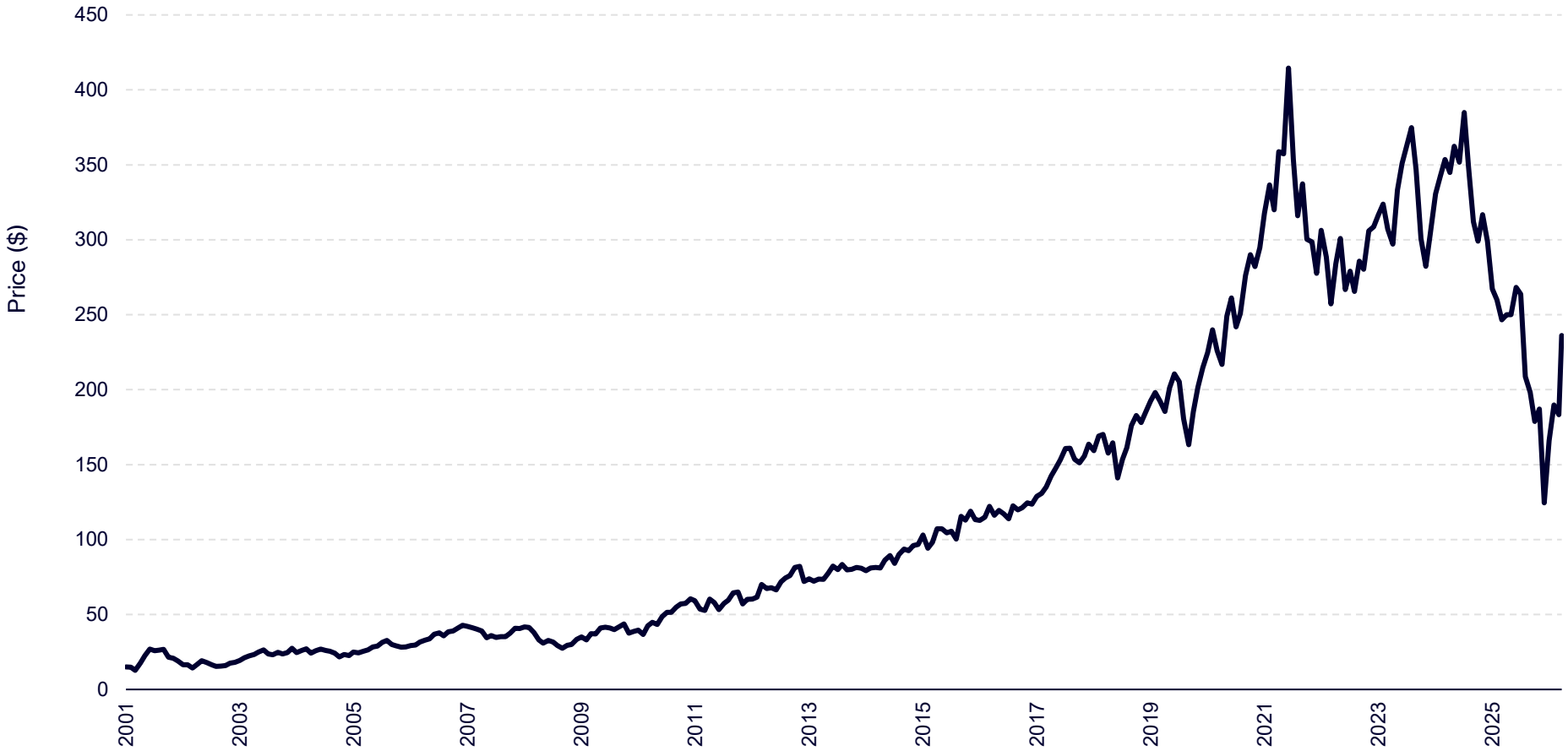
CoreWeave – Compute Provider with High Leverage



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of October 19, 2026. CoreWeave is an AI-focused cloud provider that rents GPU-powered computing capacity to AI labs, big tech companies, and enterprises for training and running AI models. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Accenture – Being Disrupted by AI



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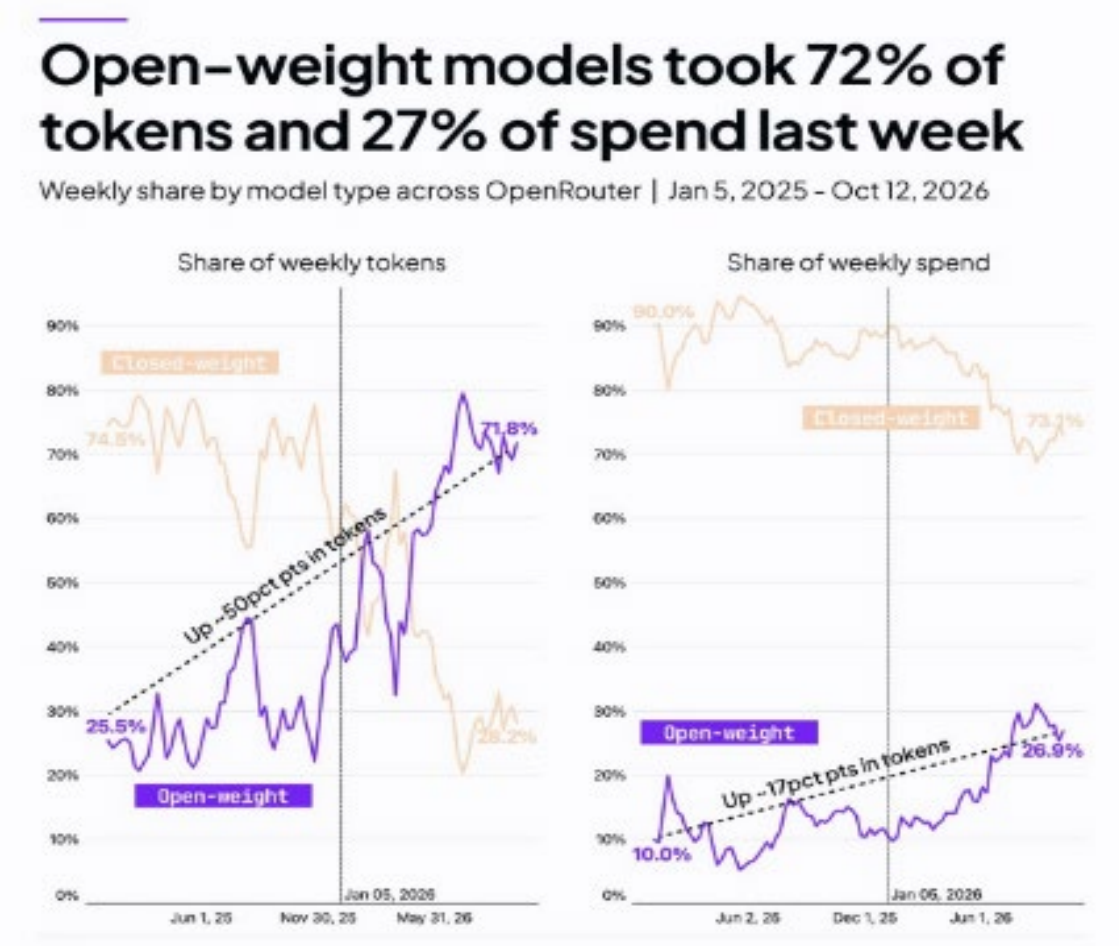
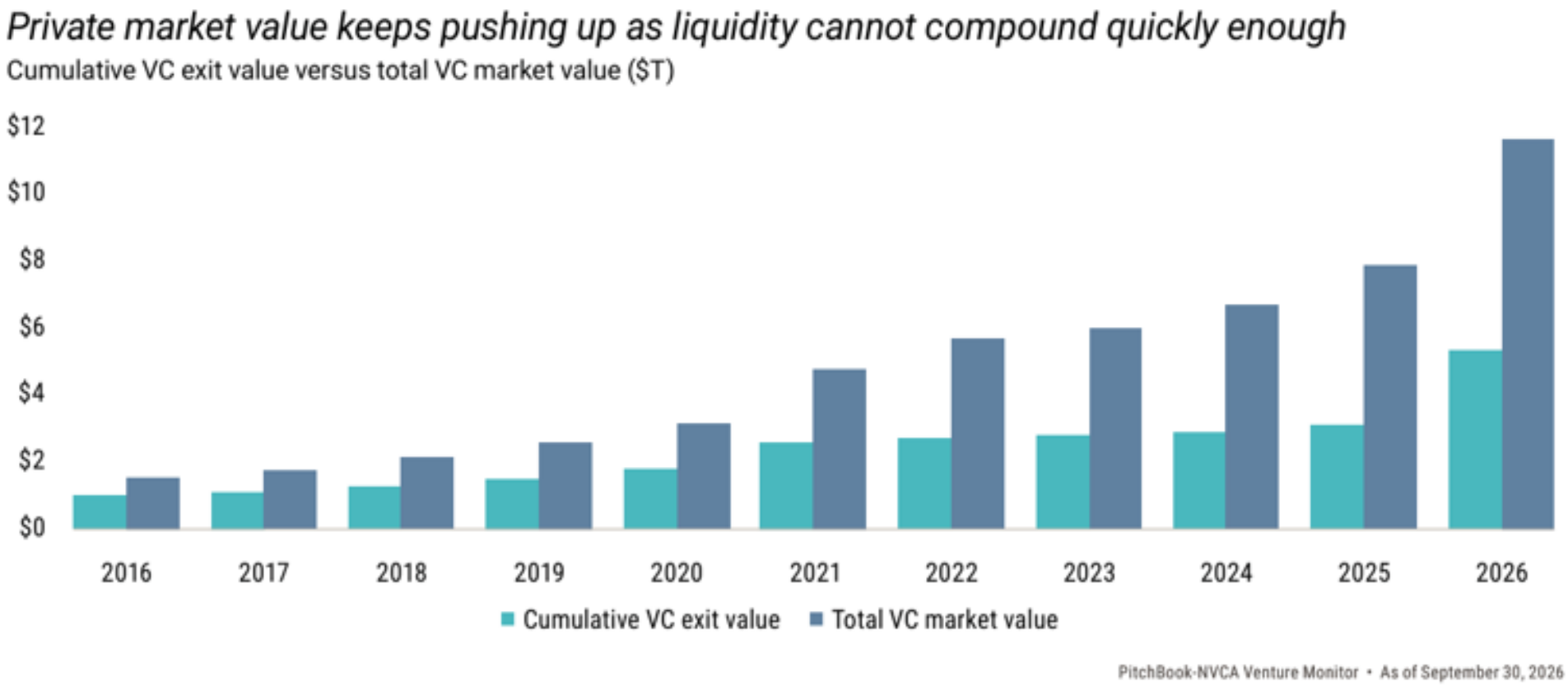
Anthropic and OpenAI Still Dominate Revenue



Source: OpenRouter usage data, Inferred data newsletter (openrouter.ai/data); weekly share of tokens and spend by model type, Jan 5, 2025 – Oct 12, 2026. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Private Market is Huge



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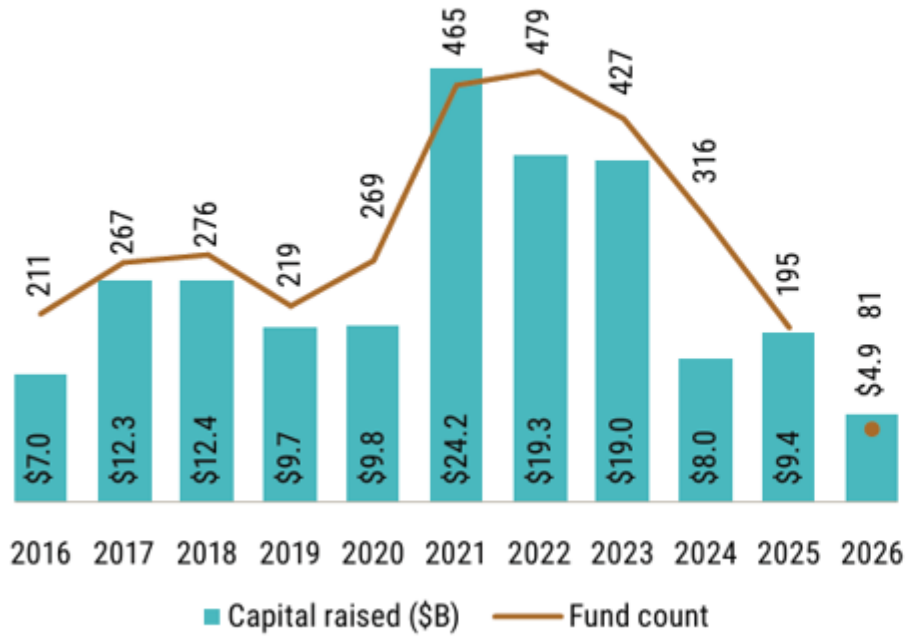
VC is Changing from Boutique to Scale Managers

Annualized first-time fund count on track to be lowest since 2016

VC first-time fundraising activity



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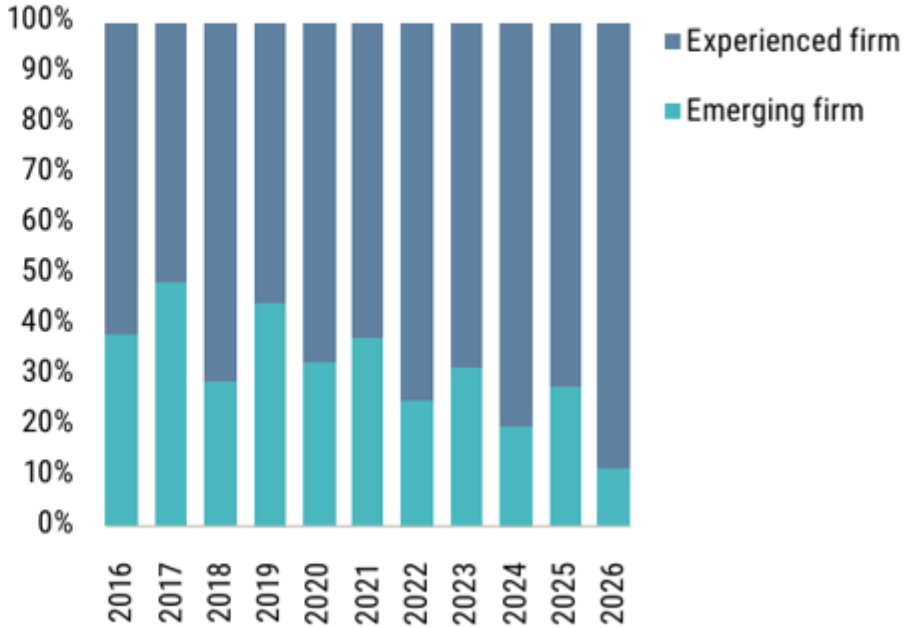
Capital concentration in established managers reaches record high

Share of venture capital raised by manager experience



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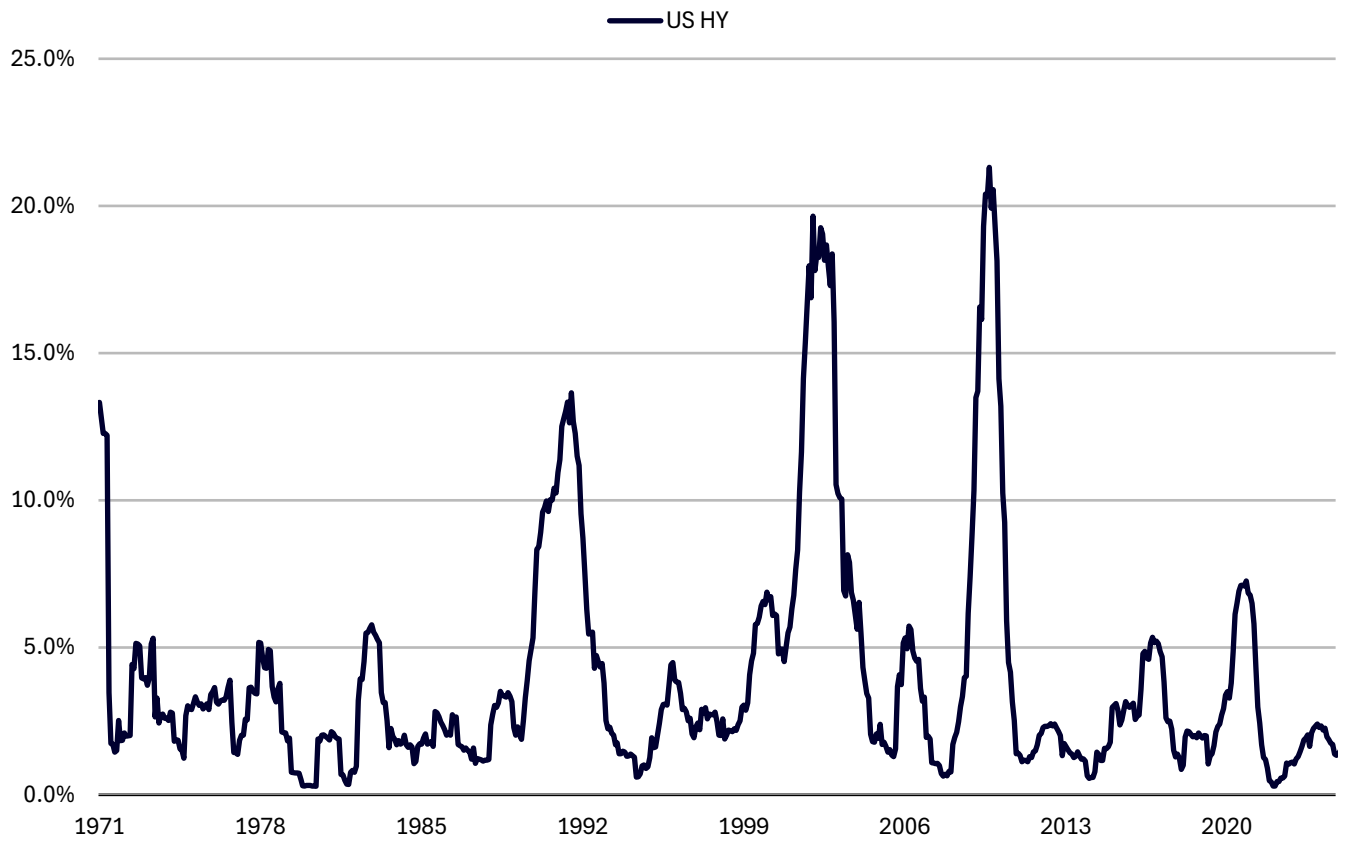
History of High Yield Bond Default Rates



Par-Weighted Default Rate

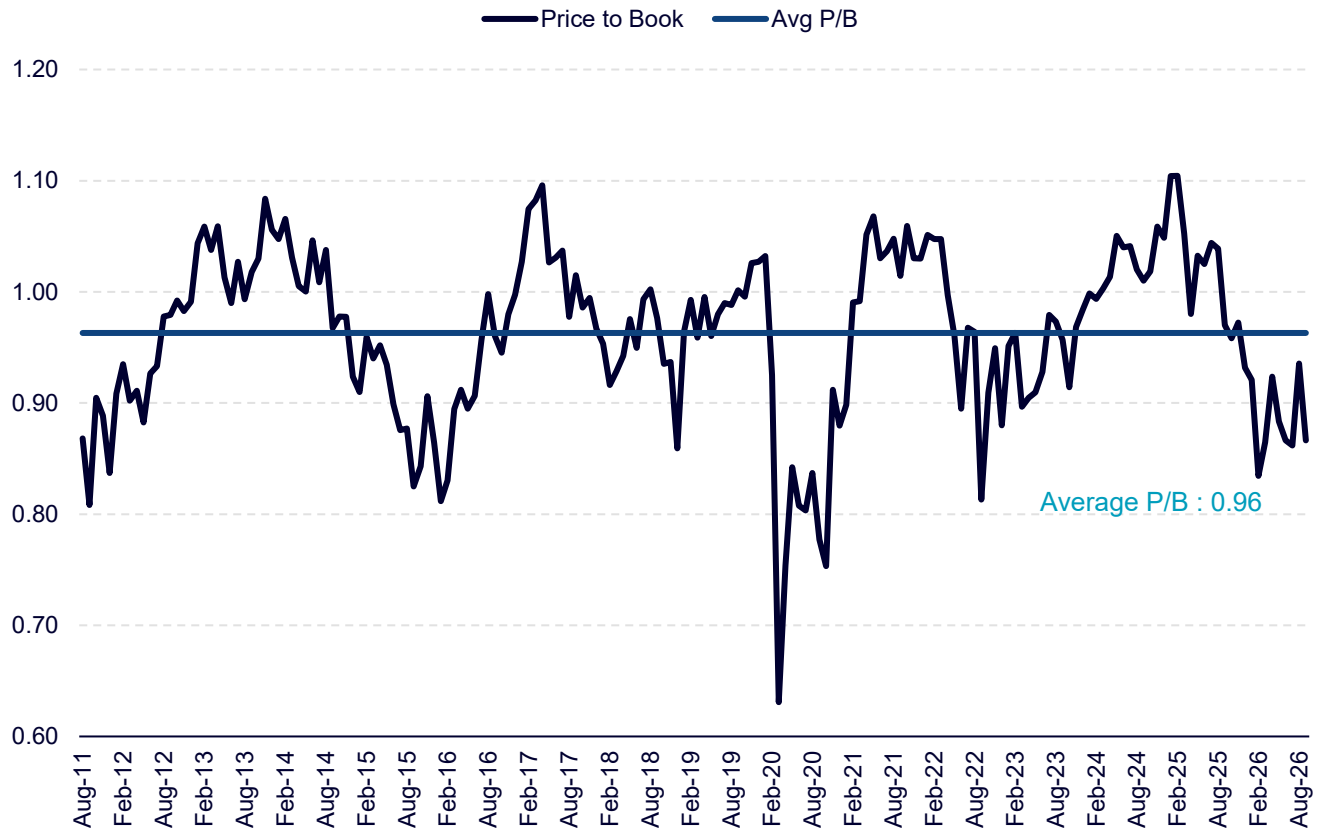
Historical peaks: 2001 tech bust ~11%, 2009 GFC ~12%, 2020 COVID brief spike.

Current rate well below historical averages — may be constructive for high yield credit.

You can think of BDCs as approximately 2X leveraged HY fund — a 5% default rate could lead to a 10% loss in NAV.

Source: BofA Global Research, ICE Data Indices LLC, LCD/Pitchbook. Data as of September 30, 2026. High Yield (HY) measured by the ICE BofA US High Yield Index, the benchmark for corporate bonds rated below investment grade. Par/Issuer DR: par-weighted and issuer-weighted default rates, trailing-12m, including bankruptcies, missed payments, and liability-management exercises (LMEs). Index performance is not illustrative of fund or strategy performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

BDCs Appear Attractive



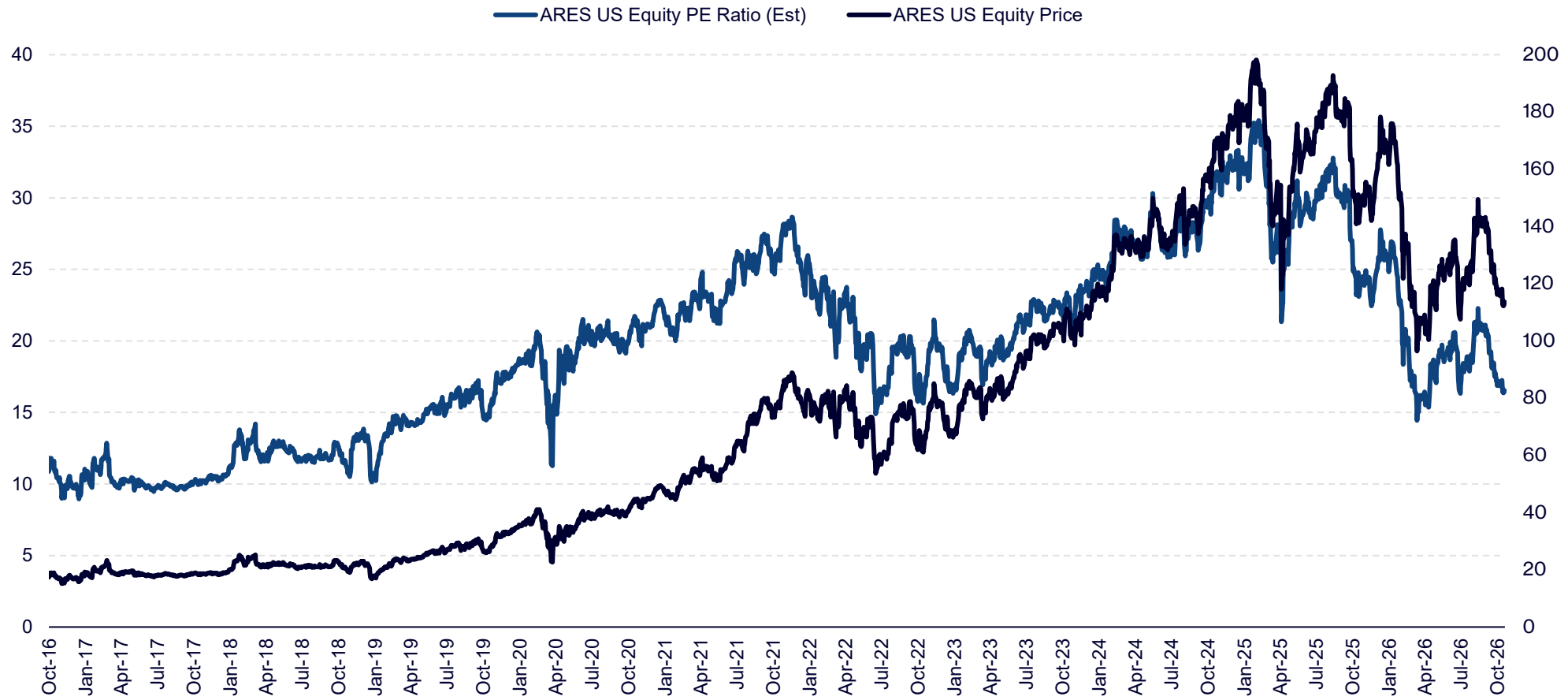
"If there is a crisis in the private credit world, prices could fall to a 20% discount."

Fears were priced in, but now they are really priced in.

NAVs are only quarterly, but daily BDC prices are on vaneck.com.

Source: Bloomberg. Data as of September 30, 2026. BDCs measured using indices: Index data prior to June 19, 2023 reflects that of the MVIS® US Business Development Companies Index (MVBIZDTG). From June 19, 2023 forward, the index data reflects that of the Fund's underlying index, the MVIS® US Business Development Companies Index (MVBDCTRG). Index history which includes periods prior to June 19, 2023 links the performance of MVBIZDTG and MVBDCTRG and is not intended for third party use. Index performance is not illustrative of fund or strategy performance. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Ares and Others Are Back to Reasonable Valuations



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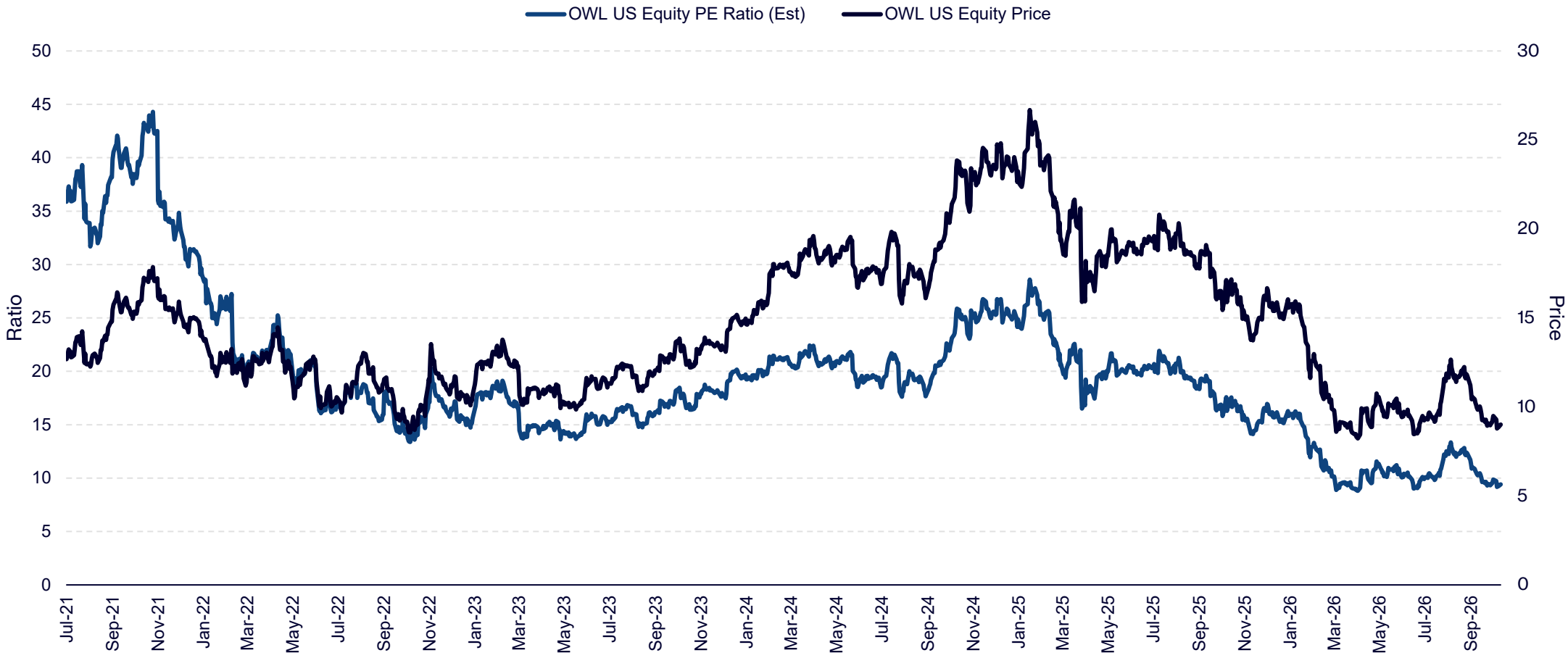
Blue Owl Stock: Worked Well and Then Corrected Again



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Why Did 10-Year Interest Rates Rise to Over 5.25%?

A. U.S. Credit/Solvency Concerns
B. Inflation
C. Economic Growth

The "Answer": Primarily Economic Growth

Inflation
- Yes, bonds have been trading with oil, but bonds didn’t fall in the initial months of the Iran conflict.
- Inflation expectations are not high.
- PCE is above target but not rising.

Credit Concerns
- Yes, budget concerns are big – one of my 10-year macro risks – but spreads aren't that bad.
- The risk is that other bad DM countries like France and Japan are weak
- The U.S. Dollar is stable; that wouldn’t be the case if people were selling the U.S.

Economic Growth
- Growth is really strong.
- “Real yields are rising” which is a sign that it’s economic growth

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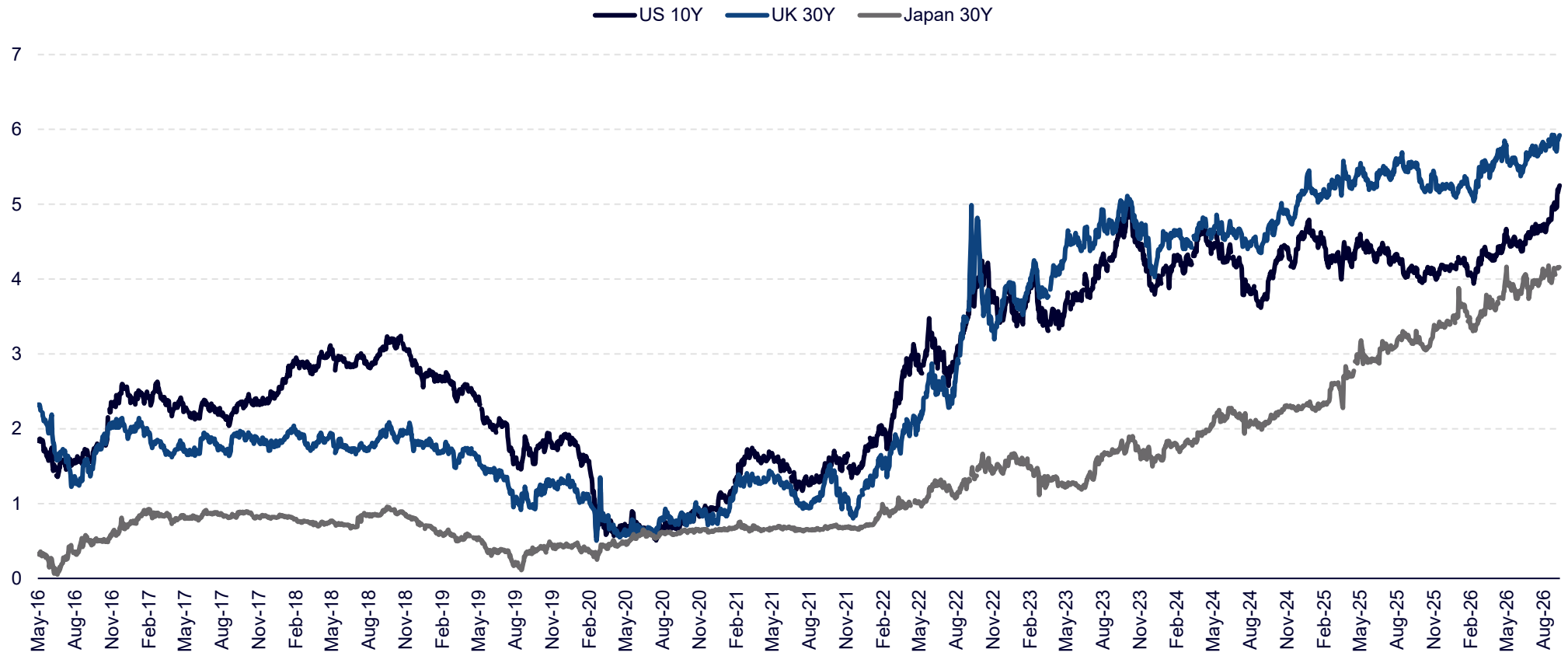
Suddenly, 10-Year Interest Rates Rip Higher

U.S. 10-Year Yields in Context



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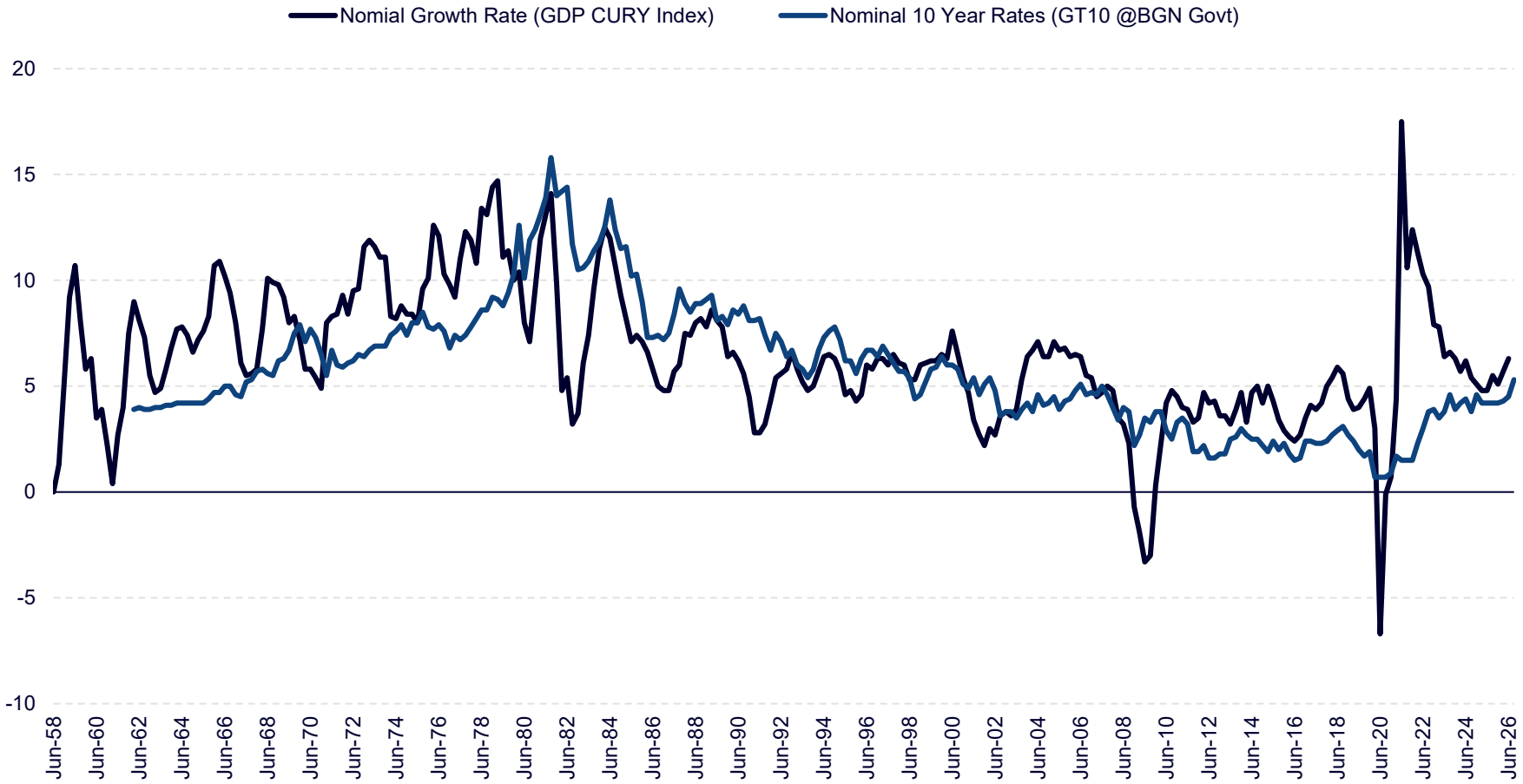
With Nominal Growth Rising, Higher Rates are to be Expected



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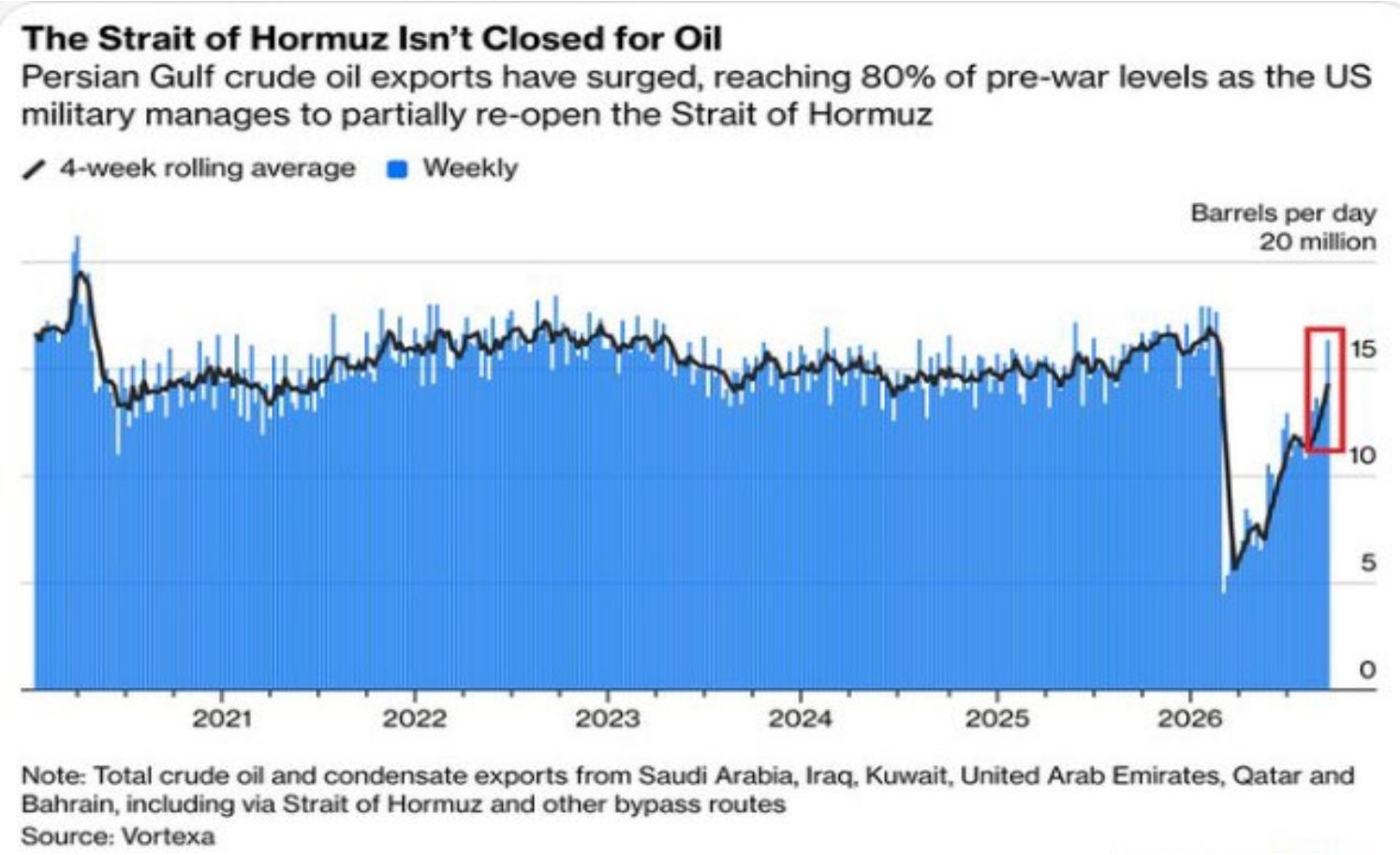
Oil Out of Hormuz is Not Affecting Interest Rates; Not Inflation



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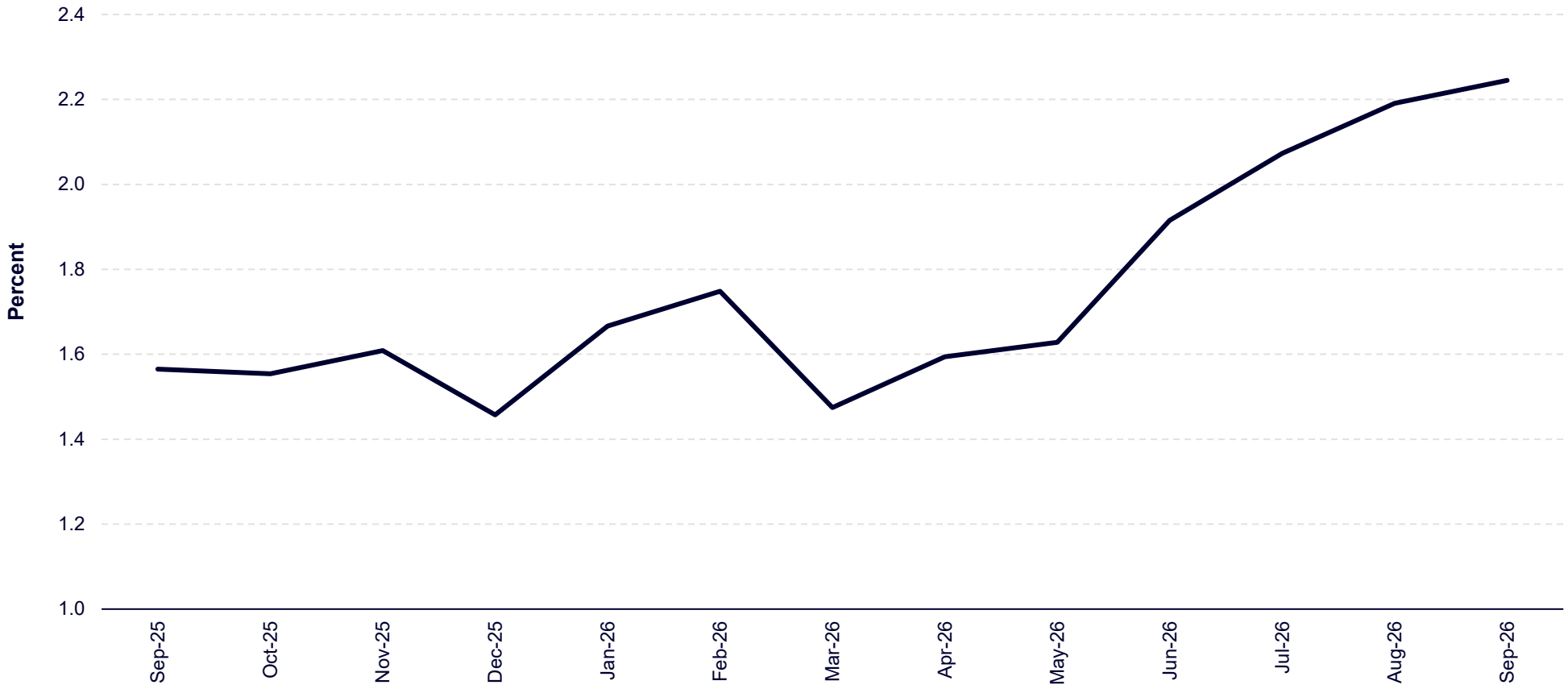
Rise in Real Yields Suggests Growth/Credit Demand



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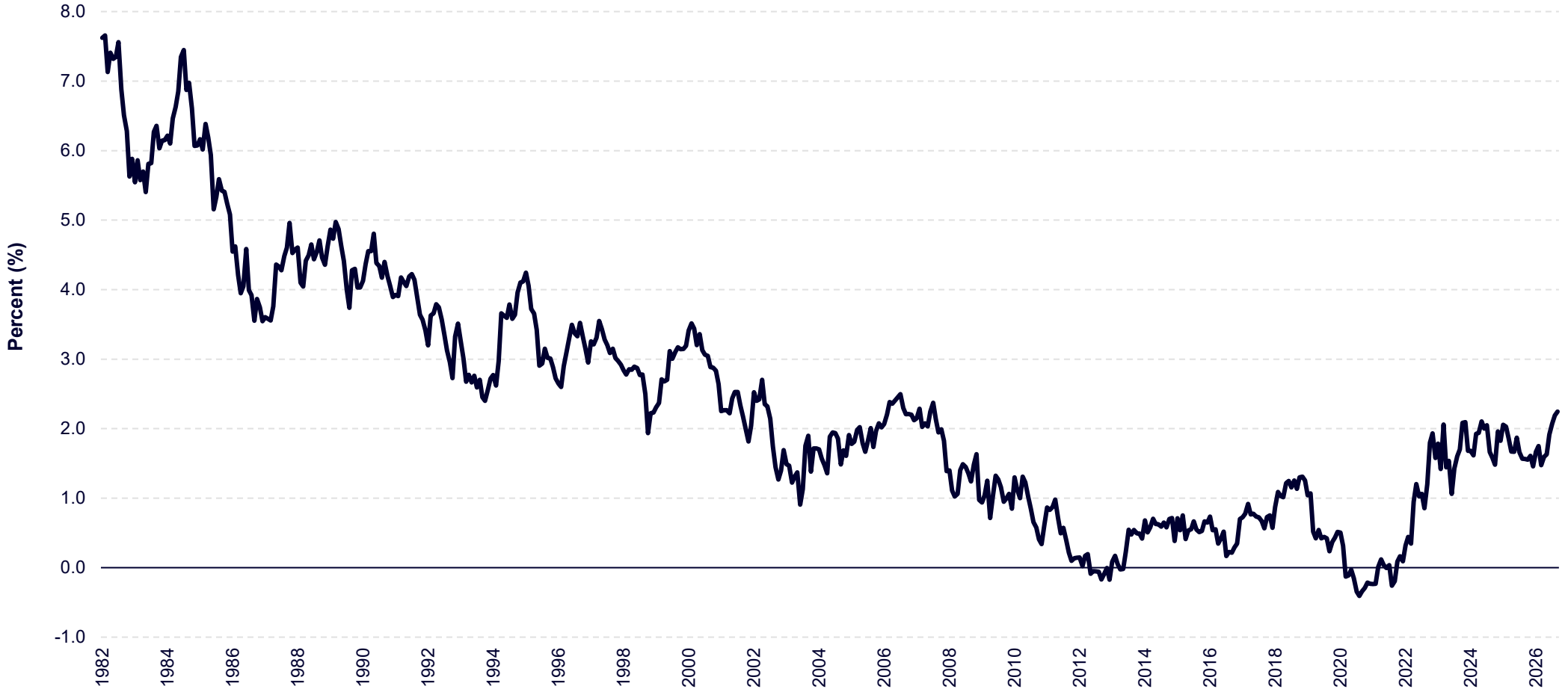
Real Yields Have Risen (in longer-term context)



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U.S. Dollar Has Maintained Strength (Against DXY)

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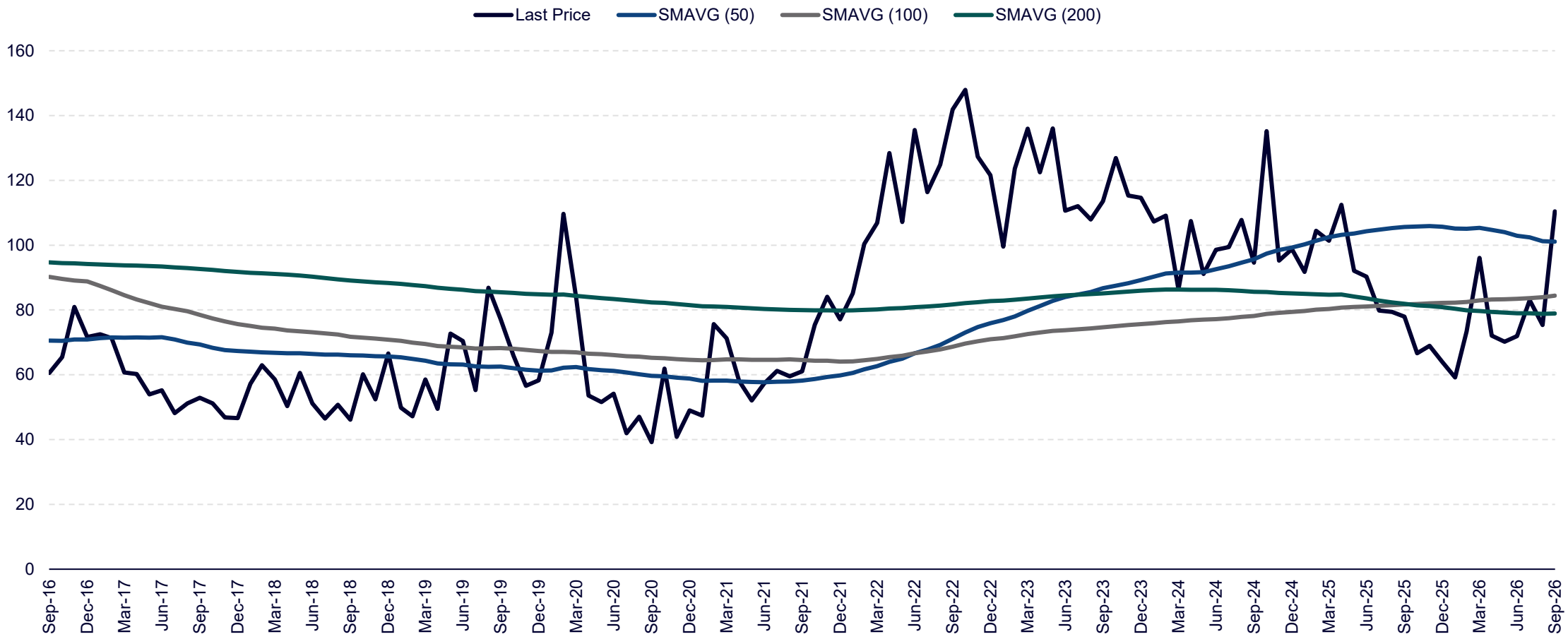
Debt Volatility in Perspective, 10-Year Weekly



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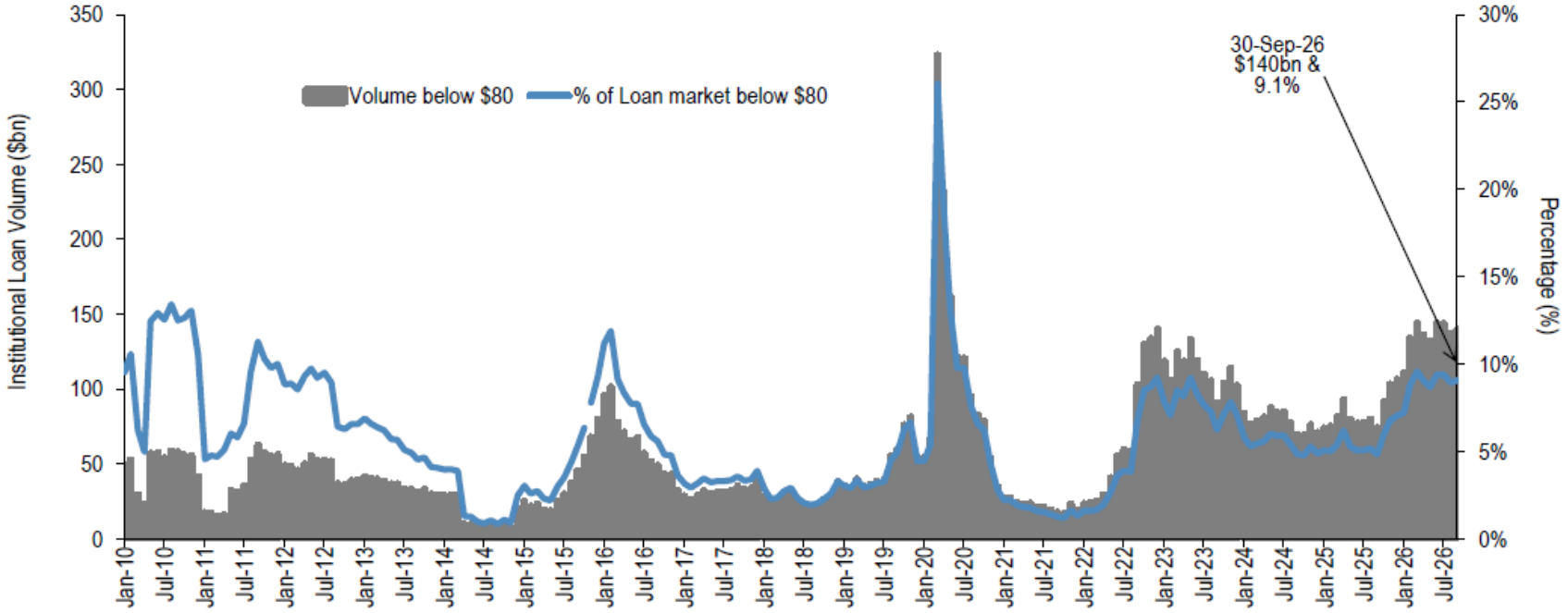
Putting Aside Defaults, Prices Show Stress

Distressed Loan Universe

In September the distressed universe of leveraged loans increased for the first time in 3 months



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Fiscal 2026 Deficit is Bad

	Fiscal 2024	Fiscal 2025	Fiscal 2026E	Fiscal 2026 Preliminary
Outlays	$6.75	$7.0	$7.6	$7.4
Revenue	$4.92	$5.2	$5.87	$5.4
Deficit	$1.83	$1.8	$1.7	$2.0
GDP	$28.6 trillion	$30.5 trillion	$31.9 trillion	$31.9 trillion
Percent GDP	6.4%	5.9%	5.3%	**6.2%**
Interest Expense	0.9%	$1.0	N/A	$1.1
Interest Expense as % GDP	--	--	--	3.4%

Source: U.S. Treasury, Monthly Treasury Statement (MTS). The Monthly Treasury Statement (MTS) datasets provide all spending values on this page. Adjustments for inflation are calculated using Consumer Price Index values from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Fiscal year Gross Domestic Product values from the Bureau of Economic Analysis are calculated by averaging four relevant quarterly values from calendar year quarter 4 of the prior year through calendar year quarter 3 of the fiscal year shown. CBO, Bipartisan Policy Center, and Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

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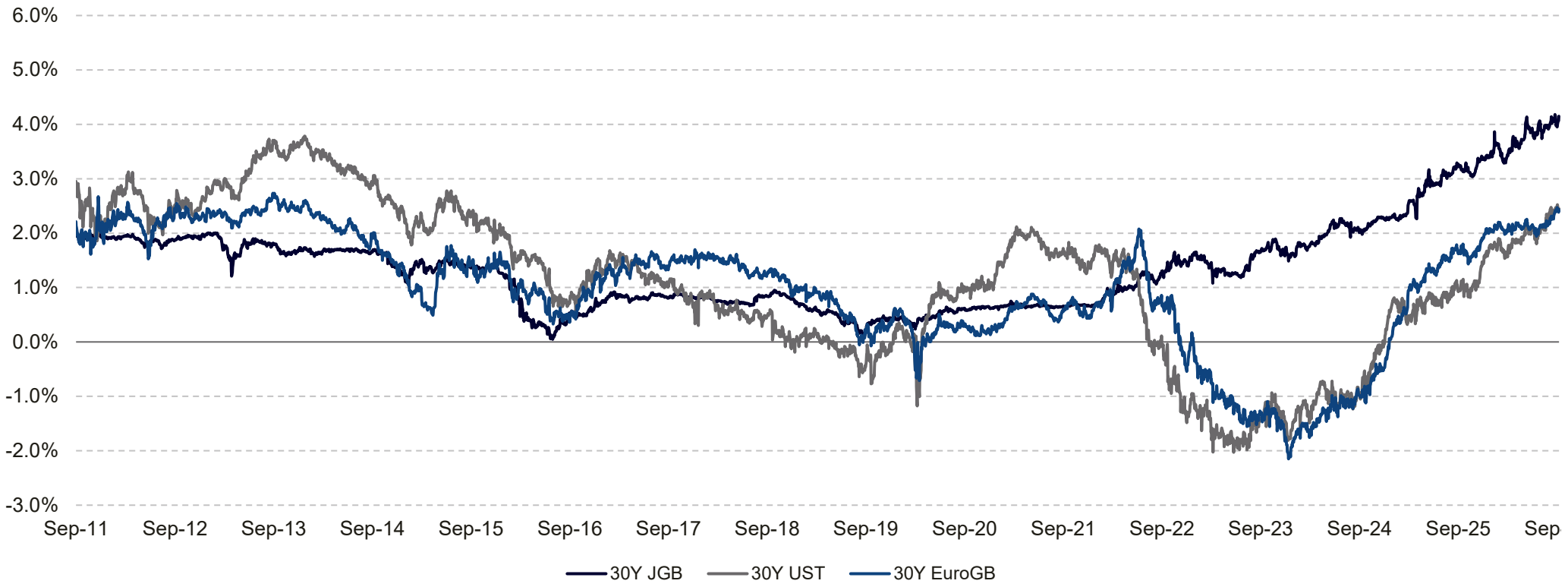
Japanese Bonds Yield More Than Hedged U.S. Bonds

JPY-hedged yields mean Japanese institutions incentivized to buy JGBs, sell treasuries and Eurogovvies

30-Year Government Bonds Hedged Back into JPY



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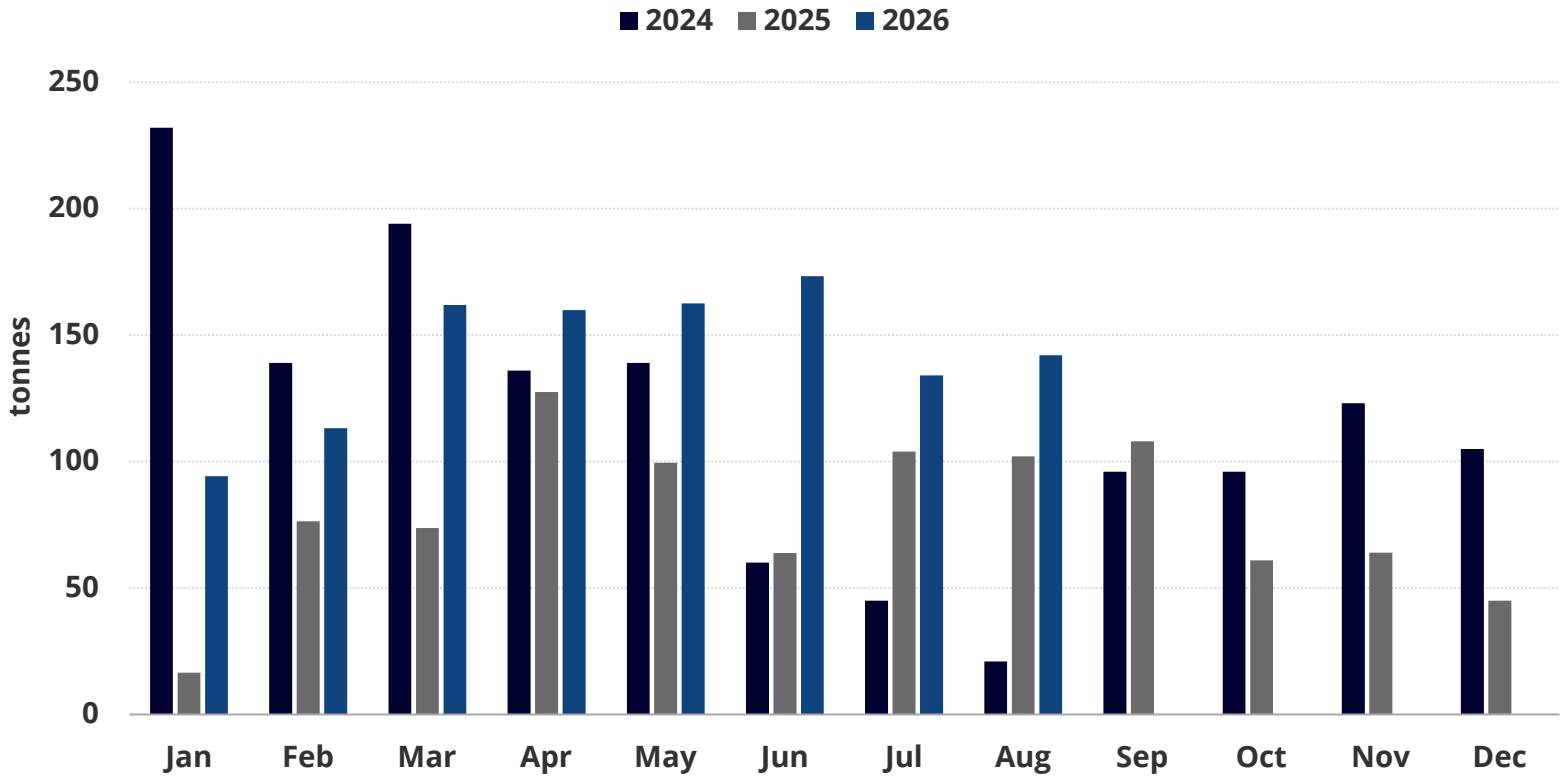
China Buys Gold, Not Treasuries

China non-monetary gold imports

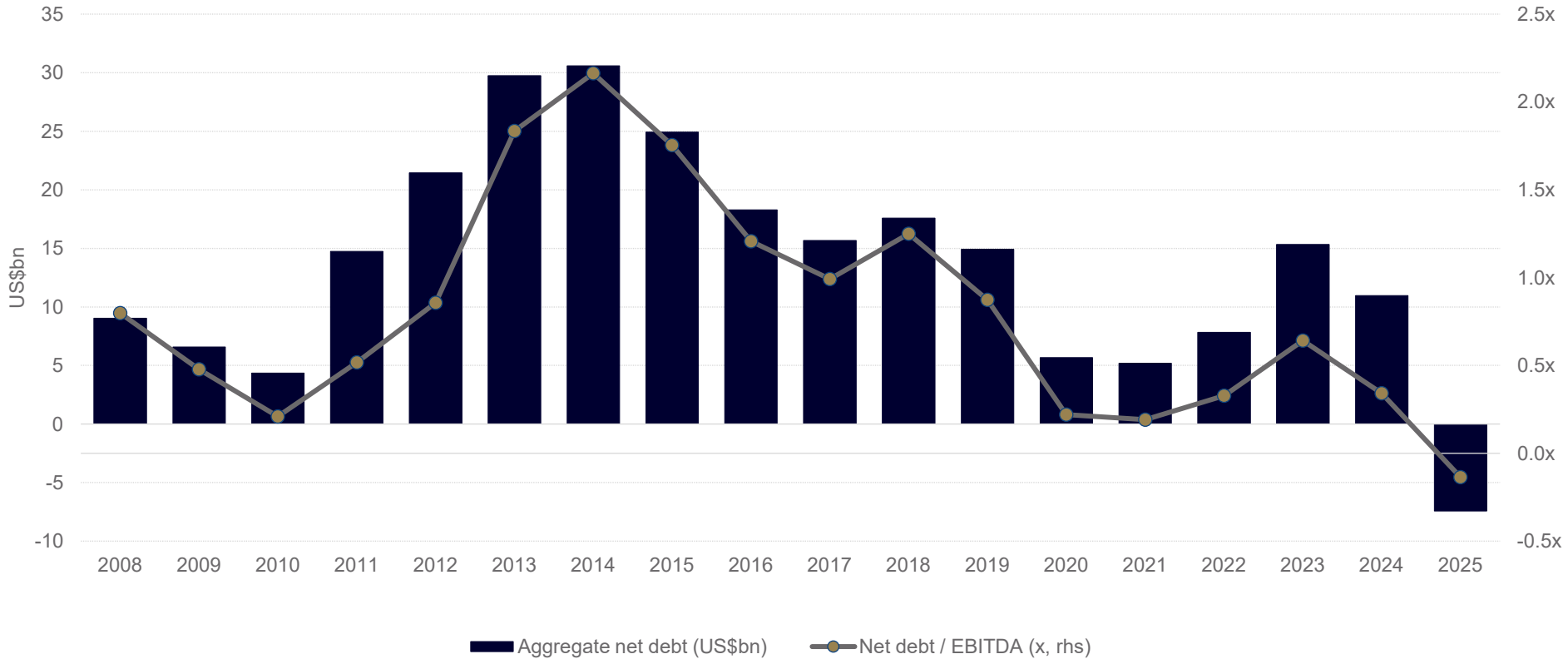


- China is one of biggest buyers of gold – 46% of global production
- Double the pace of 2025.
- A contrarian buyer – less as gold hit all time highs in 2025 and more as gold corrected in 2026.
- China's U.S. Treasury holdings fell to $618 billion - the lowest level since August 2008 and less than half the level ($1.32 trillion) at the peak in November 2013.

Source: Fred Hickey "High Tech Strategist", SFA (Oxford), Bloomberg Finance LP (original chart). Underlying data: China General Administration of Customs. Oct 2026. China on pace to buy 1,700 tons of 3,700 global annual production. Not intended as an offer to buy or sell any securities mentioned herein or as any call to action. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

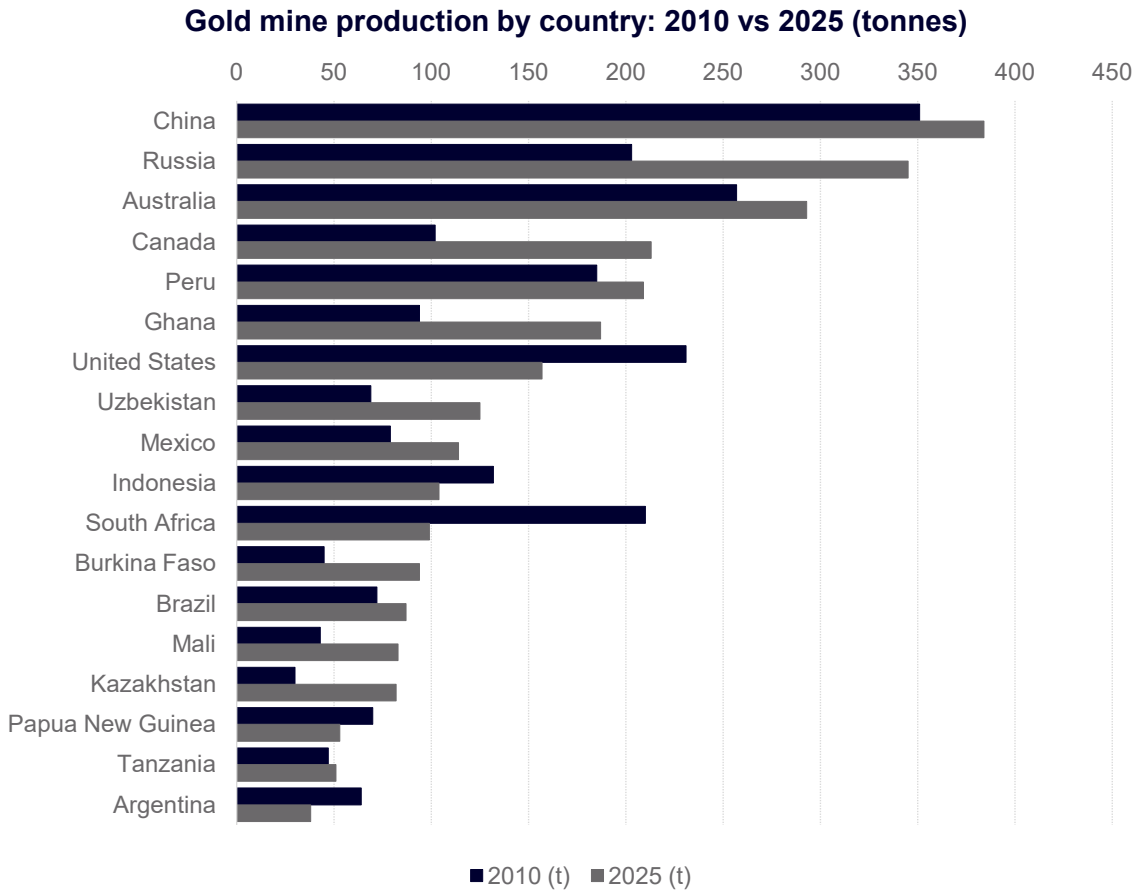
Gold Miners in Stronger Financial Position

The de-leveraging story: senior gold producers' net debt and net debt/EBITDA, 2008–2025



Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence / Commodity Insights: 'Mining M&A in 2025' (Mar-2026), 'Mining M&A in 2023/2024', lead-time studies (Apr-2025, Jul-2026), 'Major gold discoveries remain scarce despite record prices' (Sep-2026), head-grade & stripping-ratio research. World Gold Council / Metals Focus: Gold mine production by country (Jun-2026 update, 2010-2025), Gold Demand Trends FY2025 (LBMA price), Metals Focus Gold Mine Cost Service (AISC). Not intended as an offer to buy or sell any securities mentioned herein or as any call to action. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Largest Gold Miners



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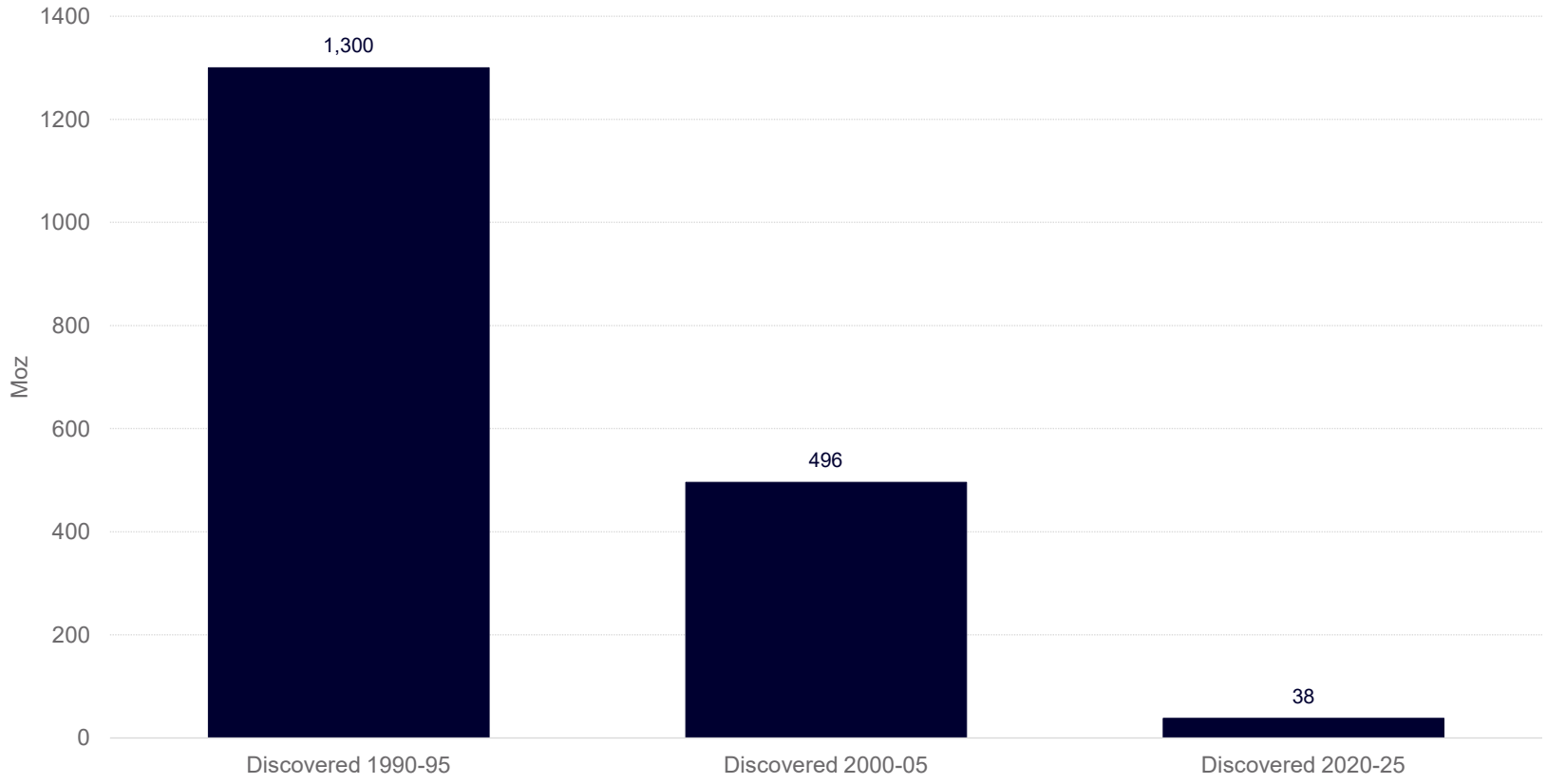
Gold Discoveries Falling Hard

Gold found in major discoveries has collapsed (Moz, by period of discovery)



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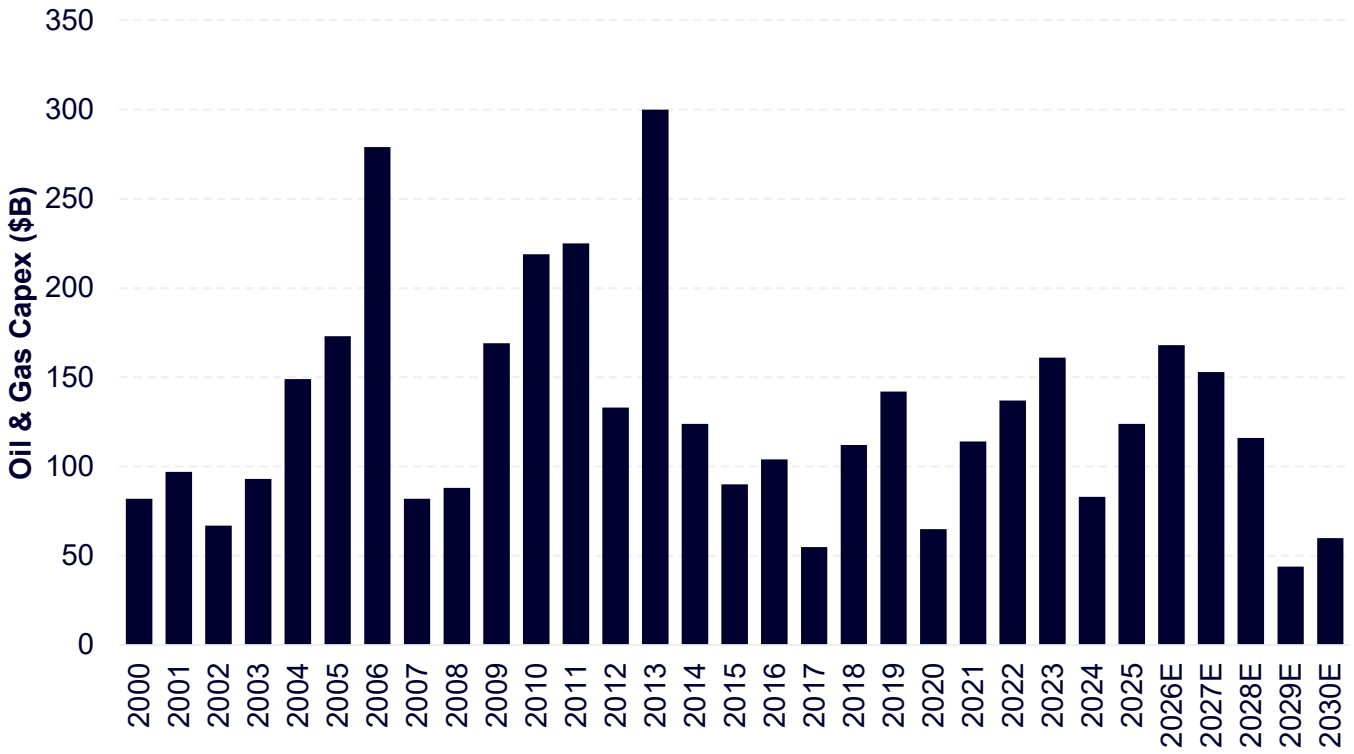
Oil Industry Capex is Also Disciplined

Capex ($bn) of Global Oil & Gas



- Oil & gas capex sits well below its 2014 peak and is projected to keep falling
- Producers are prioritizing balance sheets and shareholder returns over growth
- Persistent underinvestment could deepen supply shortfalls if demand surprises higher

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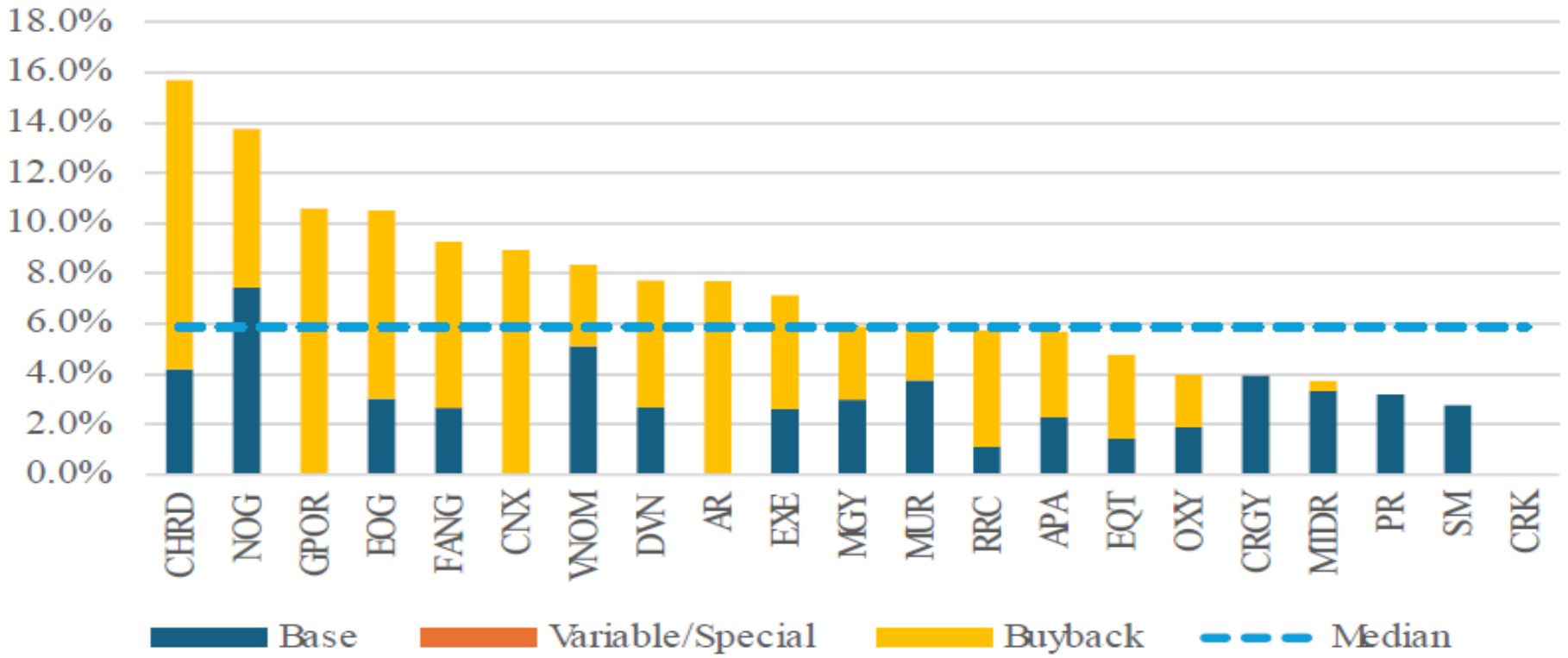
E&P Shareholder Yield is High

FY2027E – E&P Companies Total Shareholder Return (incl. Base Divs and Buybacks)



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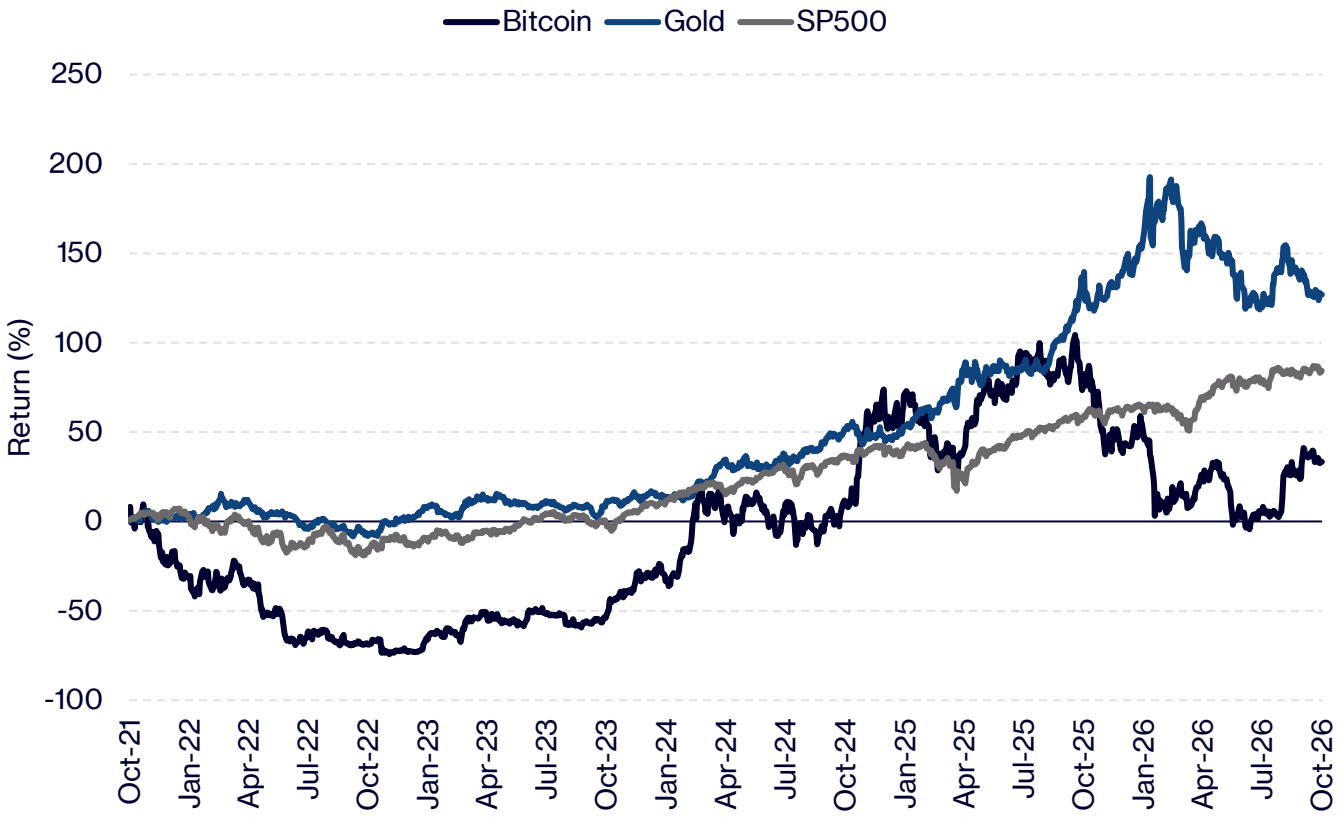
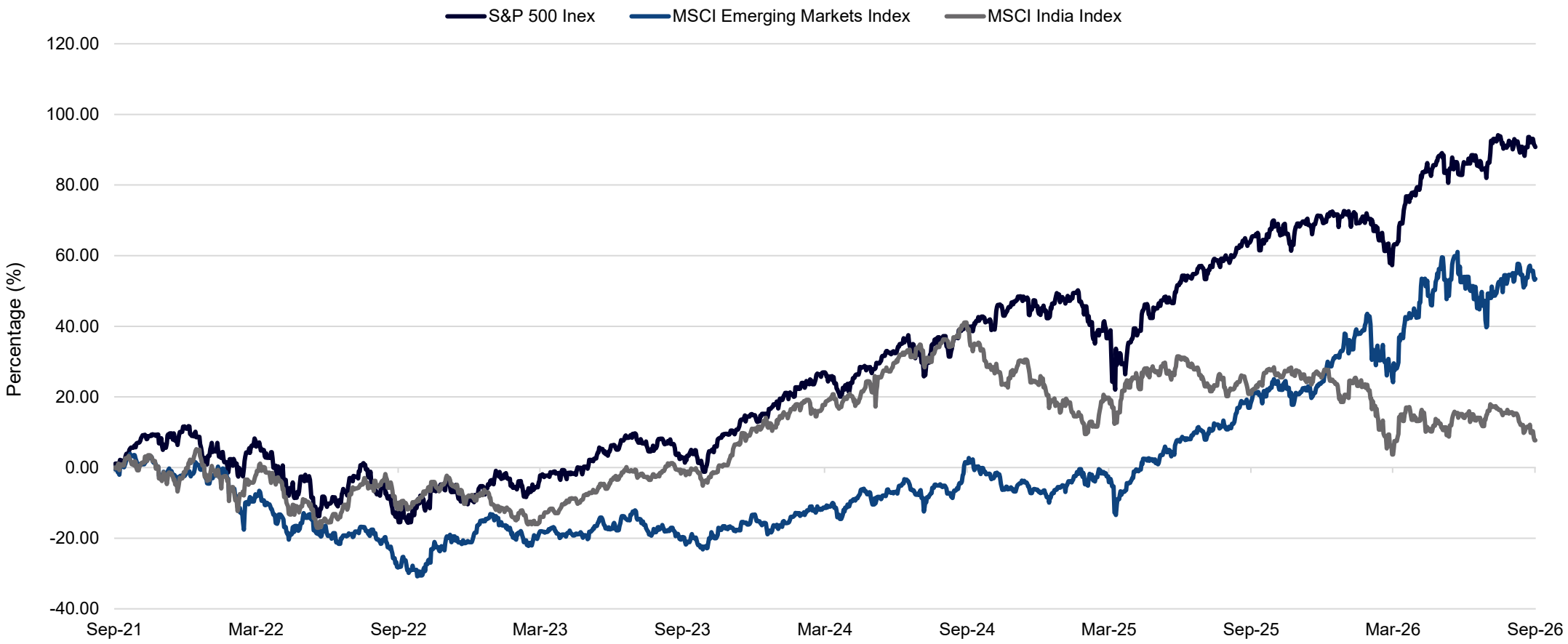
Scarce Assets Are Pulling Back After a Powerful Run



- Gold and Bitcoin have both delivered positive returns over the past five years, reflecting demand for scarce assets.
- Recent corrections are a reminder that scarcity does not eliminate volatility.
- The long-term case remains compelling, but sizing and risk management matter.

Source: Bloomberg. Data as of October 19, 2026. Bitcoin is measured by the Bloomberg Bitcoin Index, which is designed to measure the performance of a single bitcoin traded in USD. The Bloomberg Gold Subindex Total Return (BCOMGCTR) is a benchmark index that tracks the total return performance of gold commodity futures. Any projections and forward-looking statements herein are for illustrative purposes only, reflect current views as of this date, are subject to change without notice, and are not necessarily those of VanEck or its other employees. Nothing herein should be construed as investment advice, a recommendation, or a call to action. Digital assets involve significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee any strategy will achieve its objectives, and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

India Performance is Difficult, Now Also Trailing EM



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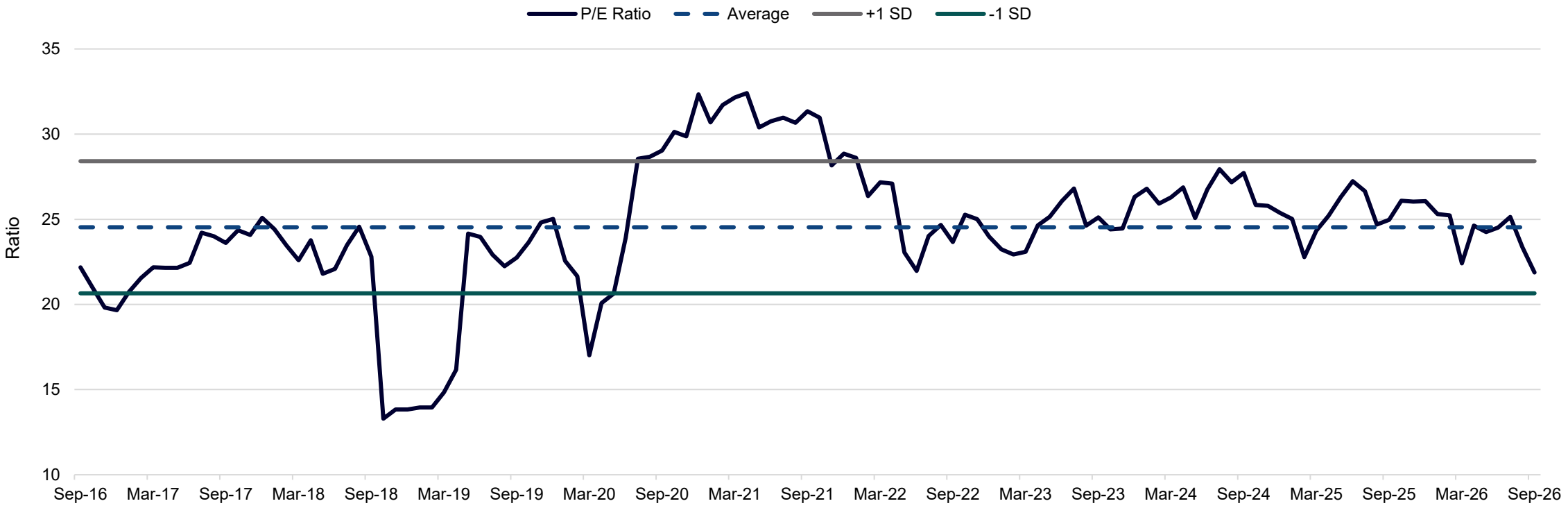
Valuations Reaching the Bottom of the Range

Valuations Have Fallen to Near-Term Lows



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Q4 2026 Outlook

Idea		From Q3 Outlook
Semiconductors	SMH	Bullish (w/ Selectivity)
	NVDA	
BDCs	BIZD	Bullish (Intermediate)
	GPZ	Bullish (Intermediate)
	OWL	Bullish (Short-Term)
India	INDZ	Bullish (Long-Term)
Gold & Bitcoin	Gold	Bullish (Long-Term)
	BTC	Bullish (Short-Term and Long-Term)
10-Year		Bearish (Long-Term)

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Agentic workflows are advanced AI systems where autonomous agents plan, iterate, and use tools to complete complex, multi-step tasks rather than just generating a single prompt response. They act as "coworkers," combining AI reasoning with structured automation to improve productivity, reduce errors, and handle tasks like customer service or data analysis.

Software as a Service (SaaS) is a cloud-based model where users access software applications over the internet, usually via a web browser, instead of installing them locally. It offers benefits like lower upfront costs, easy accessibility, and automatic updates, but presents challenges like reliance on internet connectivity, vendor dependency, and security concerns.

Commodity futures returns are driven by spot returns (price change), roll yield (cost/gain from replacing expiring contracts), and collateral yield (interest on cash). Positive roll yield occurs in backwardation, while negative occurs in contango. Together, spot and roll yield form the "excess return".

Spot Return: The change in the price of the underlying commodity, which is the direct price movement of the asset.
Roll Yield (Roll Return): The gain or loss realized when selling an expiring, lower-priced (or higher-priced) futures contract and buying a new one, known as rolling.

Backwardation: Futures price is lower than the spot price. This results in a positive roll yield as the price converges upward.
Contango: Futures price is higher than the spot price. This results in a negative roll yield (cost of carry).

Excess Return: The total return from the spot price change and the roll yield combined, excluding interest.
Collateral Yield (Cash Yield): Interest earned on the cash collateral posted to support the futures positions.
Total Return: The combination of all three: Spot Return + Roll Yield + Collateral Yield.

A Business Development Company (BDC) is a type of closed-end investment fund that invests in small- and mid-sized private companies, or distressed businesses. Created by Congress, they allow retail investors to access private credit markets, typically aiming for high income through dividends. BDCs usually provide debt or equity financing to help these companies grow.

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