



Q2 2025 Outlook

In the Middle of the 3% Reckoning

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A Macro Perspective

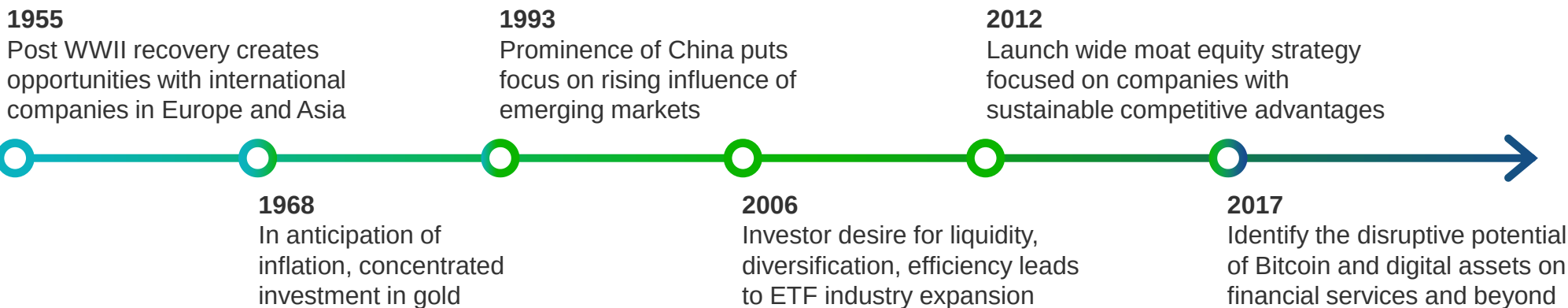
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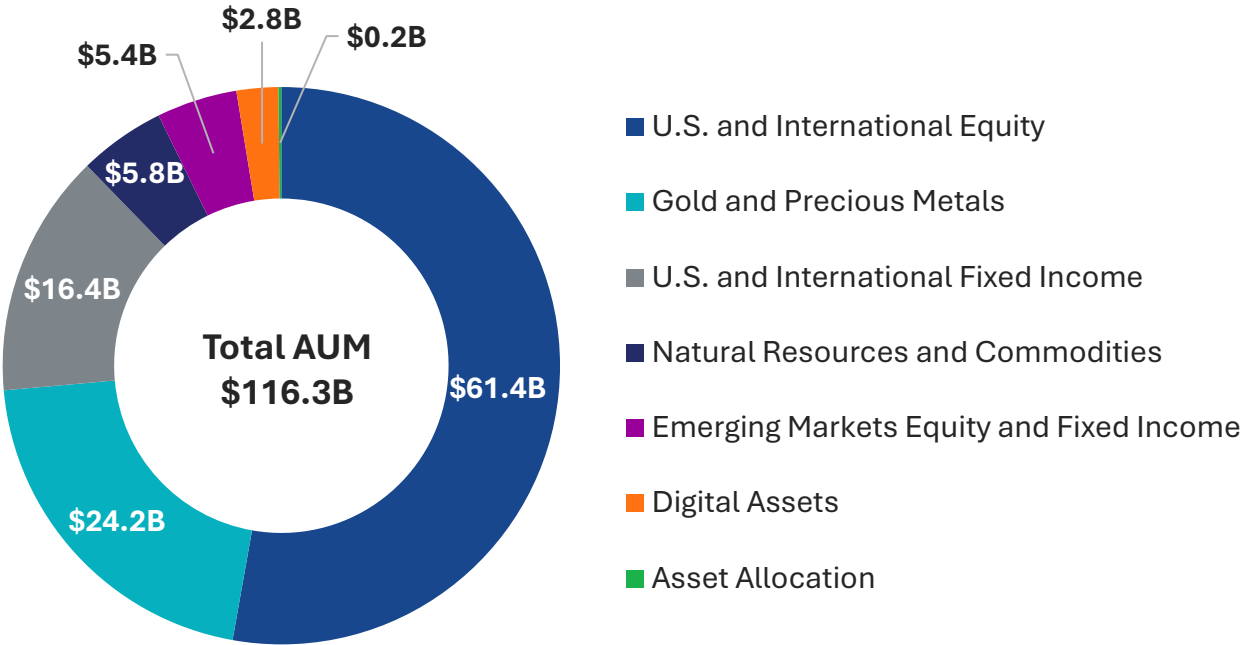
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The Future From the Perspective of a Macro Structuralist

- **“Macro”**
 - Medium-term: the financial markets reflect the real world (economics, politics, technology)
 - Shorter-term: the markets are affected by the cyclical forces of money, government and the economy
 - “Structuralist”—the number of players, their incentives, their liquidity, etc., matter

- **History can provide scenarios for asset allocation**
 - Don’t assume any asset allocation; no basis for 60/40
 - Recency bias is pervasive, even encouraged, but we know change can be big and rapid
 - 80%+ of information is misleading, even prices are manipulated
 - Manage your radar screen—being early is rewarded, but beware of fads

- **High-conviction trends**
 - You don’t have to swing at every pitch—many relationships in the markets are unknowable (low conviction)
 - Often, if you can, look beyond one year...

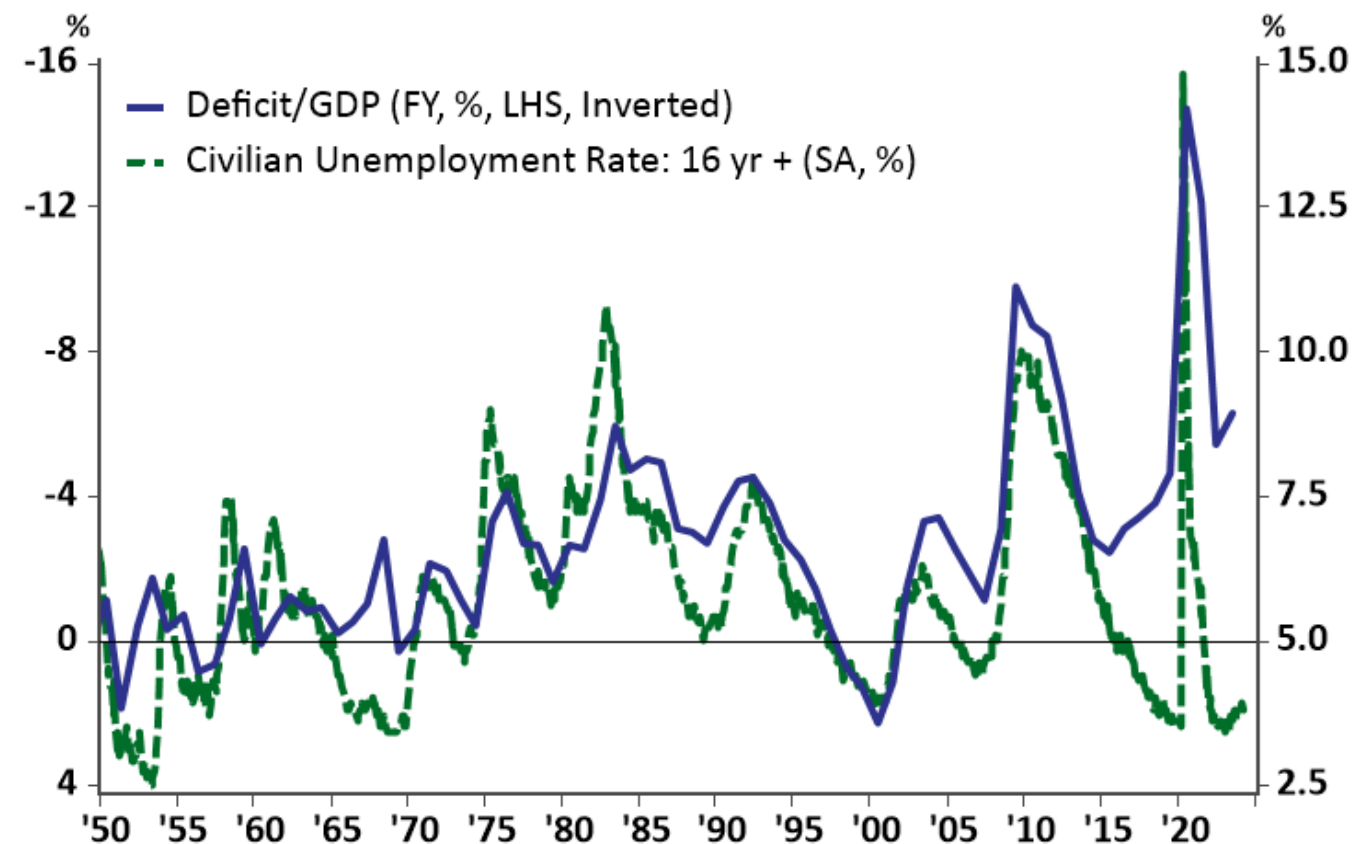
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Two Feet on the Gas is Over (Surprise from Election)

Correlation of Deficits and Unemployment



Record Fiscal Deficit:

- Consequences:
 - Strong Economy
 - Persistent Inflation
 - No Fed easing
- Indicators:
 - Gold and BTC at All Time Highs
 - US Credit Default Swaps

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Base Case: \$1 trillion dollar cut in the deficit = 3% of GDP

Fiscal 2024, Ended in September 30, 2024

<i>Outlays</i>	\$6.75
<i>Revenue</i>	\$4.92
<i>Deficit</i>	\$1.83 (6.4% of GDP)

*GDP is 28.59 trillion

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 show. Not intended as an offer to buy or sell any securities mentioned herein or as any call to action. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please important definitions at the end of the presentation.

Savings Through Job Losses and Contractor Reductions

- 3.0 million Federal Employees (including 600,000 postal workers)
 - 5-“20 million contractors” (debatable)
 - 200,000 terminated so far and 75,000 accepted voluntary termination

- Low case: $500,000 \times \$125,000 \text{ per} = \62.5 billion

- High case: $2,000,000 \times \$125,000 \text{ per} = \250 billion
- Less 250,000 “double dip” that won’t be unemployment

- **I assume half of this, or \$125 billion**

Where Job Cuts May Fall

Job Growth by Industry (2020 to 2024)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>(2020 – 2024)</u>
Health Care & Social Assistance	-450,000	+1,200,000	+1,300,000	+1,010,000	+850,000	+3,910,000
Professional & Business Services	-1,000,000	+1,400,000	+900,000	+750,000	+600,000	+2,650,000
Leisure & Hospitality	-3,800,000	+2,500,000	+1,300,000	+800,000	+250,000	+1,050,000
Construction	-200,000	+400,000	+350,000	+250,000	+200,000	+1,000,000
Manufacturing	-500,000	+300,000	+200,000	+150,000	+100,000	+250,000

Source: Perplexity
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How to Get Deficit Reduction to 3% of GDP

<i>Employees/Contractors (half of max)</i>	\$125 billion
<i>Waste and Fraud</i>	\$100 billion
<i>Tariffs</i>	\$250 billion
<i>IRA</i>	\$65 billion
<i>Higher Misc Taxes</i>	\$55 billion
<i>Pentagon</i>	\$80 billion
<i>Medicaid</i>	\$200 billion
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$875 billion (close to \$1 trillion)</u>

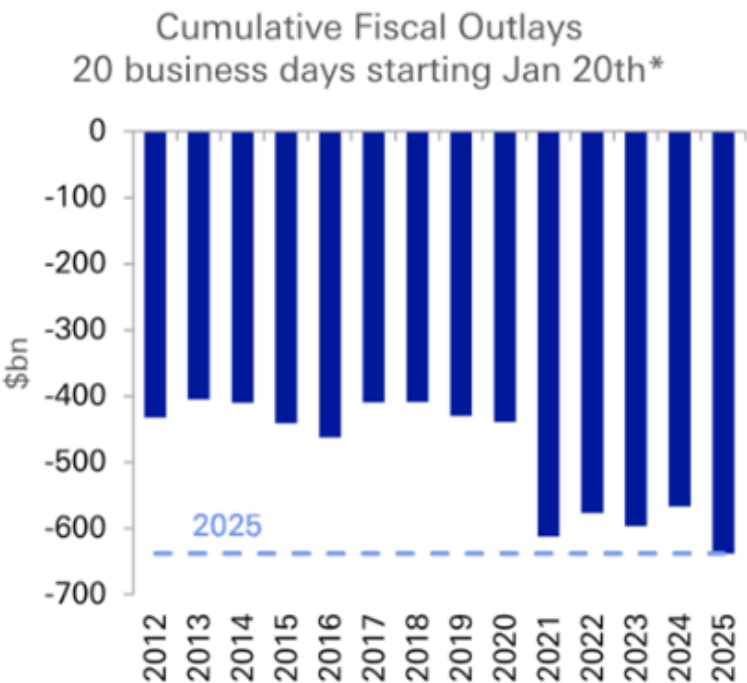
Taxes could be: excise tax on corporate stock buybacks \$24b, business SALT \$31b, IRA is \$65 billion/year.

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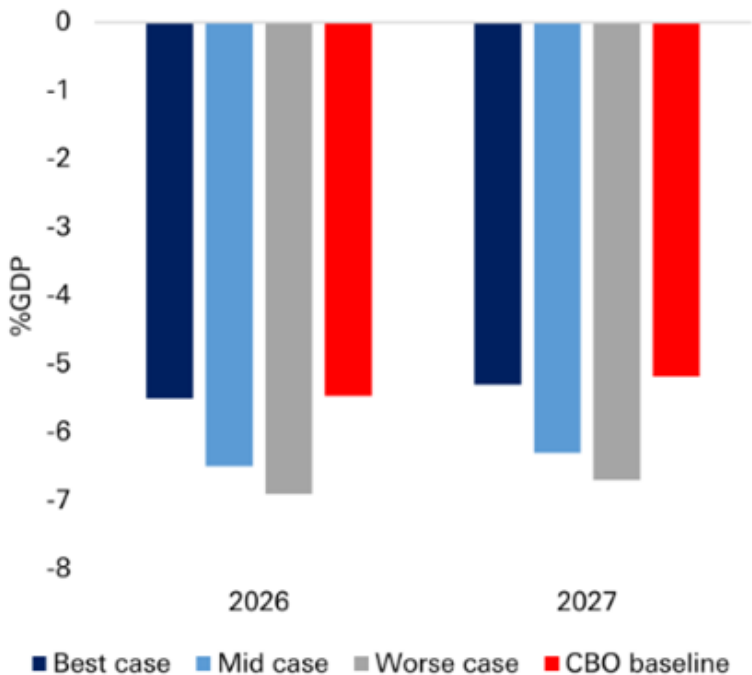
- **Significant Tariffs – Inflationary, Uncertain Risk to Economic Growth (Base Case)**
- Very Significant – Inflationary and Risk to Markets (Low Likelihood)
- Insignificant – No Effect

Wall Street Expects 5.5% Best Case

Federal Govt Spending Since Inauguration Higher Than Recent Years

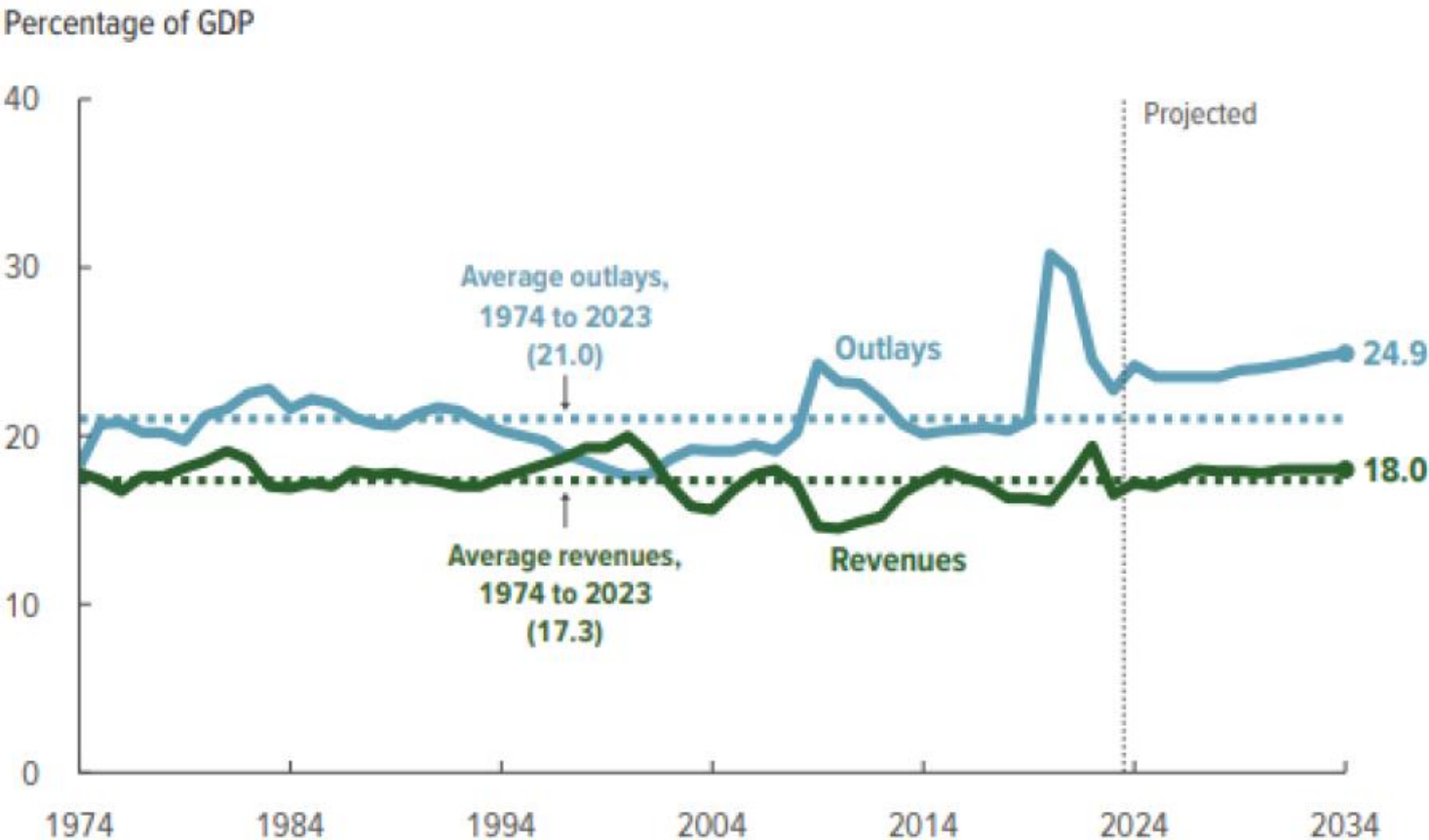


Best Case Scenario Near CBO's; wider deficits under more likely scenarios



Source: US Treasury Dept, Deutsche Bank (left); CBO, Deutsche (right). Not intended as an offer to buy or sell any securities mentioned herein or as any call to action. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please important definitions at the end of the presentation.

3% of GDP Would Not Even Get to Normal (3.9% Needed)

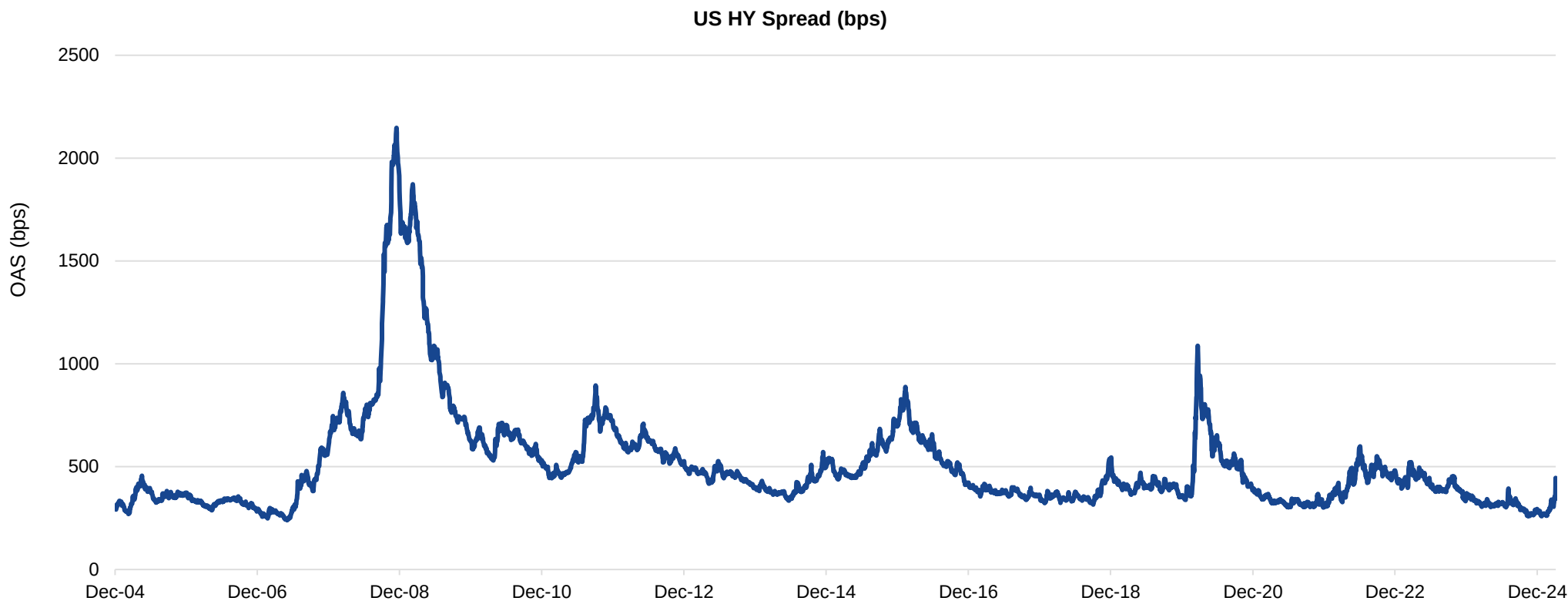


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The “Austerity” Impact of Spending Cuts

- 2 million in job losses and 3% of GDP spending cuts are recessionary
- Will hit equities and corporate profits, should be visible in Q2 earnings season through “guidance”
- **Enables Fed to cut rates to 2% or so – the grand bargain**

High Yield Spreads Widening: More Normalization Than Stress



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of April 4, 2025. The **ICE BofA US High Yield Index** tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see important disclosures and definitions at the end of the presentation.

Tracking US Debt Risk

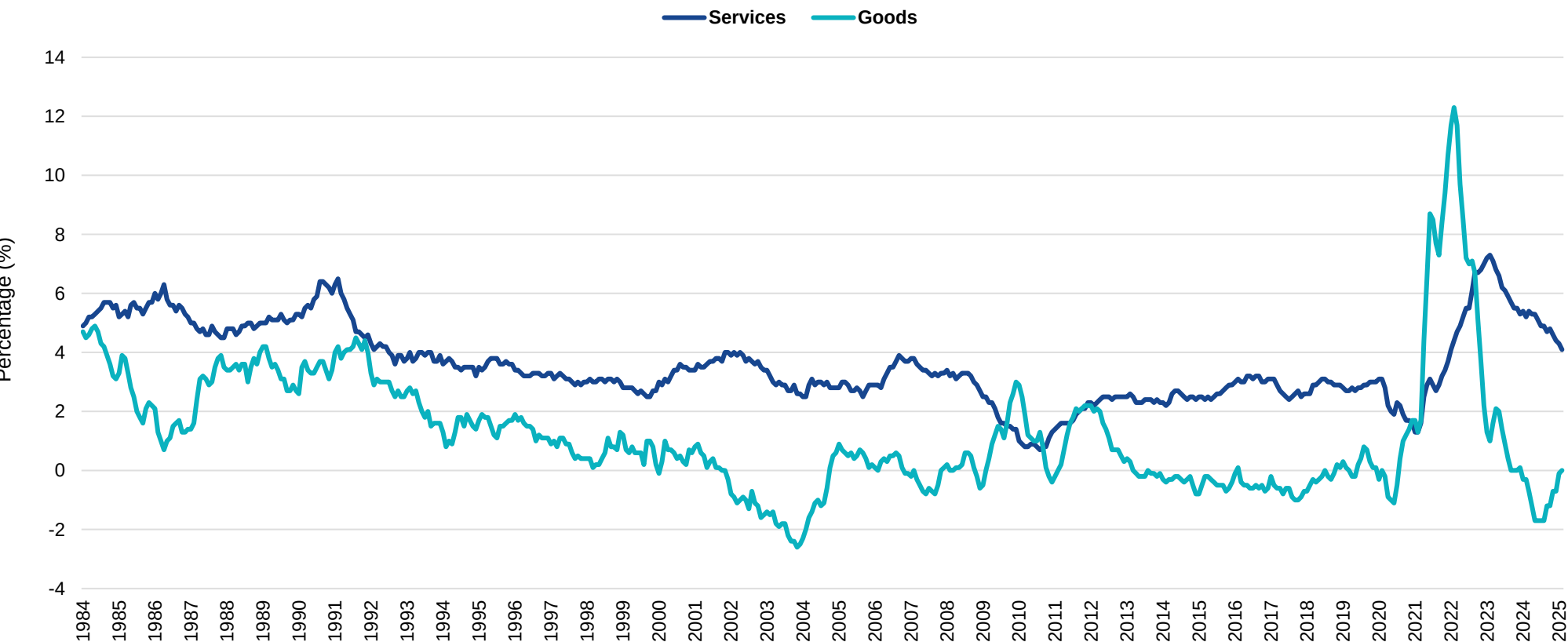
US CDS EUR SR 5Y (Jan. 2006 – Apr. 2025)



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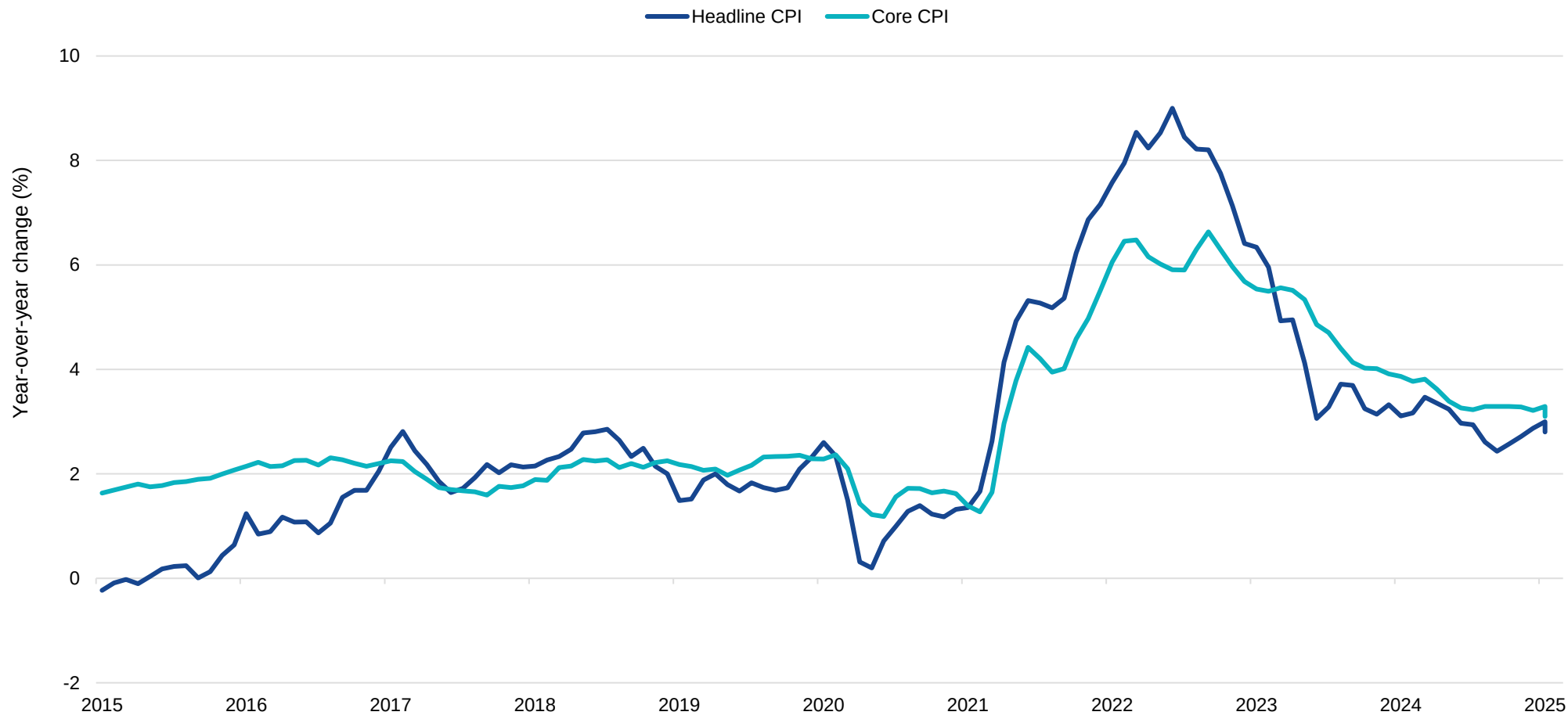
Risk: Services Inflation is Still High

U.S. Core CPI – Goods and Services (1 Year % Change)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data as of February 2025. The "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: All Items Less Food & Energy" is an aggregate of prices paid by urban consumers for a typical basket of goods, excluding food and energy. This measurement, known as "Core CPI," is widely used by economists because food and energy have very volatile prices. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please important definitions at the end of the presentation.

Inflation Risk Still A Concern



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“Pounding the Table” on Gold and Bitcoin in 2023

VanEck CEO: We're at very beginning of several-year bull cycle for gold and bitcoin

CNBC Closing Bell Overtime, 3/24/2023

Price of Gold

- \$1,968 as of March 31, 2023
- \$3,120 as of March 31, 2025 **(59% increase)**

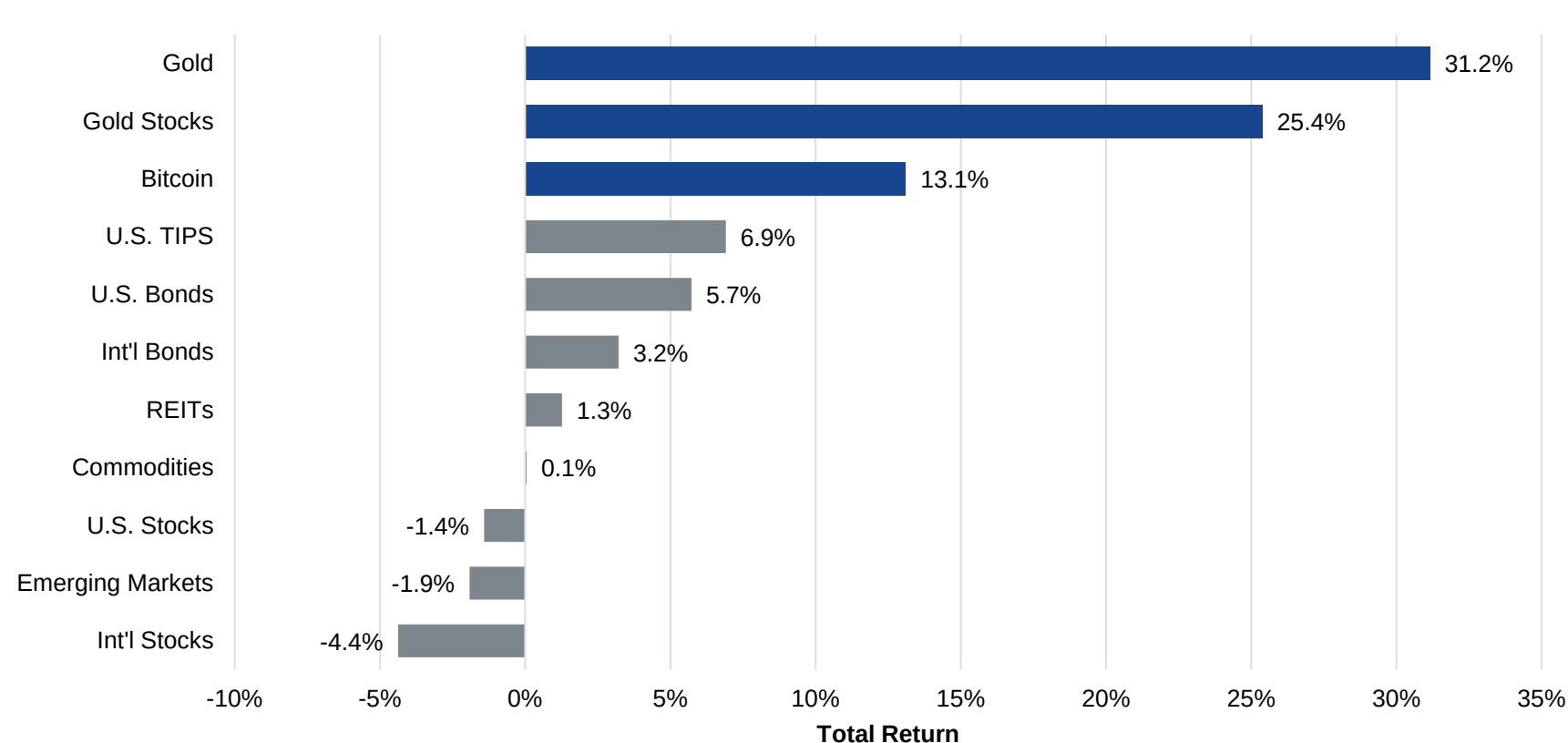
Price of Bitcoin

- \$28,479 as of March 31, 2023
- \$82,550 as of March 31, 2025 **(190% increase)**



Bitcoin and Gold Shine as Top Performers

1-Year Return of Various Asset Classes (as April 7, 2025)



Over the past year, bitcoin, gold and gold stocks have been among the top-performing asset classes.

Source: VanEck, FactSet. Data as of April 7, 2025. "Gold Stocks" represented by NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index. "U.S. Stocks" represented by the S&P 500 Index. "REITs" represented by FTSE NAREIT All REITs Index. "EM Stocks" represented by MSCI Emerging Markets Index. "International Stocks" represented by MSCI AC World ex USA Index. "U.S. TIPS" represented by Bloomberg U.S. TIPS (1-3 Year) Index. "U.S. Bonds" represented by Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. "International Bonds" represented by Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex US Index. "Commodities" represented by Bloomberg Commodity Index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. It is not possible to directly invest in an index. Index descriptions included at the end of this presentation. **Digital assets are subject to significant risk and are not suitable for all investors. It is possible to lose your entire principal investment.** Not intended as an offer or recommendation to buy or sell any assets referenced herein.

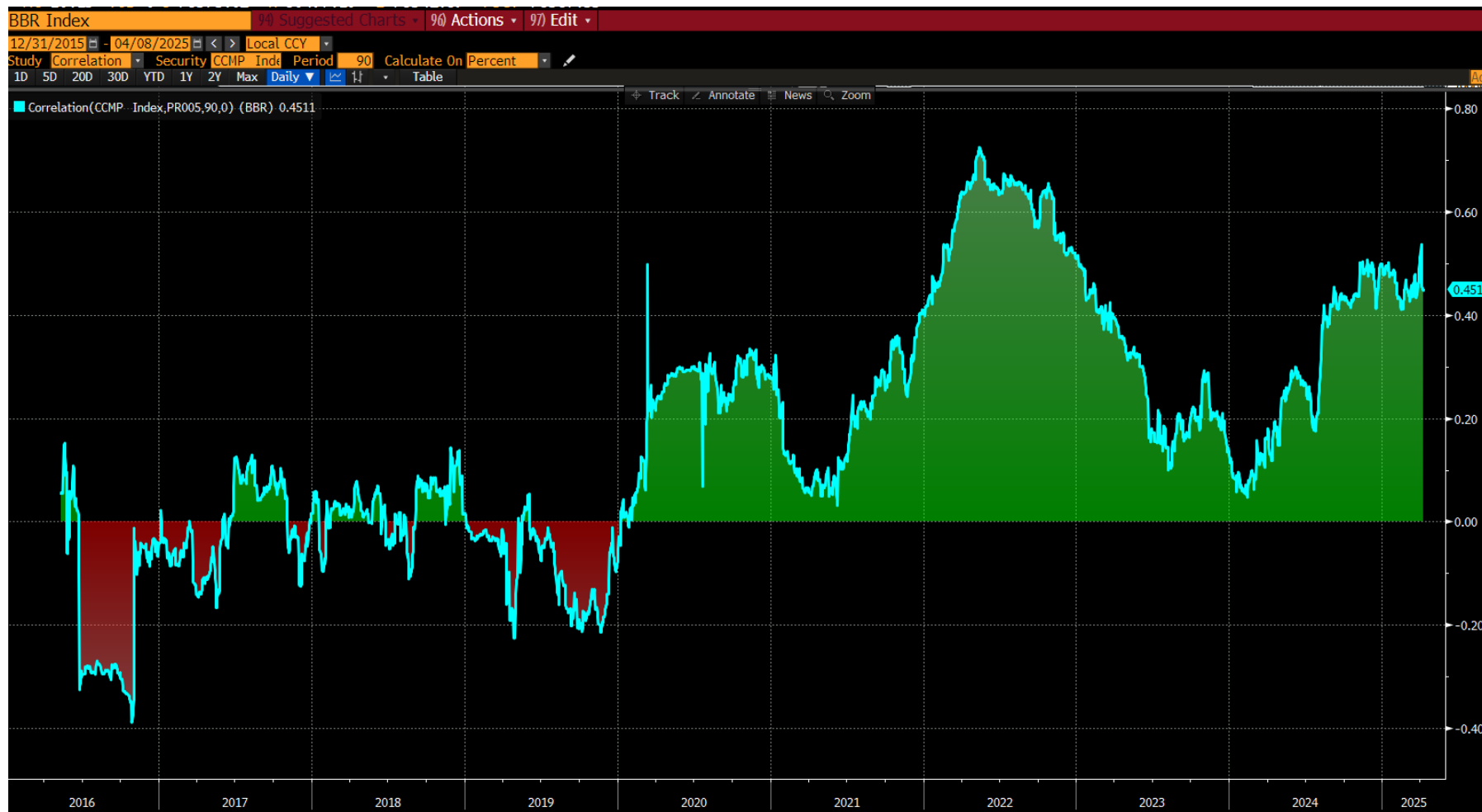
Bitcoin Outperforms Over All Time Periods

Performance (as of April 7, 2025)

	<u>NASDAQ</u>	<u>BTC</u>	<u>BTC Excess Return</u>
One Week	-9.8%	-4.0%	5.8%
One Month	-14.2%	-8.7%	5.5%
YTD	-19.2%	-15.2%	4.0%
One Year	-4.0%	10.6%	14.6%
Two Year	29.1%	182.6%	153.5%
Three Year	12.3%	82.0%	69.8%
Five Year	97.8%	1004.7%	906.8%
Ten Year	217.8%	31096.3%	30878.5%

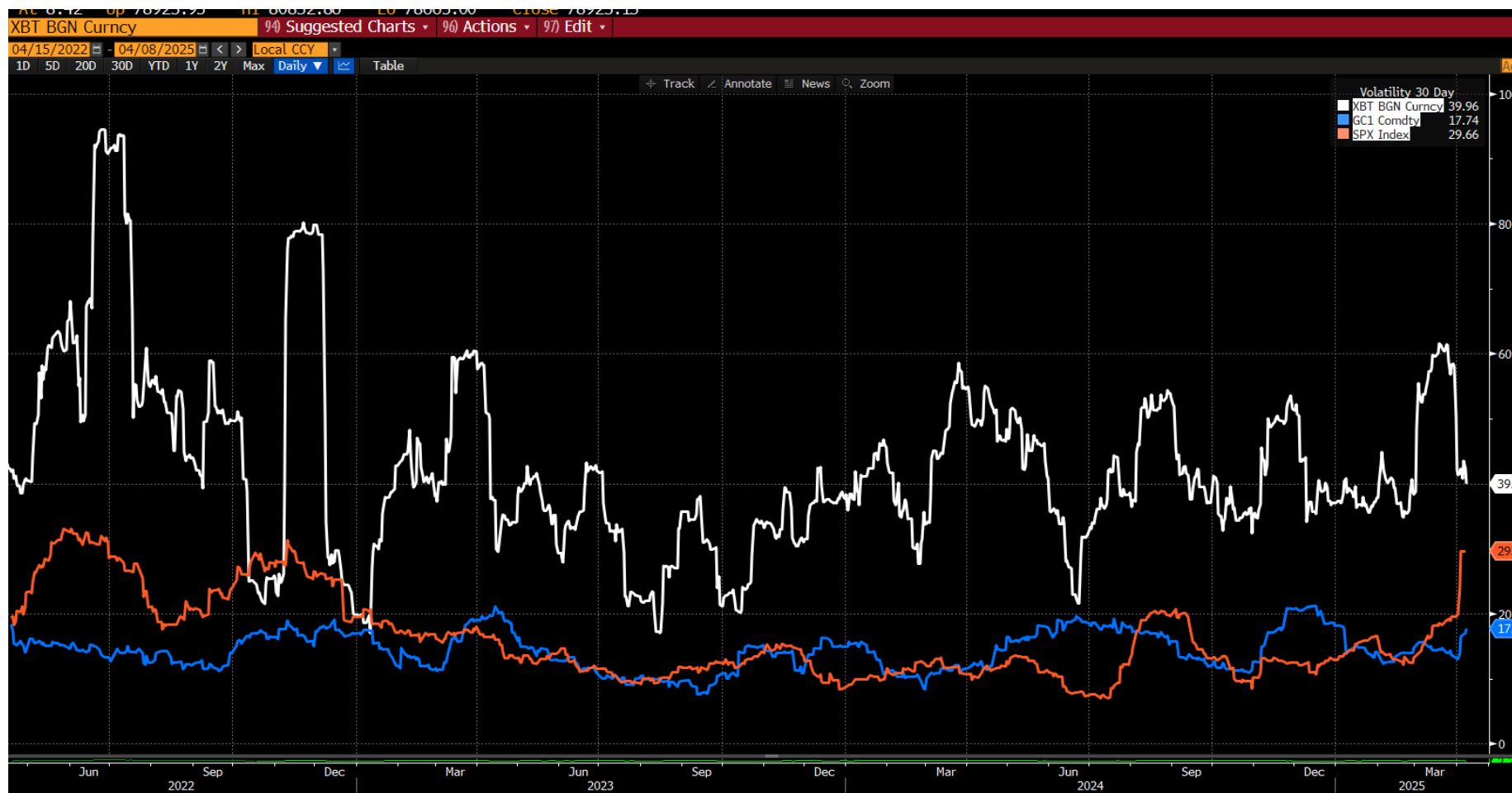
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Bitcoin Correlation Shift After COVID?



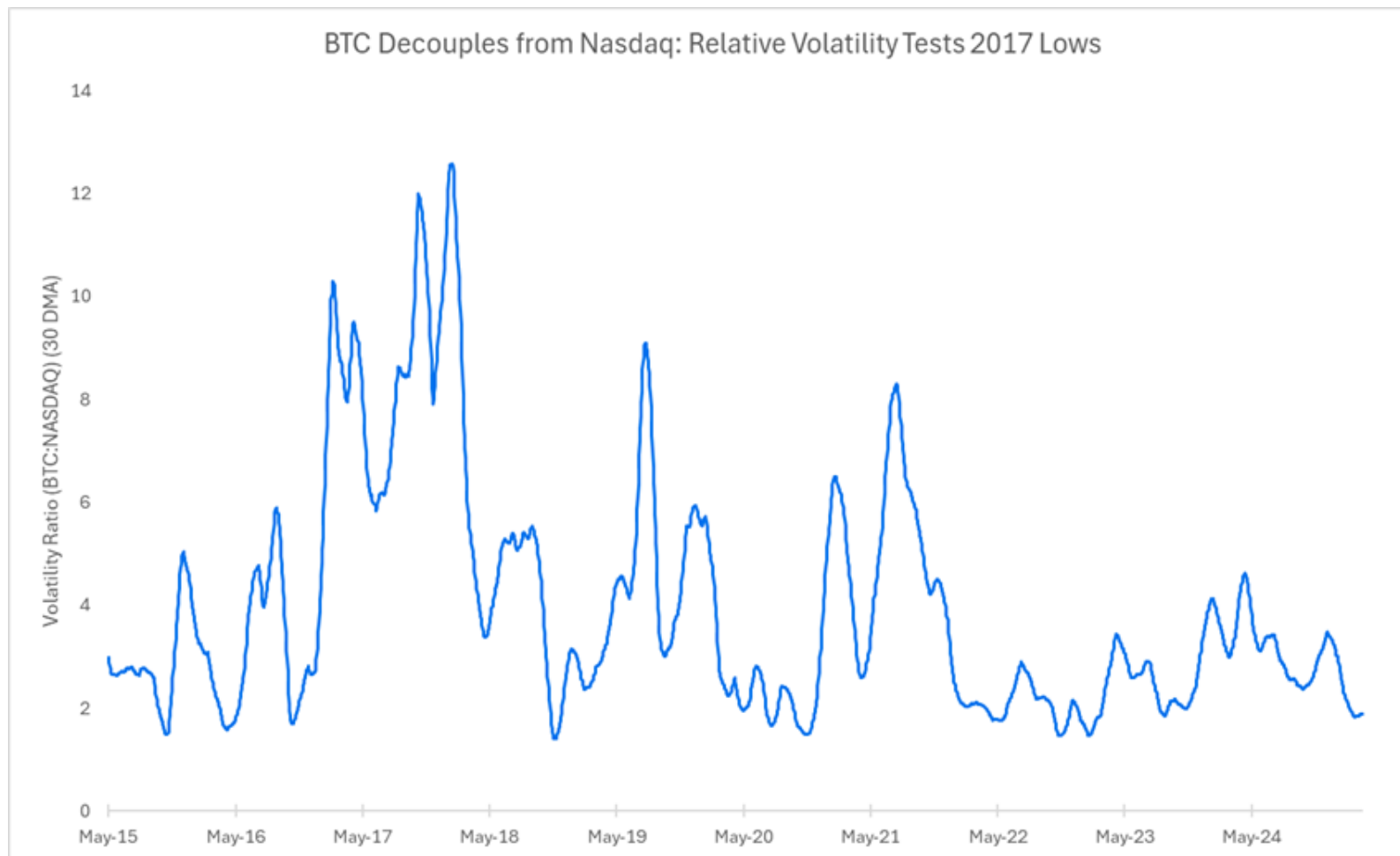
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Bitcoin's Volatility Is Still High



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Bitcoin's Volatility Has Also Shifted Down



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We Called “Peak Growth” In July 2024

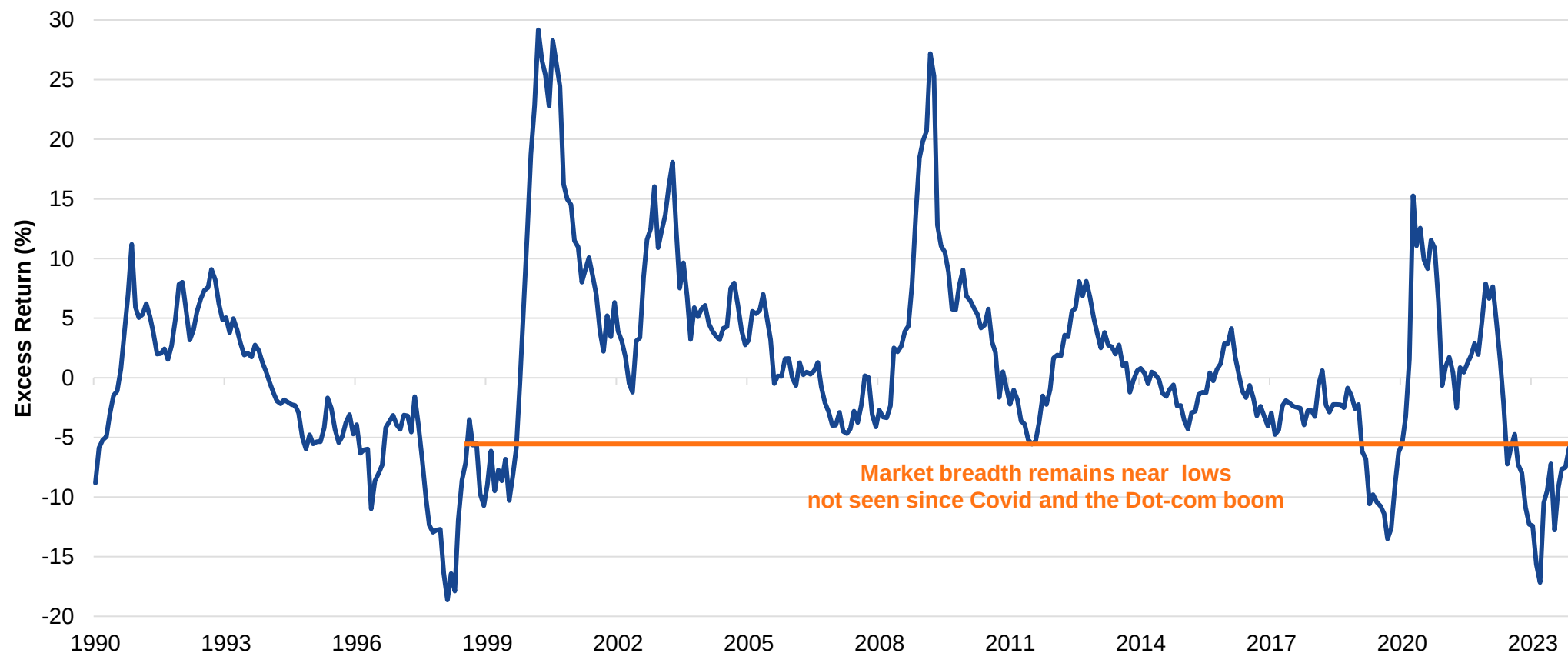
The Ratio Between Large Cap Growth and Value Was at Dot-Com High; Fed Action and Tech “Bubble” Helped Value



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Support for a Broader Market – Equal Weight Rallying

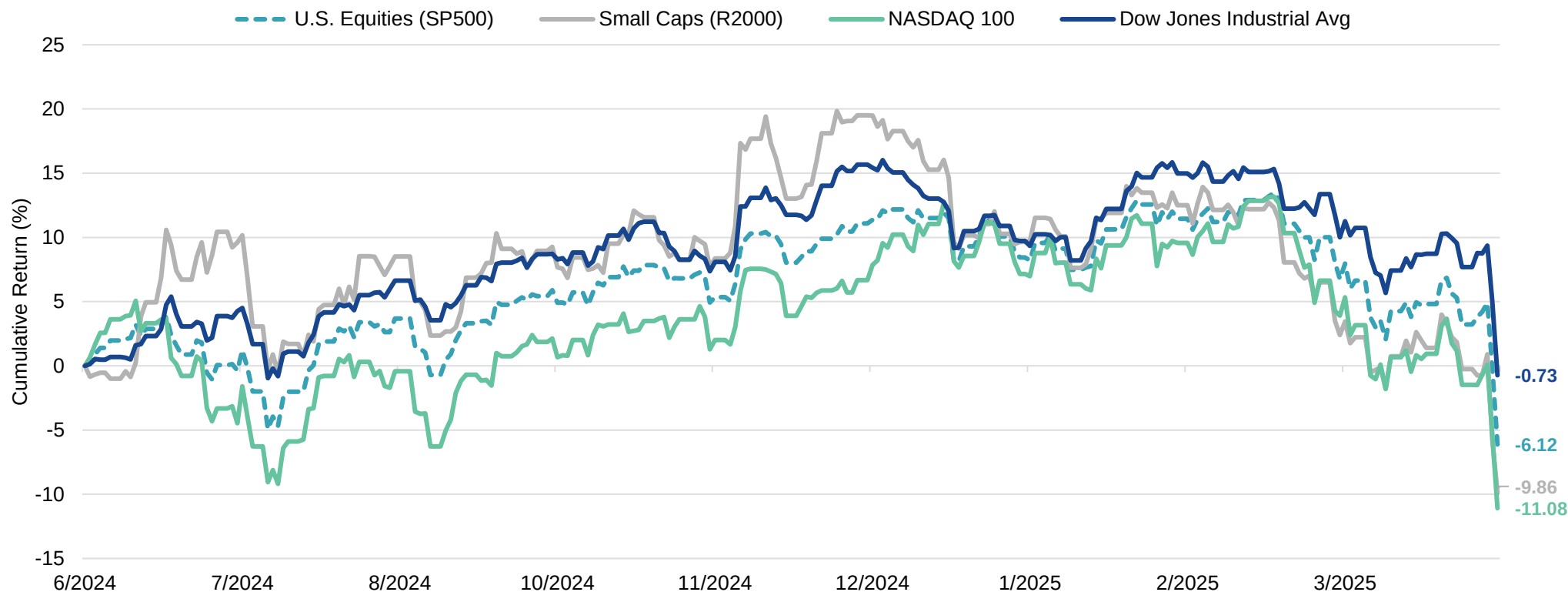
Narrow Leadership: S&P 500 Equal Weighted Index Rolling 1 Year Excess Returns vs. S&P 500 Index / 1/1990 – 3/2025



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- Benefits of AI Flow to Companies Other Than Mega Cap Tech
- NVDA Begins to Have Competitors
- Increase in Energy Demand
 - Nuclear Energy: Cost and Availability of Energy is a National Priority
 - Natural Gas – Bridge to Nuclear
 - Infrastructure and Grid Build-Out
 - Copper – Related to Natural Gas

Phase 2 of AI Proving Out: Mega-Tech Lagging



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NVIDIA: Valuations Are Now Reasonable

Corrected 33% from \$152/share

NVDA - Forward P/E



Source: Bloomberg. Data as of April 4, 2025. The price-to-earnings ratio compares a company's share price with its earnings per share and is used to determine the relative value of a company's shares in side-by-side comparisons. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please see important disclosures and definitions at the end of the presentation.

Time to Revisit International Exposure

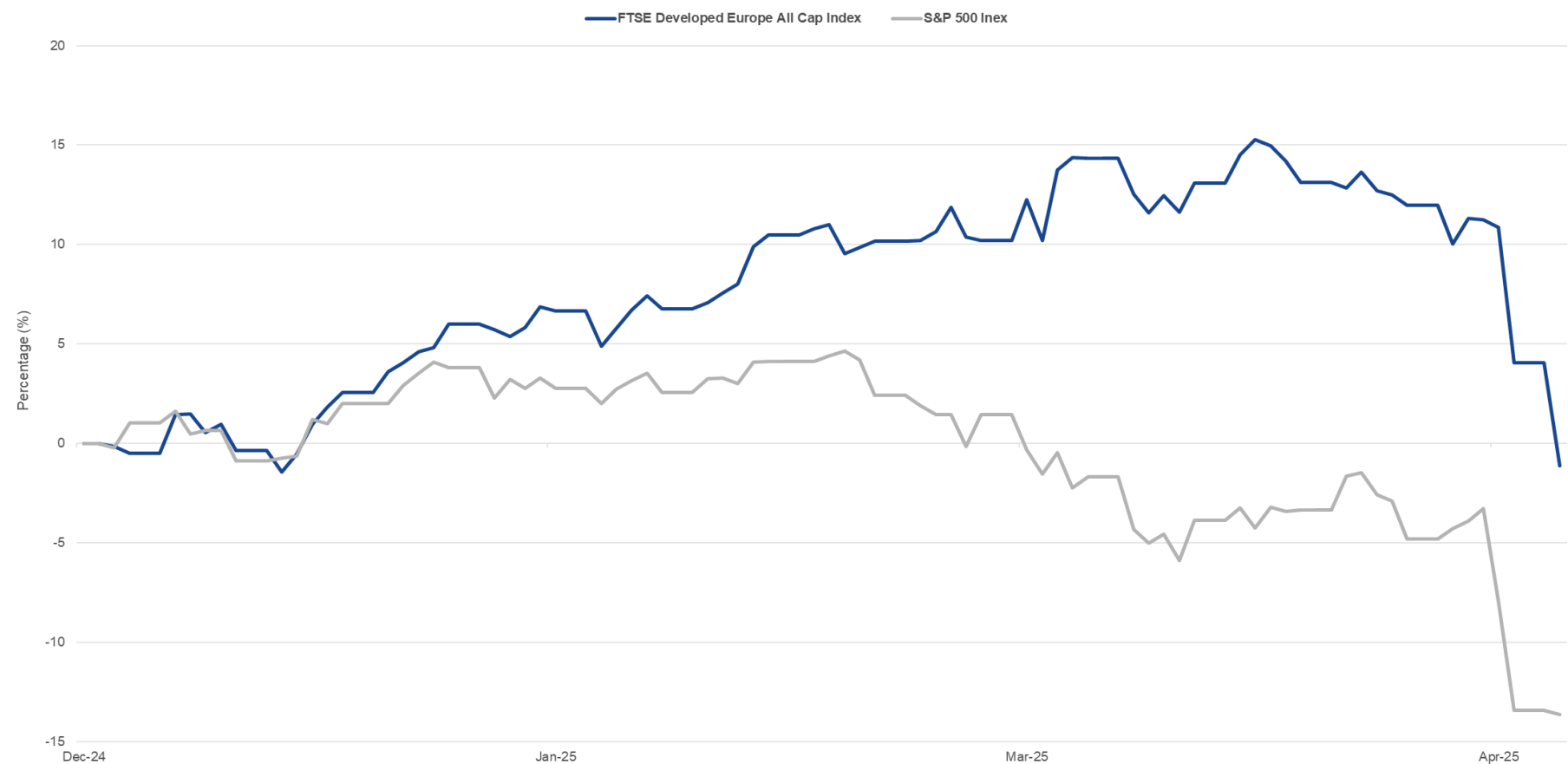
Price Performance in Different Regimes

	<u>2014-Current</u>	<u>2000 - 2007</u>	<u>1996-2000</u>
S&P 500 Index	116%	1%	148%
S&P 500 Equal Weight Index	74%	78%	77%
Nasdaq 100 Index	226%	-52%	714%
Russell 2000 Index	34%	44%	81%
MSCI International Developed Index	20%	36%	55%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	3%	160%	12%

Source: Bloomberg, New Edge Wealth. Data as of April 8, 2025. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please see important disclosures and definitions at the end of the presentation.

Is Europe's Performance Sustainable?

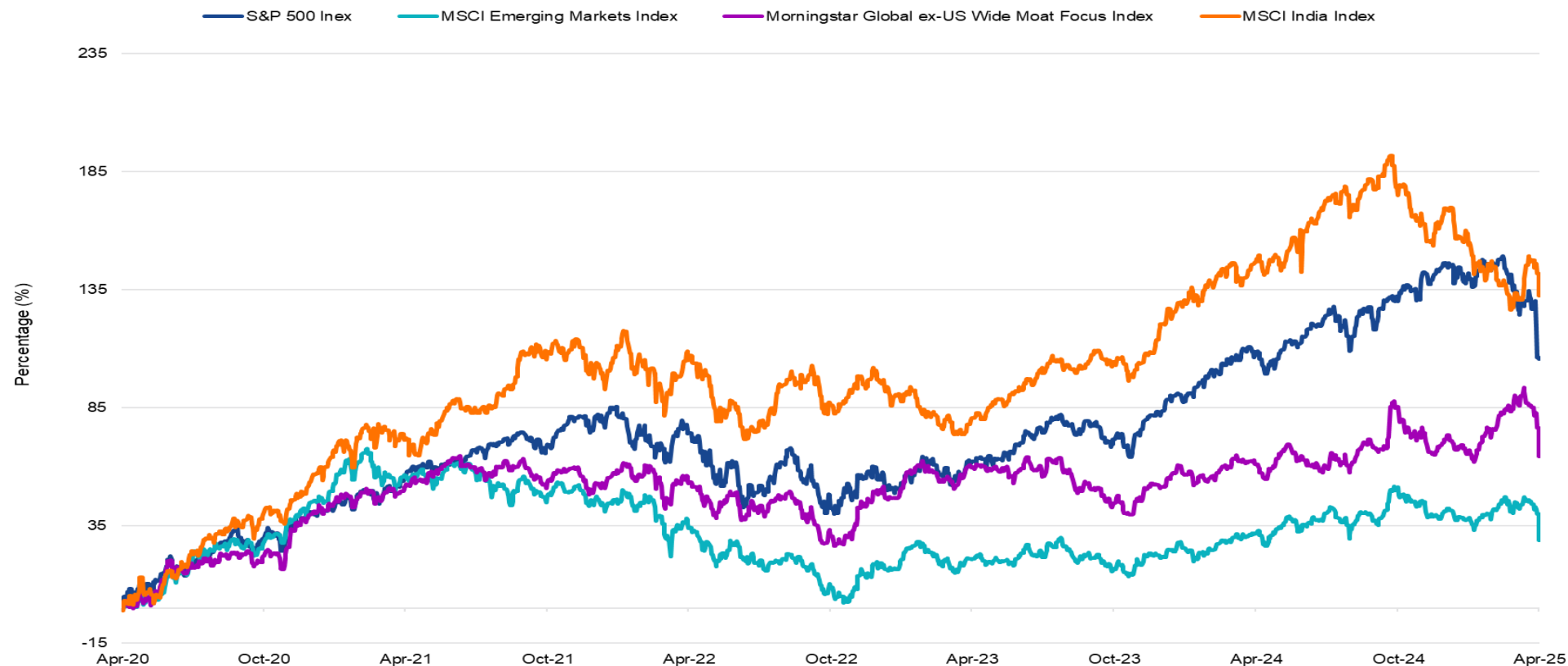
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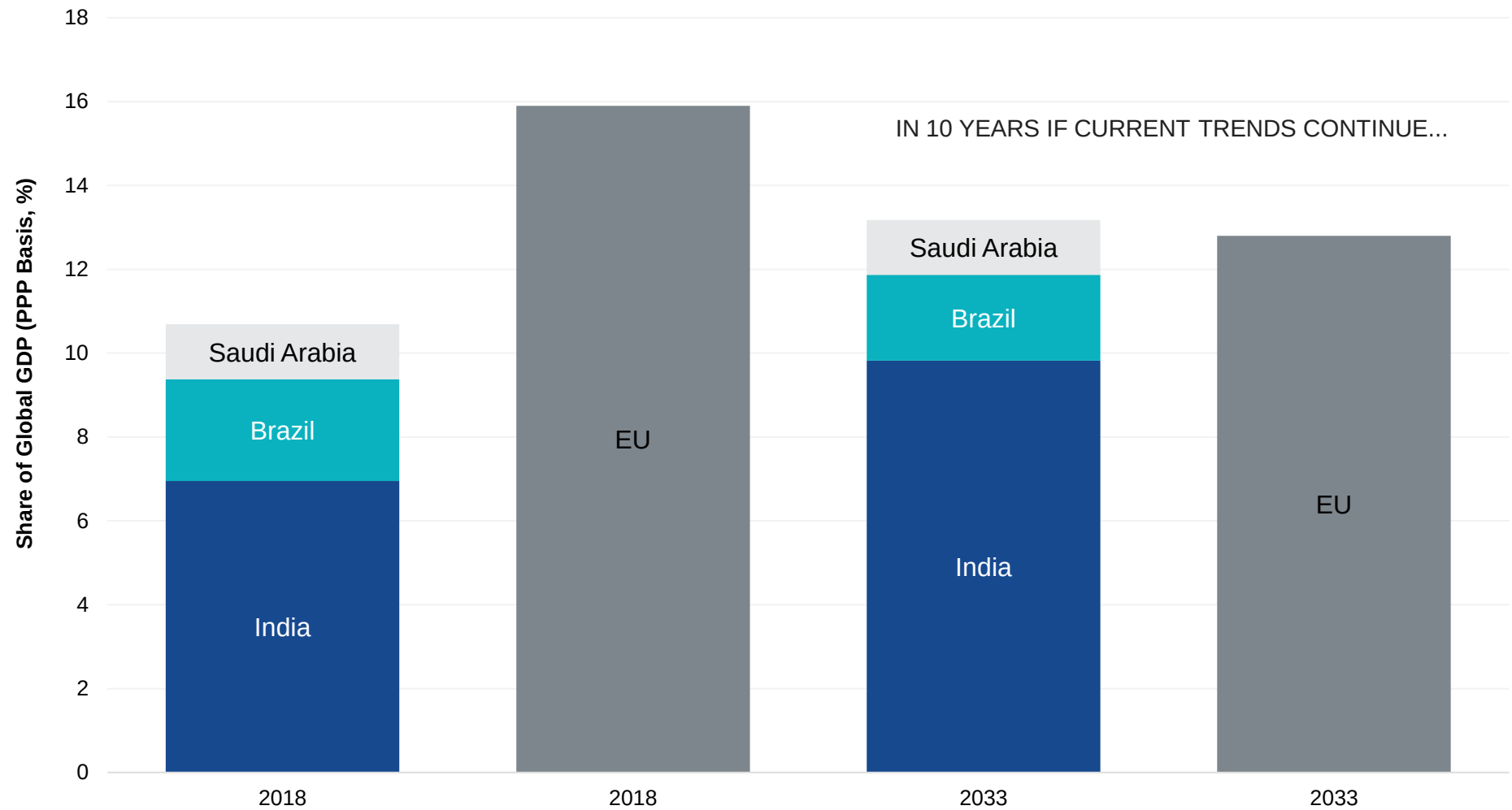
Background: International Exposure Seems a Mistake

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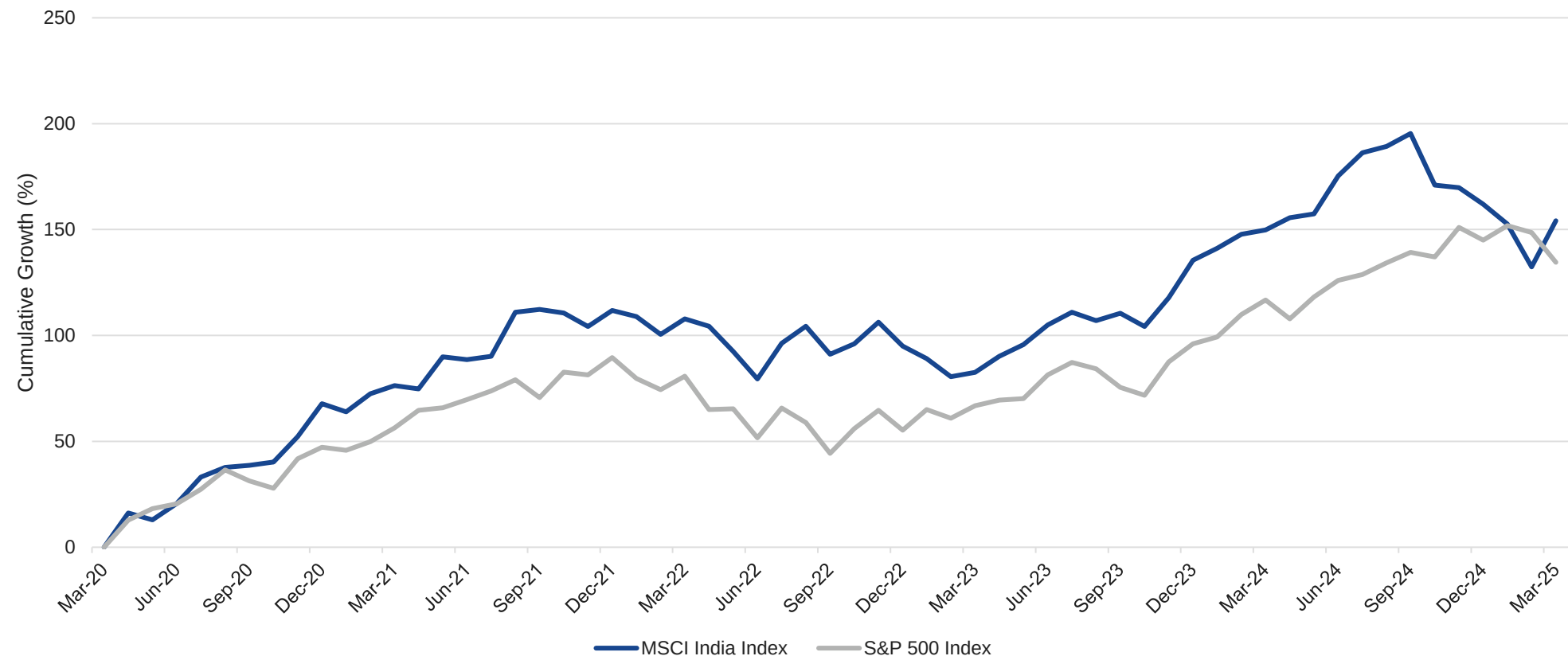
India++ Will Pass the EU in 10 Years



Source: VanEck Research; IMF; Bloomberg as of 6/30/2023. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please important definitions at the end of the presentation.

Recent India Correction a Buying Opportunity

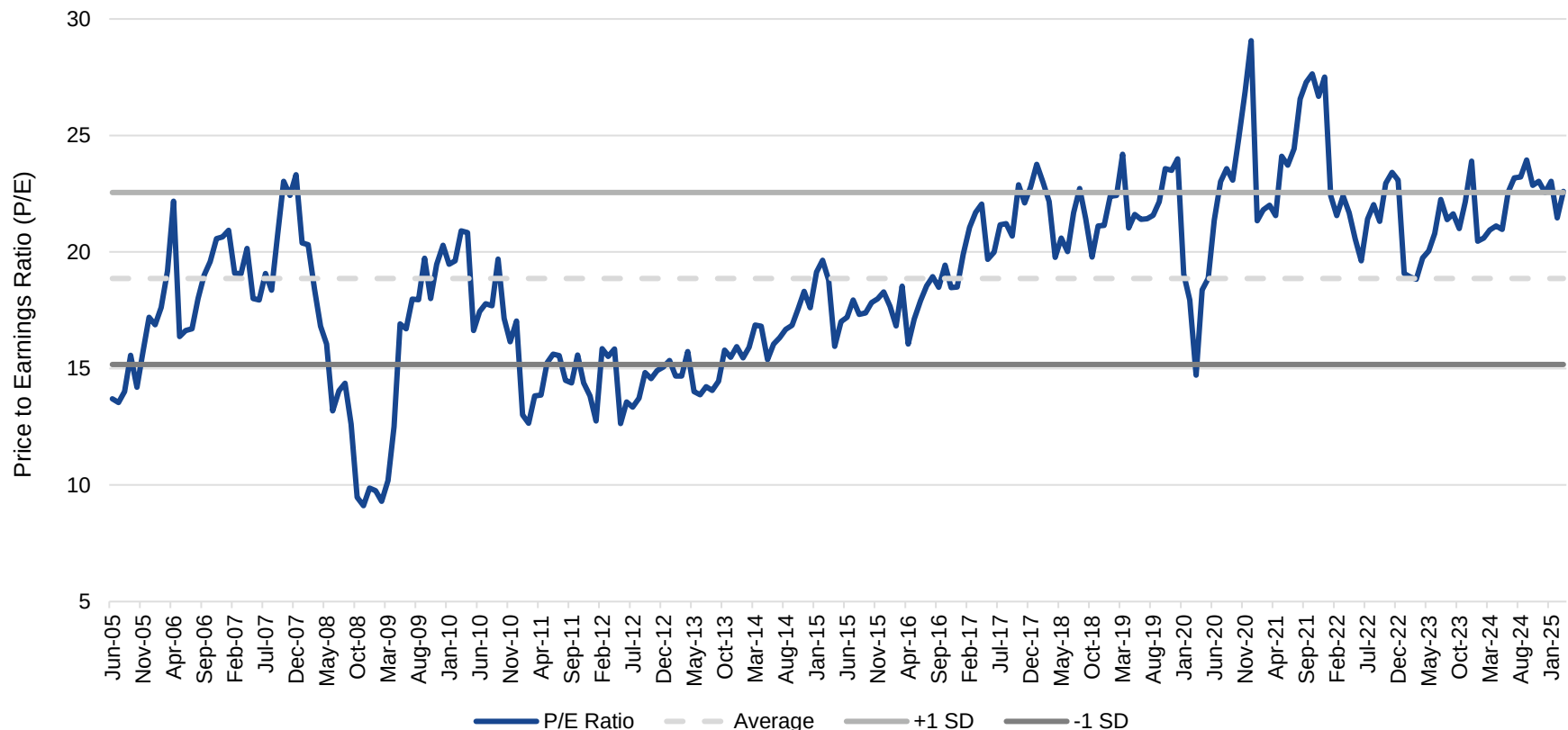
U.S. and India Market Performance Mostly In Sync Over Last 5 Years



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Valuations Are Often a Question in India

Valuations Have Come Down from Recent Highs

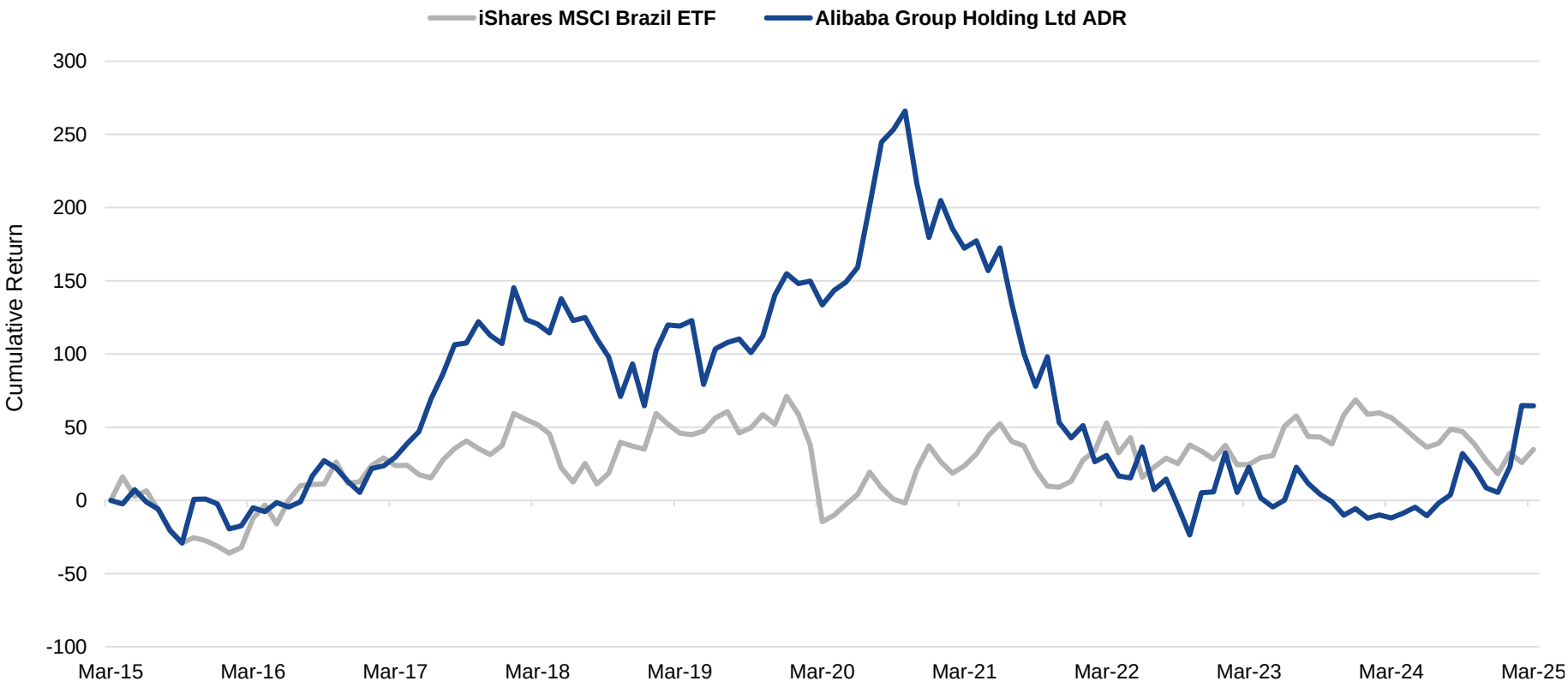


- Cheaper per Unit of Earnings Growth than U.S. (0.74 PEG ratio v 2.02 for U.S.)

Source: Bloomberg as of March 2025. The BSE SENSEX (also known as the S&P Bombay Stock Exchange Sensitive Index or simply SENSEX) is a free-float market-weighted stock market index of 30 well-established and financially sound companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange. The 30 constituent companies which are some of the largest and most actively traded stocks, are representative of various industrial sectors of the Indian economy. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Any projections, forecasts and other forward-looking statements are not indicative of actual results, are for illustrative purposes only, are valid as of the date of this communication, and are subject to change without notice. Please important definitions at the end of the presentation.

China and Brazil Equities

BABA vs. EWZ



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Index Descriptions

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is a measure of the prevailing direction of economic trends in manufacturing based on a monthly survey of supply chain managers across 19 industries, covering both upstream and downstream activity. The value and movements in the PMI and its components can provide useful insight to business decision makers, market analysts, and investors, and is a leading indicator of overall economic activity in the U.S.

S&P 500 Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index is a float-adjusted, market-cap-weighted index of 500 leading U.S. companies from across all market sectors including information technology, telecommunications services, utilities, energy, materials, industrials, real estate, financials, health care, consumer discretionary and consumer staples.

Morningstar® US Small-Mid Cap Moat Focus Index is intended to track the overall performance of small- and mid-cap companies with sustainable competitive advantages and attractive valuations according to Morningstar's equity research team.

Russell 1000 Growth/Value Index is designed to track the relative performance large cap growth vs large cap value segment of the U.S. equity market.

Nasdaq 100 Index comprises equity securities issued by 100 of the largest non-financial companies listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange.

Russell 2000 Index tracks the small-cap U.S. stock market.

MSCI International Developed Markets Index measures the performance of equity markets across developed countries.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index tracks large and mid cap representation across emerging markets countries. The MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large, mid and small cap representation across Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

MSCI India Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Indian market. The index covers approximately 85% of the Indian equity universe.

Bloomberg Commodity Index is a broadly diversified index that tracks the commodity markets through commodity futures contracts and is made up of exchange-traded futures on physical commodities, which are weighted to account for economic significance and market liquidity.

Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex USD Index measures the performance of global investment grade fixed-rate debt markets that excludes U.S. dollar-denominated securities. Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.

Bloomberg U.S. TIPS (1-3 Year) Index measures the performance of the U.S. treasury inflation-linked bond market of obligations with maturities of 1-3 years.

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