#### **AGENDA**

# BOARD OF RETIREMENT MEETING SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 AT 8:00 AM

Wine and Roses - Garden Ballroom, 2505 Turner Road, Lodi, CA 95242

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- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS
- 4. OVERVIEW OF SJCERA ASSET ALLOCATION, RETURN AND RISK, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
  - **4.1** Presentation by David Sancewich of Meketa Investment Group
- 5. KEYNOTE SPEAKER THE STATE OF THE WORLD IN 2025 AND BEYOND
  - **5.1** Presentation by Allison Boxer Managing Director, PIMCO
- 6. PRIVATE MARKET INVESTING: PRIVATE EQUITY, PRIVATE CREDIT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

What's next and where are the markets today? Will Private market increase distributions and M&A activity?

6.1 Moderator: Judy Chambers of Meketa. Presenters: Jeff Enis of Ocean Avenue, Robert Kostow of HPS, and Trey Lee of Stellex

#### 7. REAL ESTATE

What lies ahead in Real Estate and where are the opportunities? What is the future for vacant office buildings? What are some emerging market constraints in Real Estate?

**7.1** Moderator: Scott Maynard of Meketa. Presenters: Dillon Lorda of AEW, Kosta Karmaniolas of Prologois, and Kyle Elfers of Principal

#### 8. MANAGER DEBATE

Watch teams of managers debate various topics

8.1 Moderators: David Sancewhich and Ryan Farrell of Meketa. Brooks Monroe of Invesco, Rafael Fishback of Mesa West, Tom Casarella of Oaktree, and Mike Gozycki of Capital Meridian

#### 9. DEGLOBALIZATION AND TARIFFS

When will it stop and what does it mean? The tide has turned and international markets are now outperforming the U.S. Will this continue? What investment trends make sense given the current state of the markets?

9.1 Moderators: Trent Kaeslin of SJCERA, Paola Nealon of Meketa.
Presenters: David Aspell of Mt. Lucas, Andrew Henwood of Loomis, and Michel Dilmanian of BlackRock

#### 10. OPEN DISCUSSION AND RECAP

Led by David Sancewich of Meketa

- **10.1** Comments from the Board of Retirement
- **10.2** Comments from the Public

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT



October 2025

SJCERA Overview



### San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association SJCERA Overview

#### The Defined Benefit Pension Equation

#### **Essential Equation for Pension Funds:**

$$C+I=B+E$$

C = Contributions (by Employers and Employees)

I = Interest (investment return - appreciation/income)

B = Benefits

E = Expenses

#### Work Together as Strategic Partners



### **Capital Markets Review**



Pension Challenges and SJCERA Overview

### Domestic Equity (September 2025)

	MTD (%)	QTD (%)	YTD (%)	1 YR (%)	3 YR (%)	5 YR (%)
S&P 500	3.7	8.1	14.8	17.6	24.9	16.5
Russell 3000	3.5	8.2	14.4	17.4	24.2	15.8
Russell 1000	3.5	8.0	14.6	17.8	24.7	16.0
R1000 Growth	5.3	10.5	17.2	25.5	31.7	17.6
R1000 Value	1.5	5.3	11.7	9.4	17.0	13.9
Russell 2000	3.11	12.4	10.4	10.8	15.2	11.6
R2000 Growth	4.2	12.2	11.7	13.6	16.7	8.4
R2000 Value	2.0	12.6	9.0	7.9	13.6	14.6



Pension Challenges and SJCERA Overview

### International Equity (September 2025)

Faraign Fauity	Sept	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR
Foreign Equity	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
MSCI ACWI ex. US	3.6	6.9	26.0	16.5	20.7	10.3
MSCI EAFE	1.9	4.8	25.1	15.0	21.7	11.2
MSCI EAFE (Local)	1.8	5.4	13.6	12.9	16.9	12.6
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	1.6	6.2	28.4	17.7	19.7	8.5
MSCI Emerging Mkt	7.2	10.6	27.5	17.3	18.2	7.0
MSCI EM (Local)	7.1	12.2	24.3	18.8	18.1	8.6
MSCI China	9.8	20.7	41.6	30.8	19.5	0.41



# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Pension Challenges and SJCERA Overview

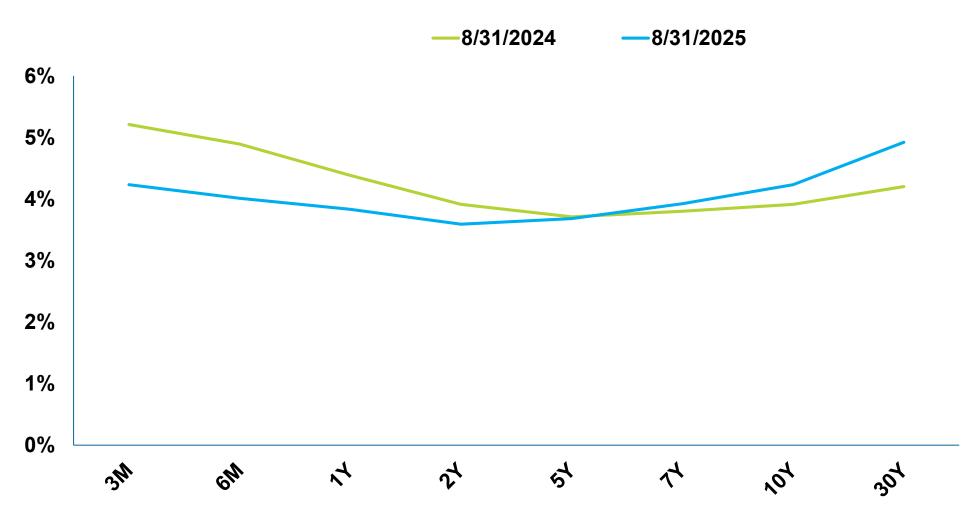
### Fixed Income(September 2025)

Fixed Income	Sept.	QTD	YTD	1 Y	3 Y	5 Y
BB Universal	1.1	2.1	6.3	3.4	5.6	0.1
BB Aggregate	1.1	2.0	6.1	2.9	4.9	-0.5
BB US TIPS	0.4	2.1	6.7	3.8	4.9	1.4
BB HY	0.8	2.5	7.2	7.4	11.1	5.6



**Capital Markets Review** 

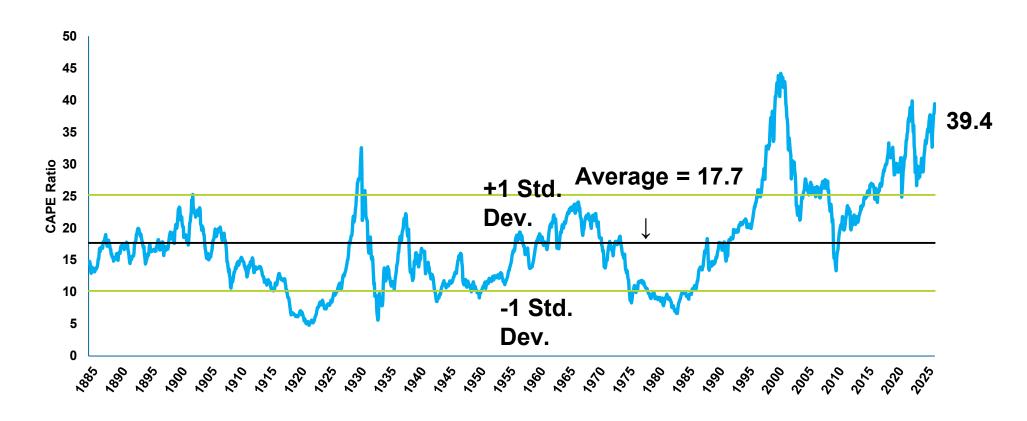






# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Capital Markets Review

US Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E<sup>1</sup> (As of September 30, 2025)

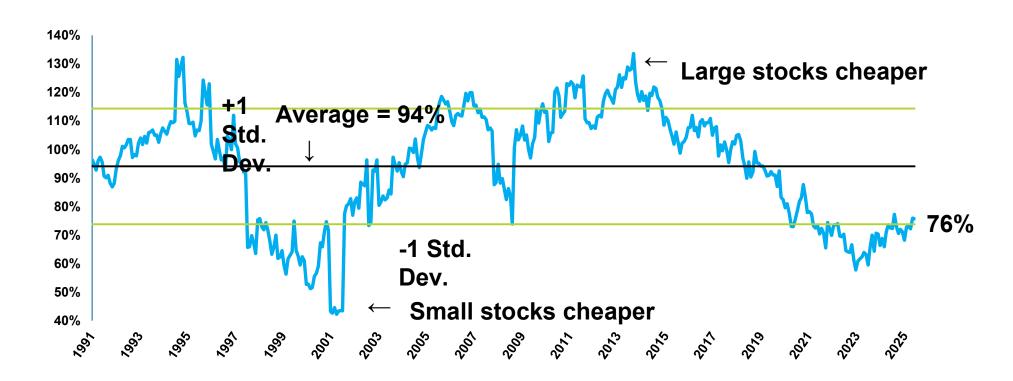


<sup>1</sup> Source: US Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E on S&P 500 Index. Source: Robert Shiller, Yale University, and Meketa Investment Group



**Capital Markets Review** 

Small Cap VS. Large Cap P/E<sup>1</sup> (As of September 30, 2025)

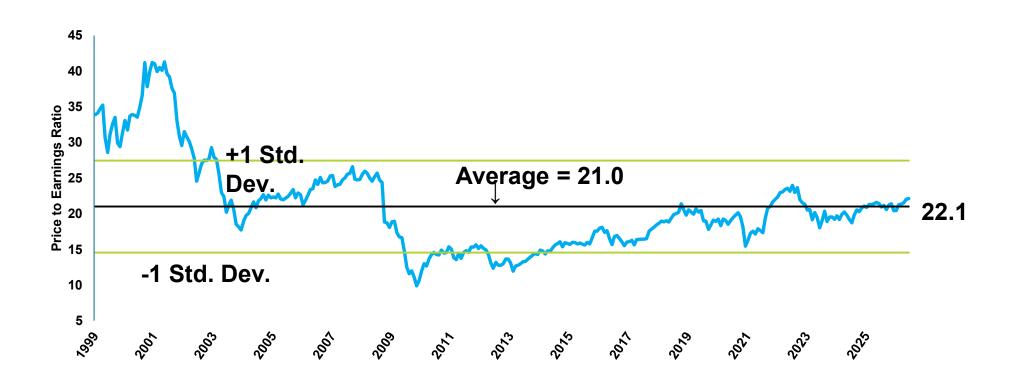


Source: Developed International Equity (MSCI EAFE Index) Cyclically Adjusted P/E – Source: MSCI and Bloomberg. Earnings figures represent the average of monthly "as reported" earnings over the previous ten years.



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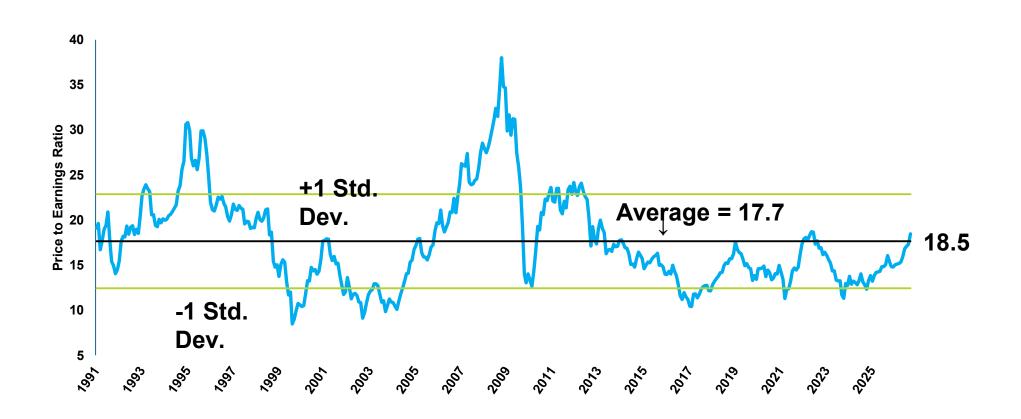


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**Capital Markets Review** 

# Emerging Market Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E<sup>1</sup> (As of September 30, 2025)

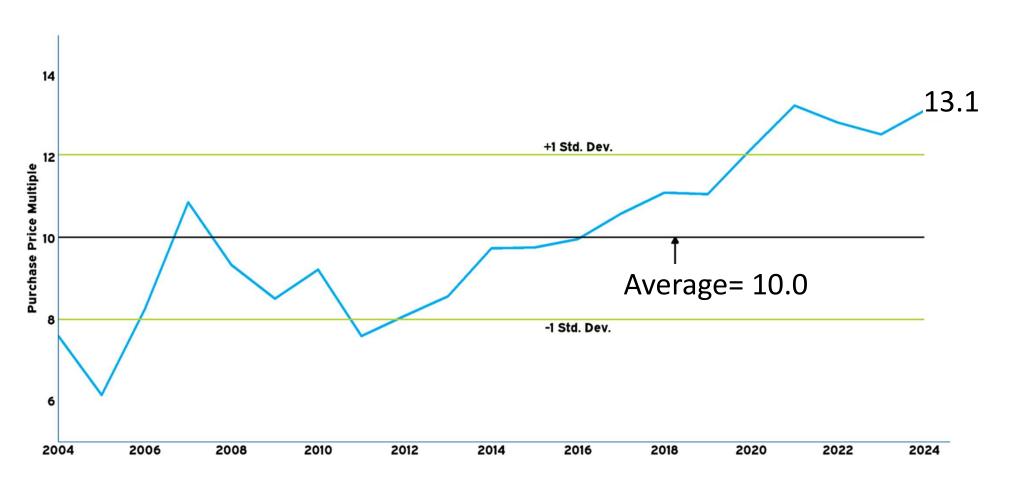


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# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Capital Markets Review

# Private Equity Multiples (As of December 30, 2024)

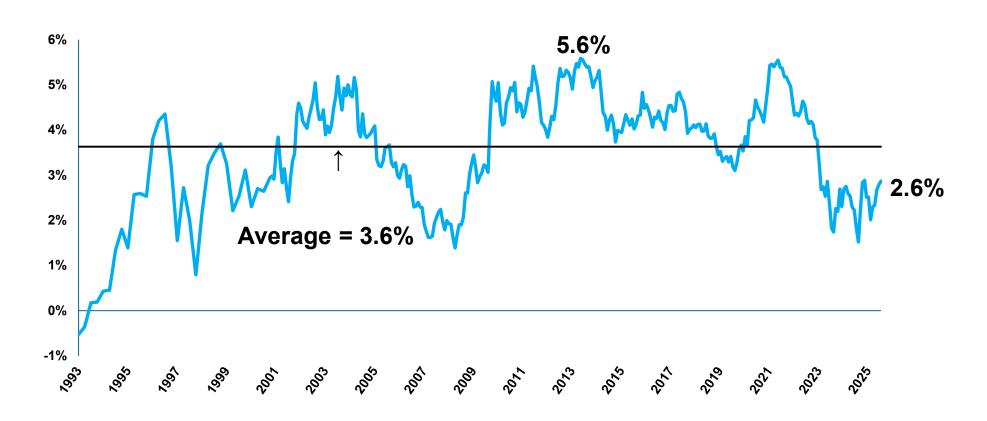


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Private Equity Multiples – Source: S&P LCD Average EBITDA Multiples Paid in All LBOs.



**Capital Markets Review** 

# Core Real Estate Spread vs. Ten-Year Treasury (As of September 30, 2025)

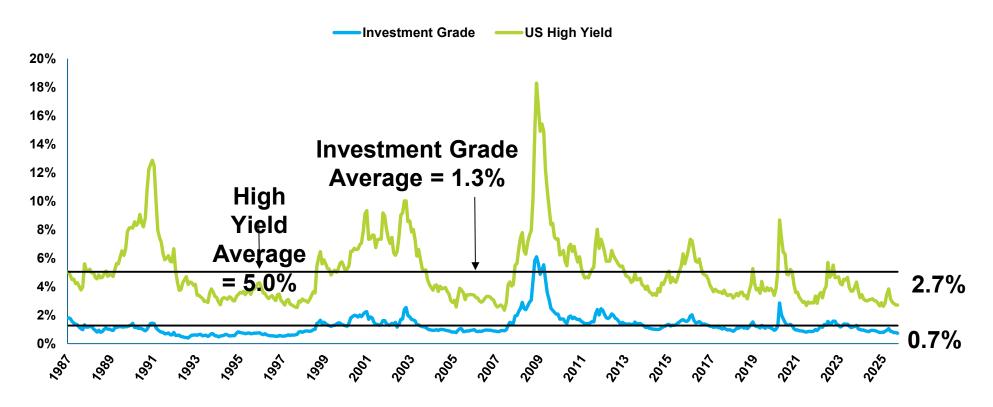


Core Real Estate Spread vs. Ten-Year Treasury – Source: Real Capital Analytics, FRED, Bloomberg, and Meketa Investment Group. Core Real Estate is proxied by weighted sector transaction-based indices from Real Capital Analytics and Meketa Investment Group.



# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Capital Markets Review

# Credit Spreads (As of September 30, 2025)

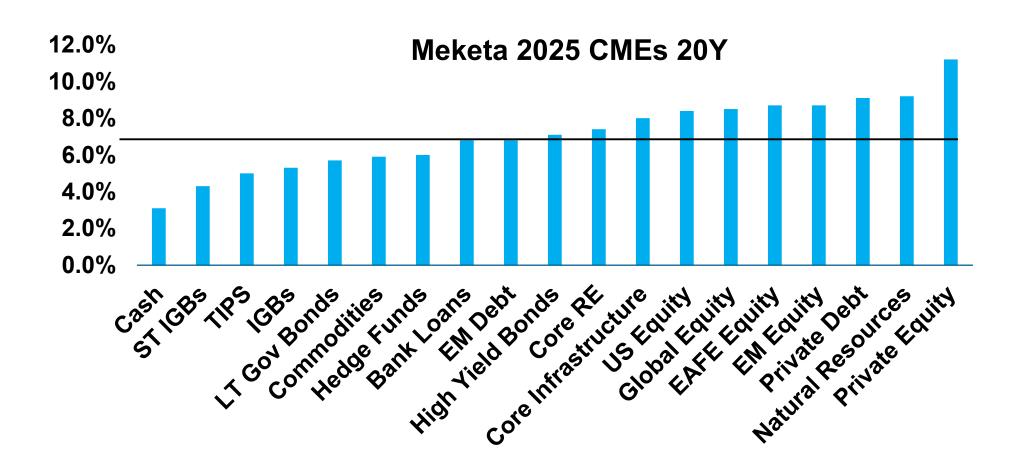


Credit Spreads – Source: Bloomberg. High Yield is proxied by the Bloomberg High Yield Index and Investment Grade Corporates are proxied by the Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index. Spread is calculated as the difference between the Yield to Worst of the respective index and the 10-Year US Treasury yield.



**Capital Markets Review** 

### Long-Term Outlook – 20 Year Annualized Expected Returns

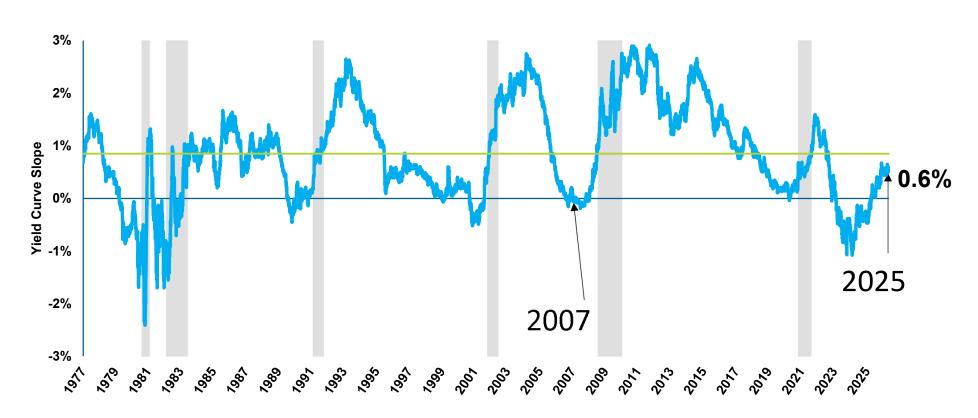


1 The 10-year horizon included all 42 respondents, and the 20-year horizon included 27 respondents. Figures are based on Meketa's 2023 CMEs.



# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Capital Markets Review

Yield Curve Slope (Ten Minus Two) (As of September 30, 2025)



Yield Curve Slope (Ten Minus Two) - Source: Bloomberg, and Meketa Investment Group. Yield curve slope is calculated as the difference between the 10-Year US Treasury Yield and 2-Year US Treasury Yield.



#### **Asset Allocation**



**Asset Allocation** 

### SJCERA Structural Framework

High-Level Class	Mid-Level	Strategy	
	Aggressive Crowth	PE / Non-Core RE	
	Aggressive Growth	Infrastructure	
	Traditional Growth	US Equity	
Broad Growth	Traditional Growth	Non-US Equity	
		Liquid Credit	
	Stabilized Growth	Private Credit	
		Core Real Estate	
	Principal Protection	Core Fixed Income	
Diversifying Strategies		Long Duration	
	Crisis Risk Offset	Trend Following	
		Alt. Risk Premia	



**Asset Allocation** 

### SJCERA Structural Framework

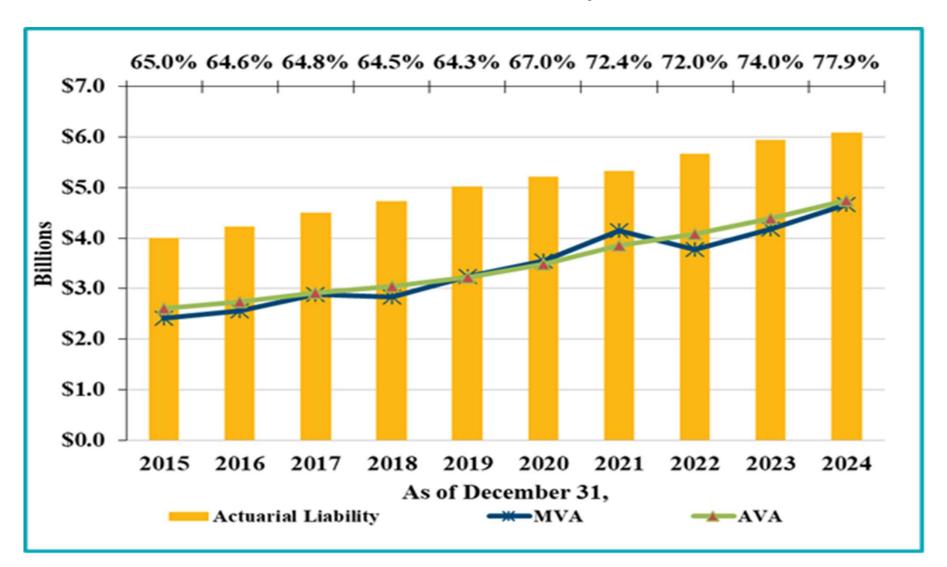
Strategic Classes	Current
<b>Broad Growth</b>	78.0
Aggressive Growth	16.0
Traditional Growth	38.0
Stabilized Growth	24.0
Credit	15.0
Core Real Assets	9.0
Diversifying Strategies	22.0
Principal Protection	9.0
CRO	13.0
20 Year Stats	Current
Expected Rtn	8.5
Average SD	11.9





**Funding** 

### **SJCERA Funding**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Cheiron



#### **Investment Performance**



# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Investment Performance

### 2024 Calendar Year Performance (Net of Fees)

	Quarter	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Years
SJCERA	-0.6	8.5	3.1	6.2	5.7
Median Peer*	-0.9	8.9	2.8	6.9	6.9
S&P 500	2.4	25.0	8.9	14.5	13.1
MSCI EAFE	-8.1	3.8	1.6	4.7	5.2
MSCI EM	-8.0	7.5	-1.9	1.7	3.6
BB Agg	-3.1	1.3	-2.4	-0.3	1.3

<sup>\*</sup>The Investment Metrics Total Fund Public Universe > \$1 Billion, net of fees



# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Investment Performance

### August 2025 Performance (Net of Fees)

Preliminary Monthly Flash Rep <u>ort (Net)</u>						
	YTD	1-Y	3 Y	5 Y	SI Rtn	SI
Total Plan	6.8	7.5	7.8	7.1	7.6	Apr-90
Policy Benchmark	7.9	9.5	10.1	7.8	7.6	
Difference:	-1.1	-2.0	-2.3	-0.7	0.0	



# San Joaquin County Employees' Retirement Association Investment Performance

### August 2025 Performance (Net of Fees)

Summary of Cash Flows						
	QTD	YTD				
Total Plan						
Beginning Market Value	\$4,777,613,975	\$4,581,785,876				
Net Cash Flows	10,213,205	65,851,556				
Net Investment Change	210,103,763	350,293,510				
Ending Market Value	\$4,997,930,943	\$4,997,930,943				



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# Tariffs, Technology, and Transition

October 2025

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#### Tariffs, Technology, and Transition

#### **Cyclical Outlook**

### Economic Backdrop



#### **Clashing forces**

Trade frictions, the tech investment boom, and strains on institutions widen the gap between winners and losers

#### Tariff effects kick in

Mounting tariff pressure and tighter fiscal space set to slow economies that benefited from earlier trade actions

#### Tech investment rolls on

The AI investment boom bolsters the outlook even as global data signals weakening before targeted stimulus kicks in

### Investment Opportunities





Starting yields support returns and income potential – especially with central banks poised to cut rates further



#### Global diversification

Abundance of global fixed income opportunities can help fortify portfolios and identify sources of outperformance



#### **Credit continuum**

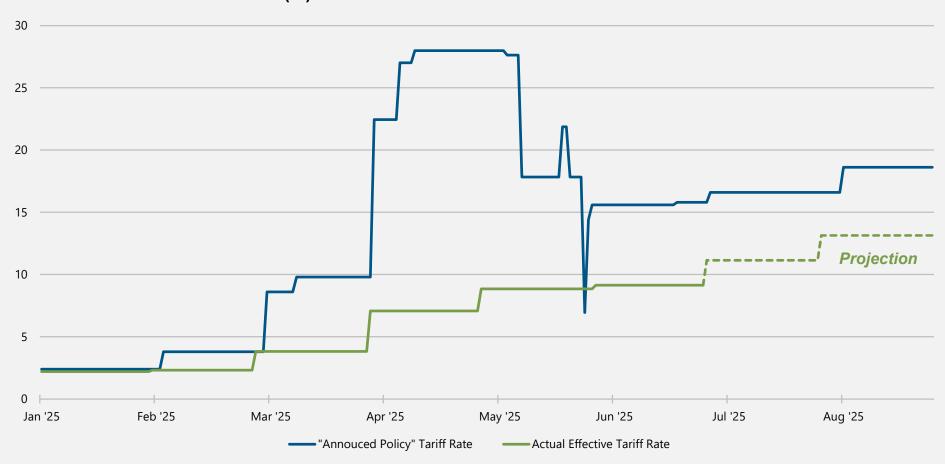
Opportunities across public and private credit markets should be evaluated on differences in liquidity and economic sensitivity

As of September 2025. Source: PIMCO. Refer to appendix for additional investment strategy, outlook and risk information.

#### **Tariffs**

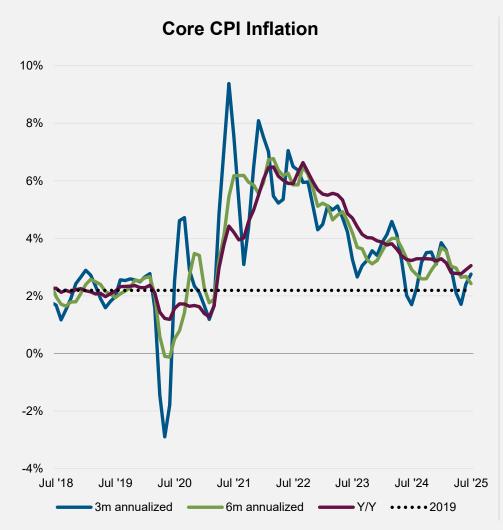
#### Actual tariff rate has risen slowly due to changing trade flows

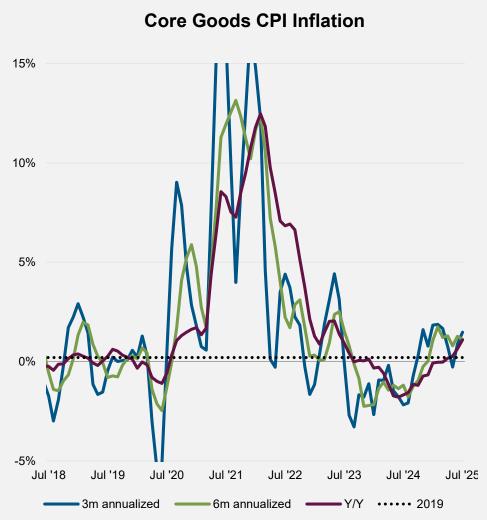
#### Weighted Average Tariff Rate Based on Announced Policies vs the Actual Effective Tariff Rate (%)



As of August 2025. Source: Haver, USITC, Yale Budget Lab, PIMCO

### Despite some tariff pass-through, the broader impact on U.S. inflation has been muted to date



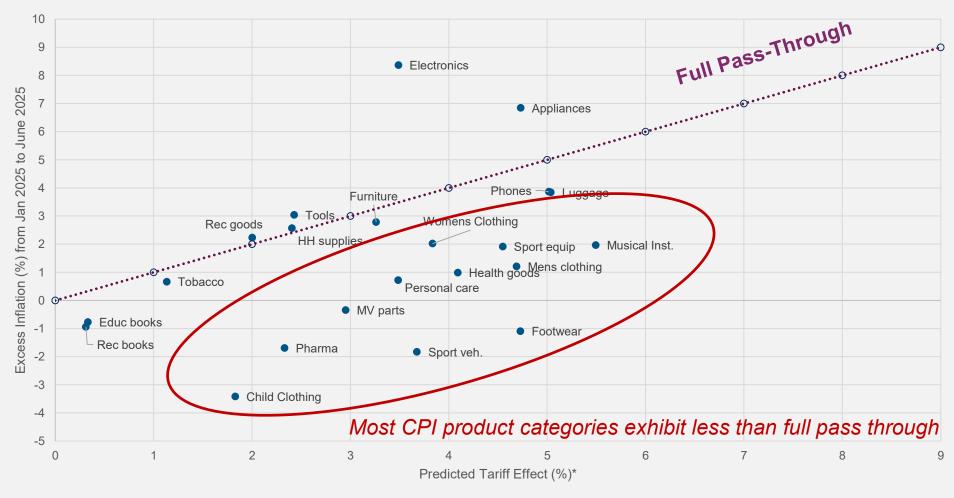


Source; Haver, PIMCO As of July 2025

# Actual tariff pass-through to consumer goods is around 30 to 40% of predicted\* total pass-through...

We expect this to eventually rise to 70-80%, but could happen incrementally through 2026.





As of June 2025

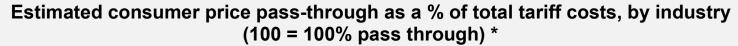
Source: USITC, US Commerce Dept, Federal Reserve Board, PIMCO Calculations

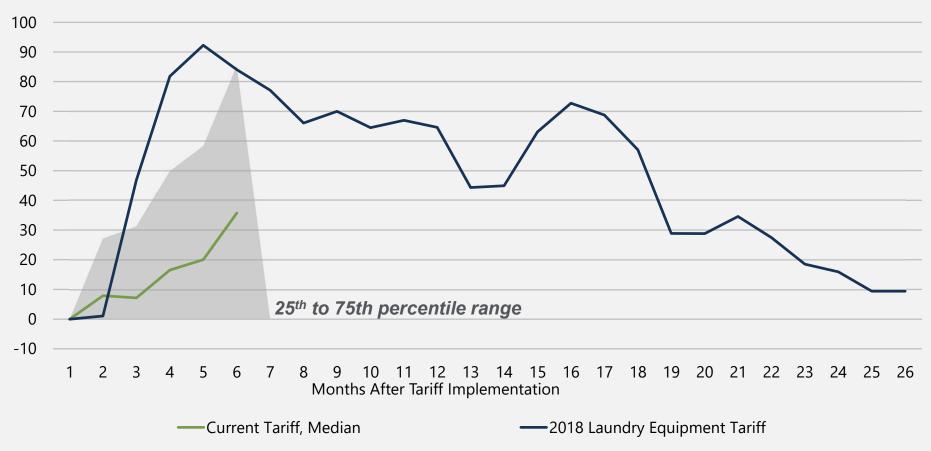
<sup>\*</sup>Predicted Tariff Effect by industry is based on the import content of the products within that industry multiplied by the effective tariff rate



### Actual tariff pass-through has been much slower and uneven by industry vs the 2018 tariff experience.

2018 tariff on laundry equipment was passed through relatively quickly, but then reversed due to weaker demand





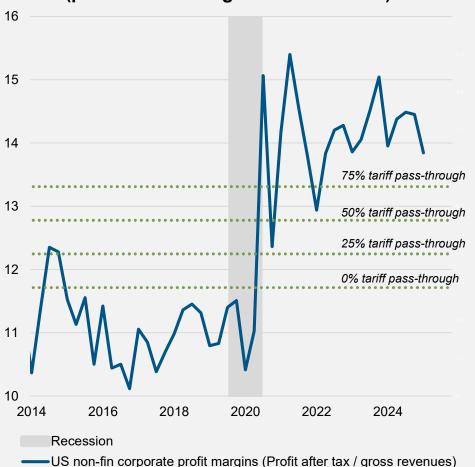
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<sup>\*100%</sup> pass-through varies by industry and is calculated based on the import content of the products within that industry multiplied by the effective tariff rate As of July 2025

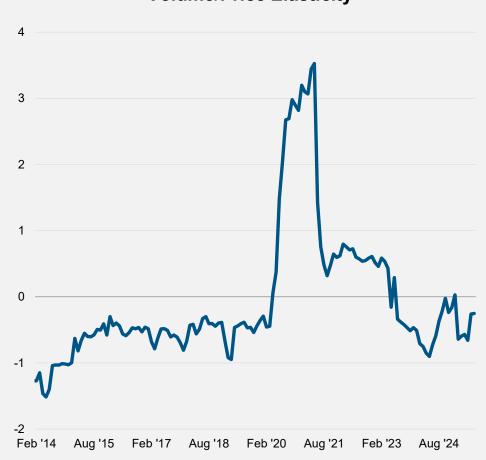


#### ...Elevated corporate margins and lower pricing power could help tariff passthrough remain more uneven and slow





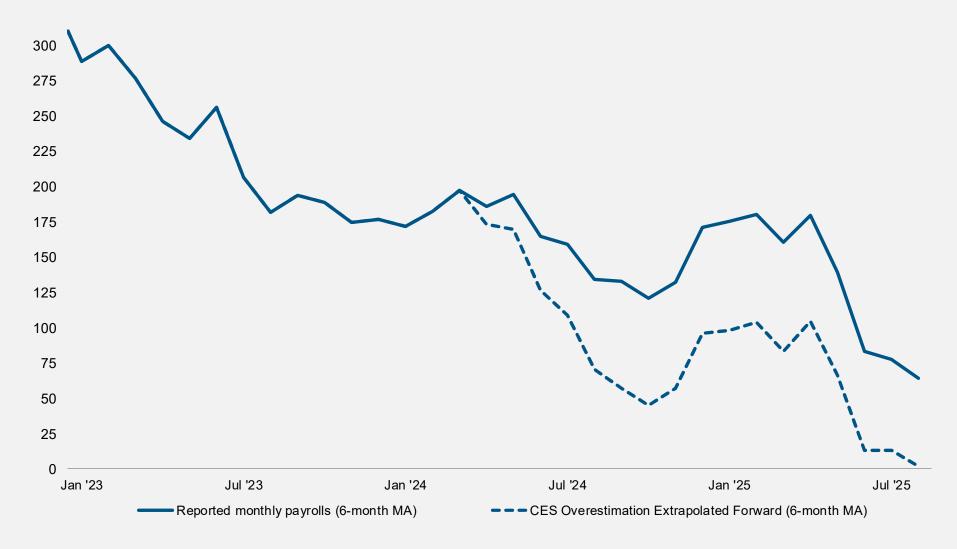
### Consumer Goods Consumption Weighted Avg Volume/Price Elasticity



\*that chart is the expected change in real goods consumption of a 1% increase in the price, based on a trailing linear regression of monthly changes in goods consumption and prices. Source: NIPA, USITC, PIMCO Calculations. As of 1Q 2025

#### U.S. companies are also managing higher tariff costs via cutting labor costs

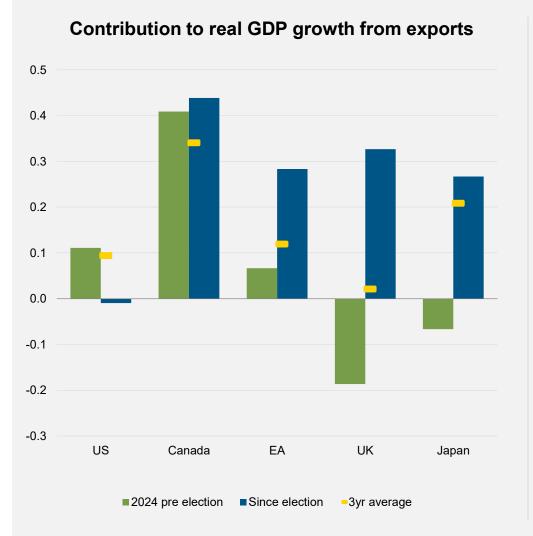
#### Monthly net payroll gains (in thousands)

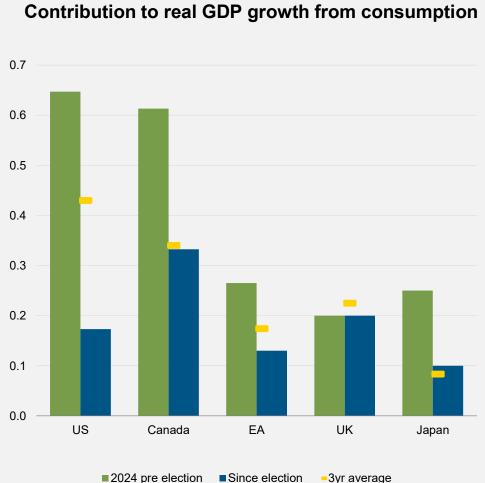


As of August 2025. Source: Haver, PIMCO

### Front-loading ahead of tariffs has helped buffer a broader global growth slowdown

A surge in exports has supported growth and helped offset slower global consumption



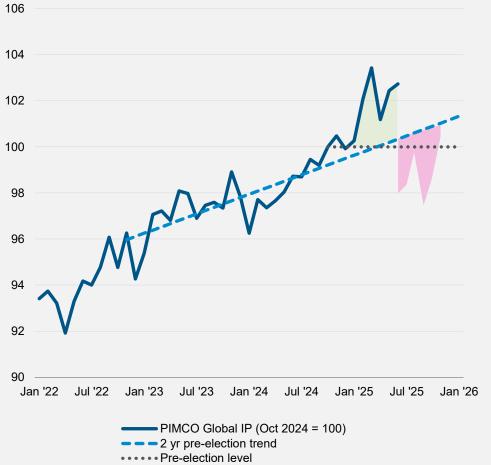


Pre-election = 1Q to 3Q 2024. Since election = 4Q 2024 to 2Q 2025

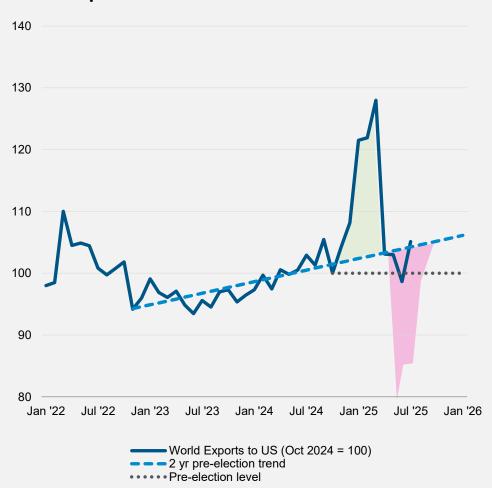
Source: Haver, PIMCO

## Front-loading payback may require meaningfully below-trend activity

# PIMCO Global Industrial Production



#### World Exports to U.S.

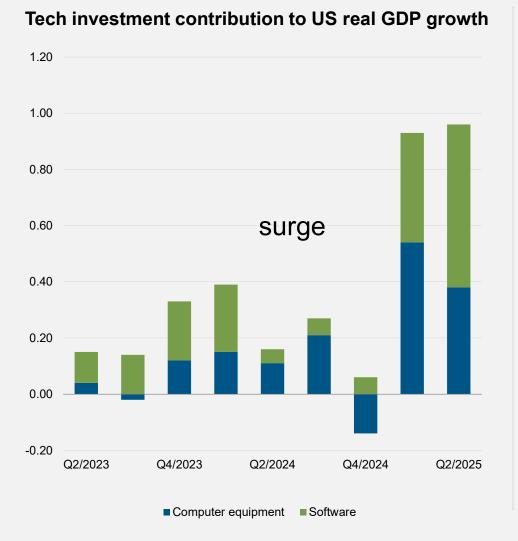


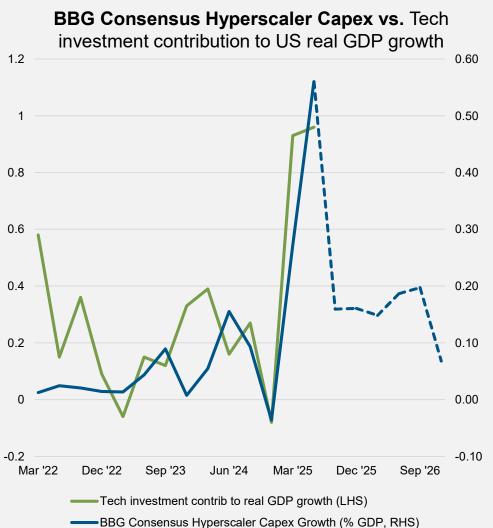
As of August 2025. Source: Haver, PIMCO calculations

## **Technology**

### A surge in tech-related capex has helped buffer U.S. growth

Excluding tech investment, US real GDP growth averaged 0.5% in 1H 2025. While capex will likely remain strong, peak growth effects were likely 1H





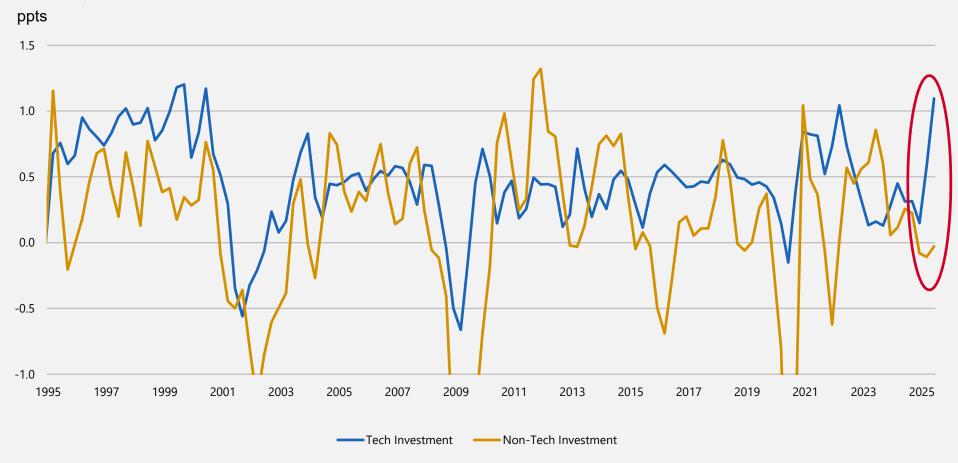
As of August 2025

Source: Bloomberg, Haver, PIMCO calculations. Hyperscaler capex = BBG consensus estimates for capex growth for META, AMZN, MSFT, GOOGL, ORCL, TSLA, IBM



## Meanwhile, capex growth in other sectors has been sluggish

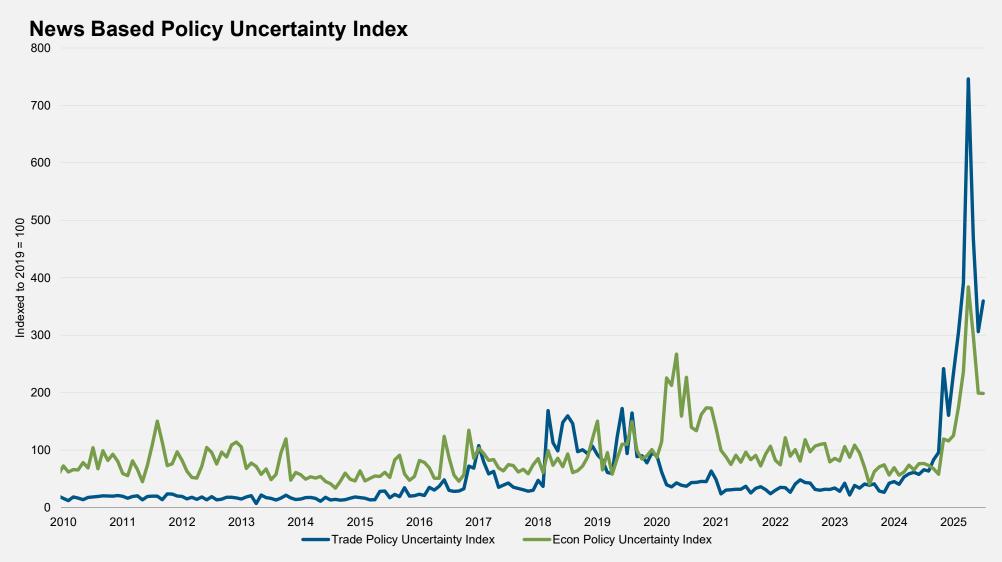
# Tech vs All Other Investment (Quarterly Contribution to Real GDP Growth)



As of 30 June 2025. Source: US Commerce Department, Haver, and PIMCO Calculations.

#### **Transition**

### Historic levels of policy uncertainty

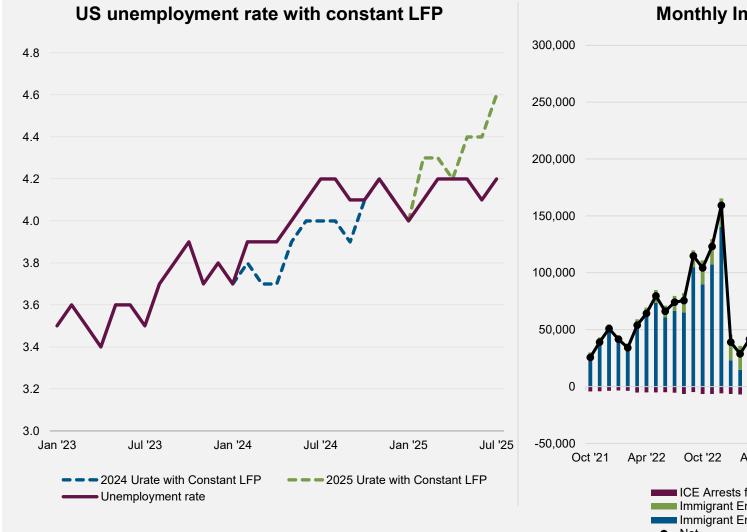


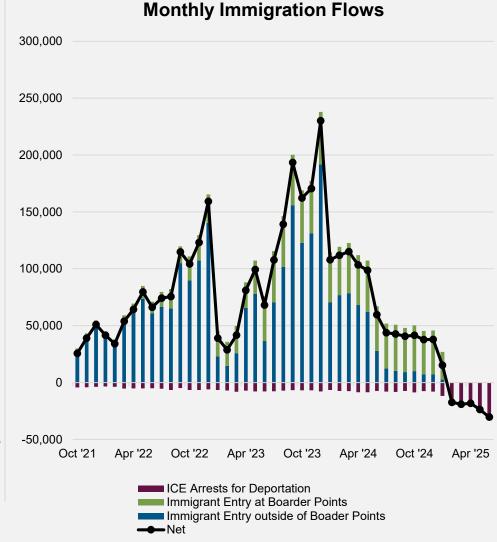
As of August 2025. Source: Haver, PIMCO, Caldara, Dario, Matteo lacoviello, Patrick Molligo, Andrea Prestipino, and Andrea Raffo, "The Economic Effects of Trade Policy Uncertainty,"

TPU is constructed by staff in the International Finance Division of the Federal Reserve Board and measures media attention to news related to trade policy uncertainty. The index reflects automated text-search results of the electronic archives of 7 leading newspapers discussing trade policy uncertainty: Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Guardian, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post (accessed through ProQuest Historical Newspapers and ProQuest Newsstream). The index is scaled so that 100 indicates that 1% of news articles contain references to TPU.

# Immigration is also having a meaningful impact on the U.S. economy, and labor market

Deportations have increased in recent months, and headwinds to the labor market are likely to increase in 2H 2025



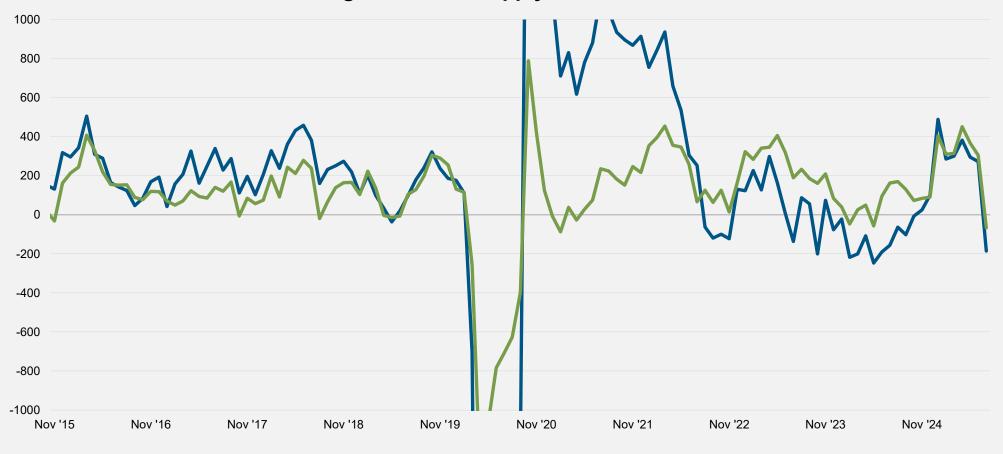


As of August 2025

Source: US CBP, Haver, PIMCO calculations, LHS: US unemployment rate alternative scenarios where labor force participation rate held constant at January levels in 2024 and 2025

### Immigration policy is also reducing labor supply, and demand.





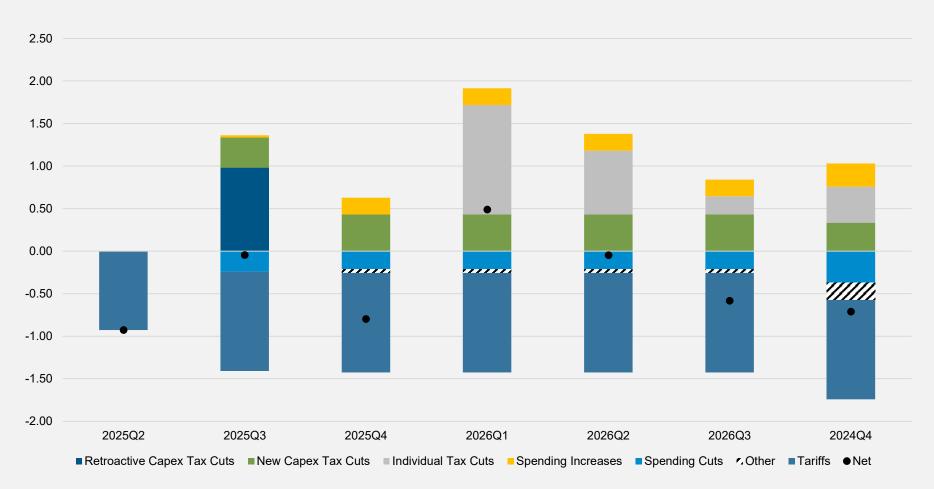
Labor Demand 6mma Monthly Changs (000k)
Labor Supply 6mma Monthly Changs (000k)

<sup>\*</sup>Labor Supply is defined as the total labor force, whereas labor demand is total employed plus job openings. July job openings are extrapolated from the June level. Source: BLS, Haver, PIMCO Calculations, As of July 2025



# Fiscal policy will become more supportive in 2026... a moderation in trade policy uncertainty will also help the economy recover

#### CBO/JCT Estimated Quarterly Impact of Tax and Trade Policy on the Deficit (% of GDP)

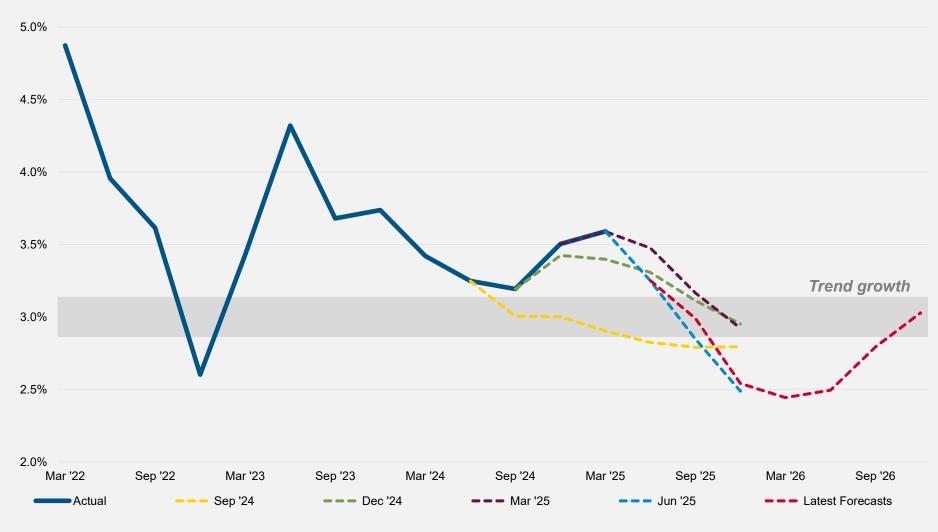


Source: JCT, CBO, PIMCO Calculations As of Aug 2025



## Stimulus should boost growth in late 2026

#### World Real GDP: YoY PIMCO Projections vs Actual



As of August 2025. Source: Various countries statistical reporting agencies, Haver, PIMCO Calculations and Forecasts. World GDP is PPP weighted.

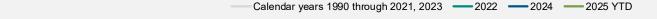


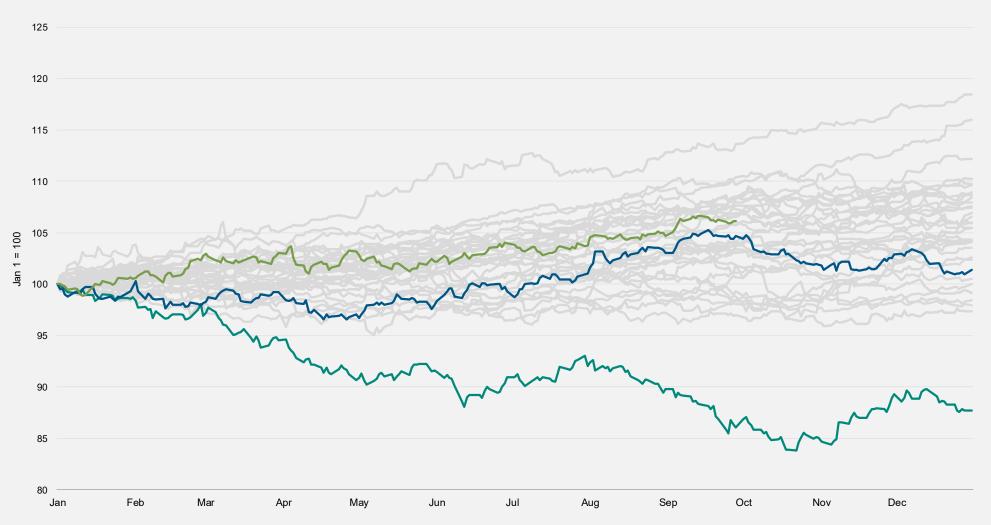
**Investment Opportunities** 

## **Durable fixed-income opportunities**

## Stage is set for attractive long-term returns







As of 30 September 2025. Source: PIMCO, Bloomberg. Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information.

## **Bond yields stay attractive**

### Fixed income has delivered and is poised to continue to do so



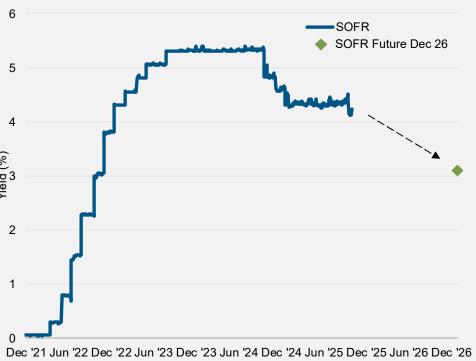
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# Cash is no longer optimal Bonds are set to outshine cash

# Falling cash yields: Short term rates expected to near 3%



## AUM in money market funds hit new highs: Investors are leaving money on the table



LHS as of 30 September 2025. RHS as of 31 August 2025. Source: Bloomberg, Haver, PIMCO, ICE BofA, Crane. Refer to Appendix for additional investment strategy, Morningstar category, outlook and risk information.

## A pillar of active management

## Global diversification is especially appealing

#### 30-year government bond yields (%)



Country	2024 Debt to GDP
United States	121%
Australia	50%
United Kingdom	101%
Germany	64%
Japan	237%

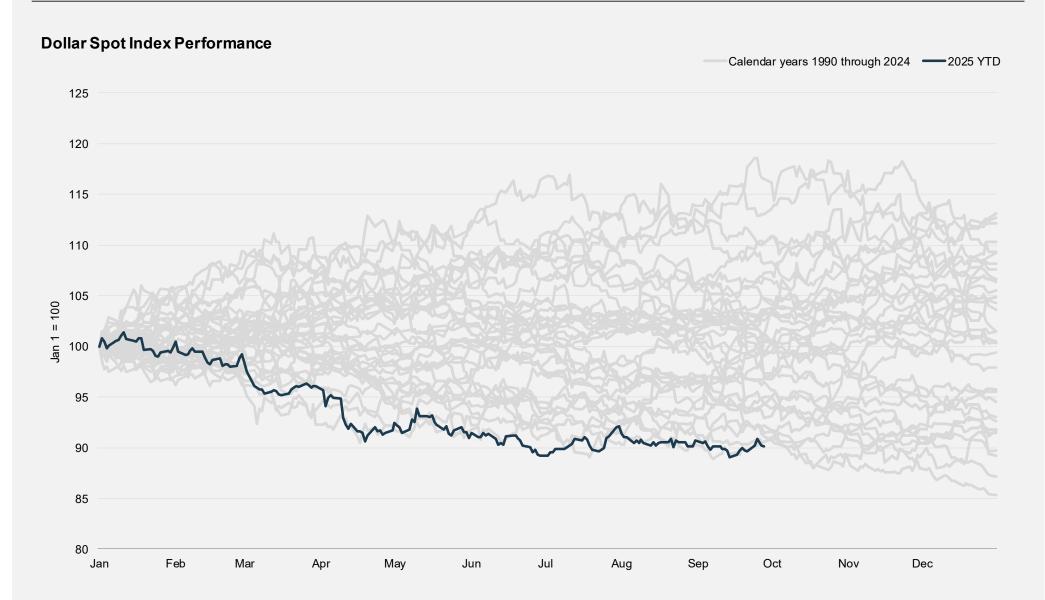
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There can be no guarantee that the trends mentioned above will continue. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions, which will fluctuate. Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information.



## **Dollar weakness may persist**

## The U.S. dollar is having its worst year in decades



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## U.S. equity valuations remain stretched

### Expensive valuations have historically been followed by poor returns

#### S&P 500 CAPE ratio with subsequent 10yr annualized returns



As of 31 August 2025. SOURCE: Robert Shiller, Global Financial Data, PIMCO. Hypothetical illustration for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results. CAPE and CPI as reported in Shiller's website. S&P 500 returns are calculated based on the S&P 500 Total Return Index reported by GFD.

Refer to Appendix for additional forecast, hypothetical illustration, index, investment strategy, and outlook.



# As conventional frameworks are being challenged, seek active value across the economic and liquidity spectrum

# Attractive bond yields

provide a foundation for durable opportunities

- Locking in rates can support steady returns and income potential
- Expect rates on cash-like investments to decline and bonds to outperform
- Favor short and intermediate bond maturities



# Global diversification

can enhance outperformance

- Abundance of global fixed income opportunities, with attractive real and nominal yields
- Diversification across regions and currencies is an effective way to fortify portfolios and harvest sources of return



# The credit continuum

of public and private assets offers alpha opportunities

- Evaluate opportunities on a spectrum of liquidity, yield, and risk
- Focus on high-quality assets and strong return potential in asset-based finance, especially investments tied to higherquality consumer balance sheets



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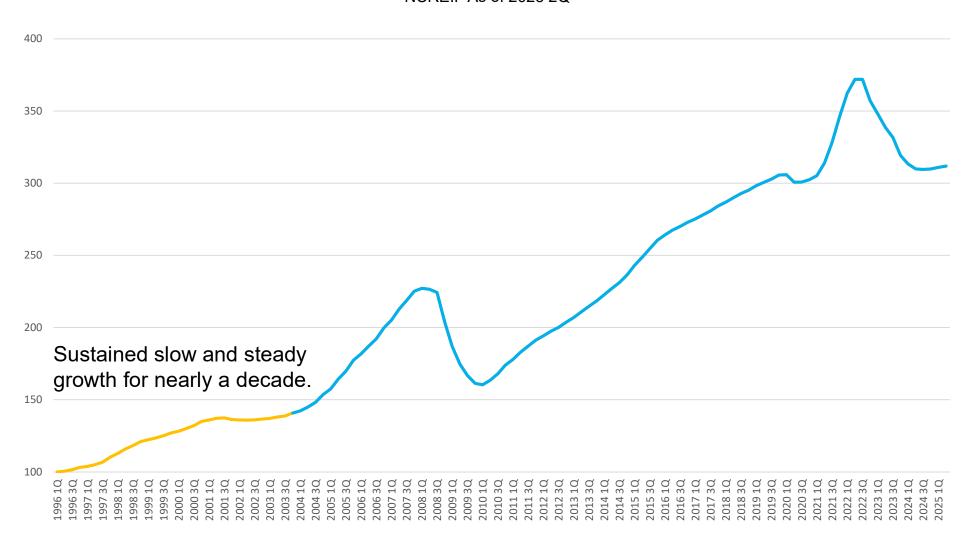


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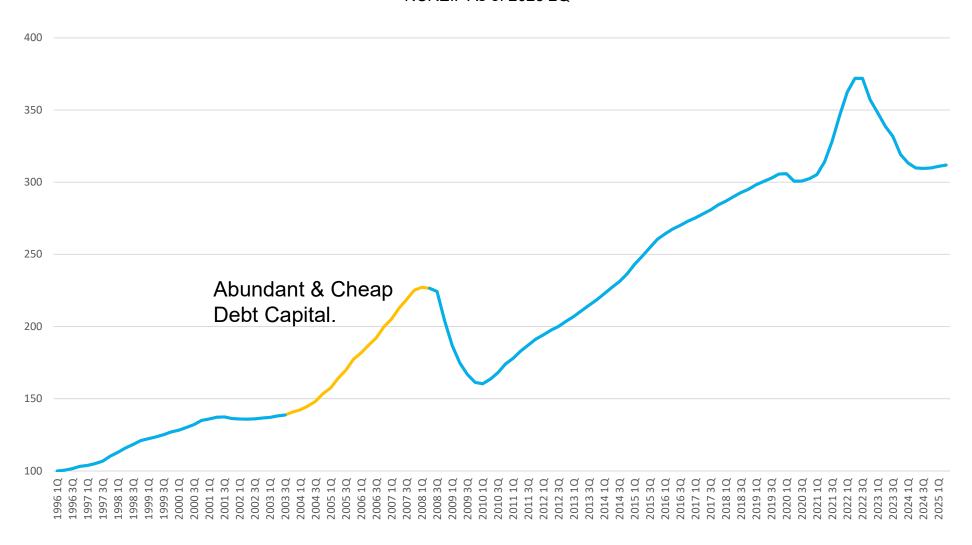
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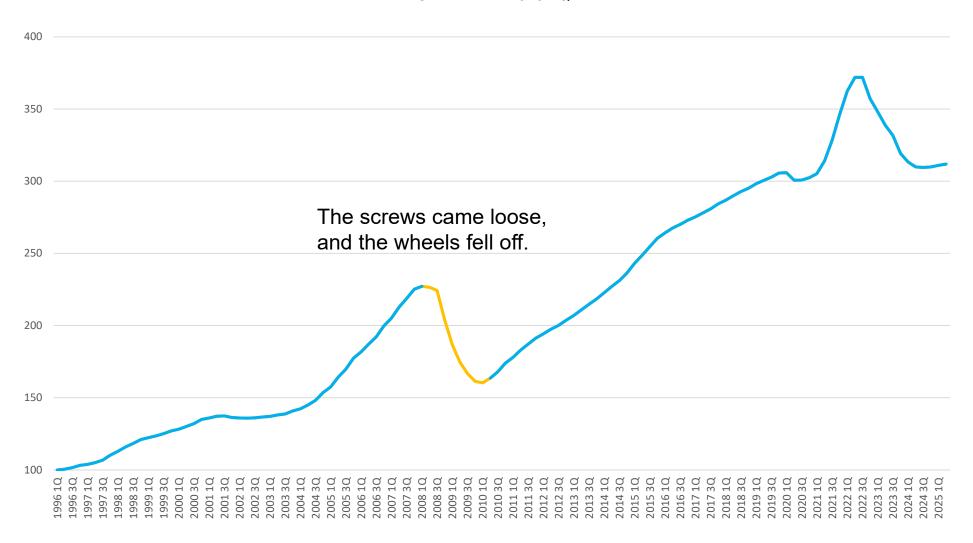




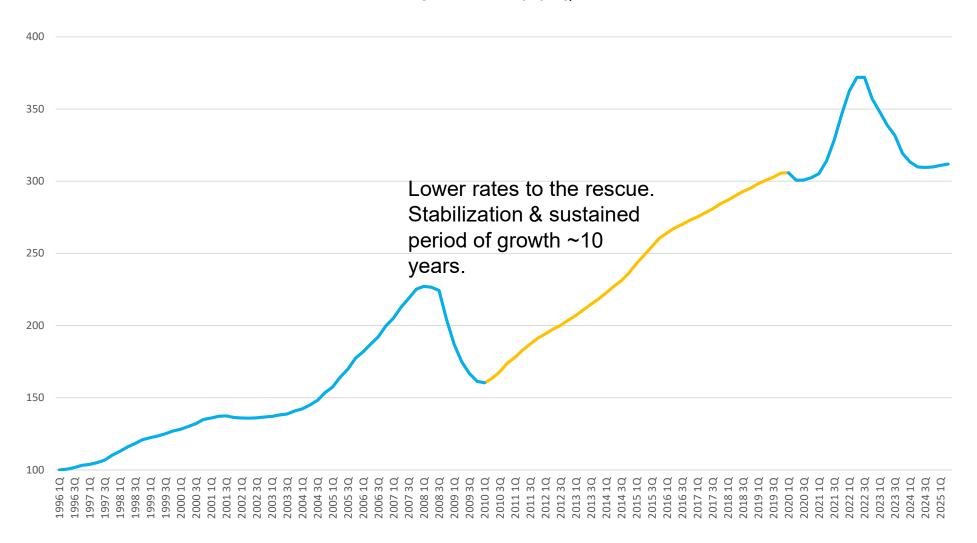




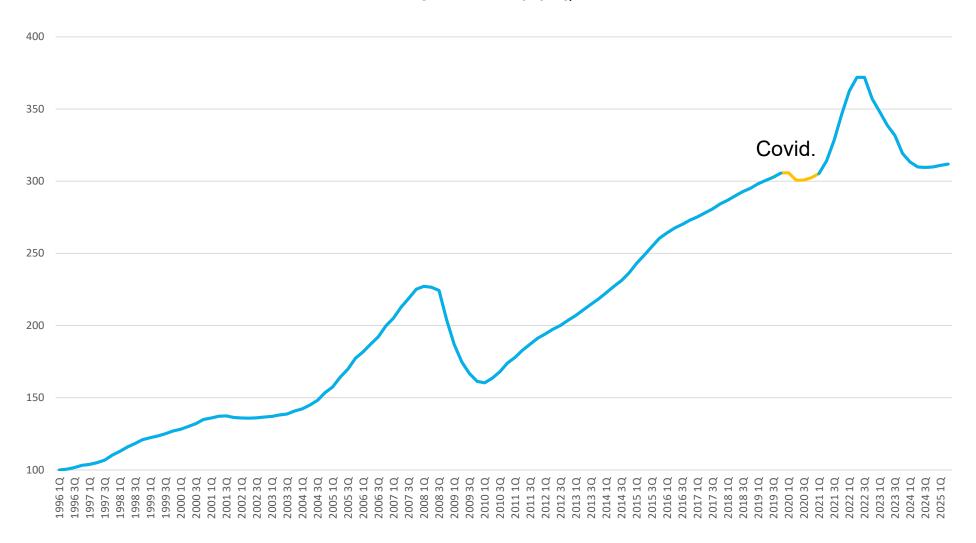


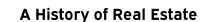




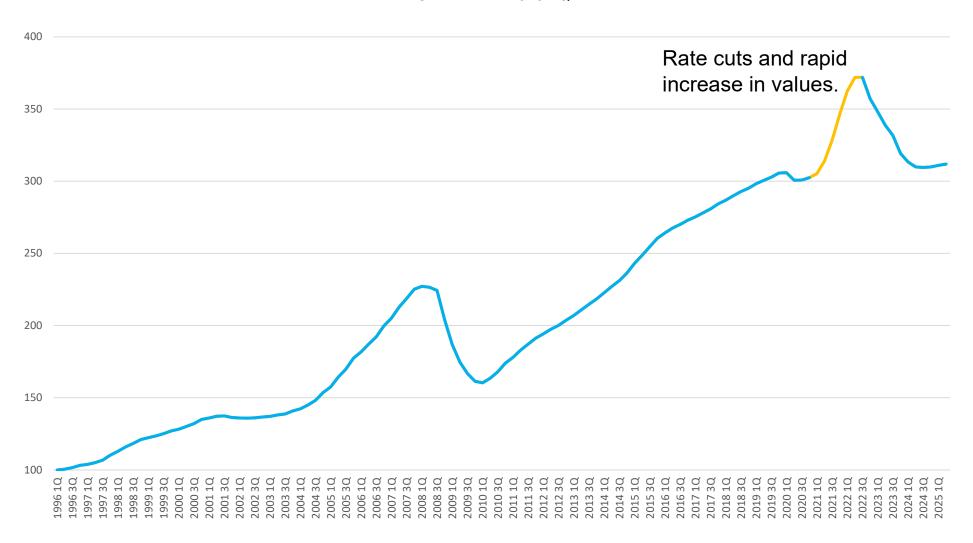


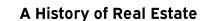




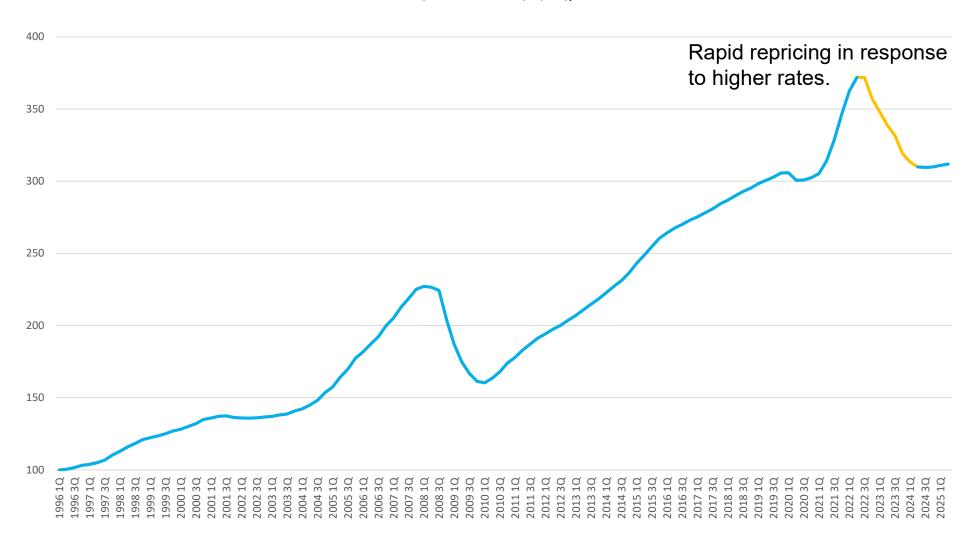


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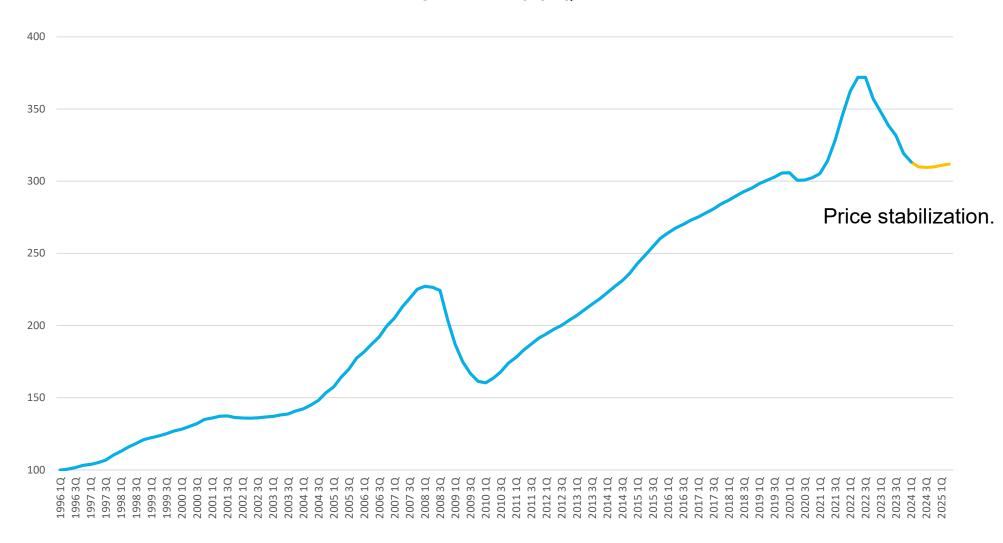




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## Immutable economic laws bind near-term U.S. policy shifts

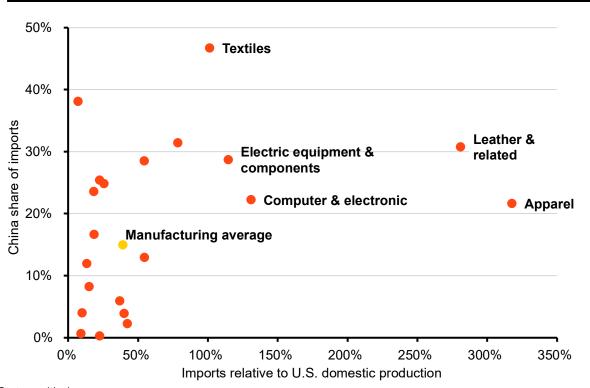
The first law: Sustaining U.S. debt relies on steady foreign funding. The second law: The rapid rewiring of supply chains causes major disruption. Both laws help investors navigate near-term uncertainty, in our view.

Law 1: Sustaining debt needs foreign funding Ownership of U.S. Treasuries, 2000

100% 80% Share of U.S. debt 60% 20% 2000 2010 2020 2005 2015 2025 ■ Foreign

Domestic

Law 2: Supply chains can't be rewired quickly China share of U.S. imports vs. value of China imports, 2024

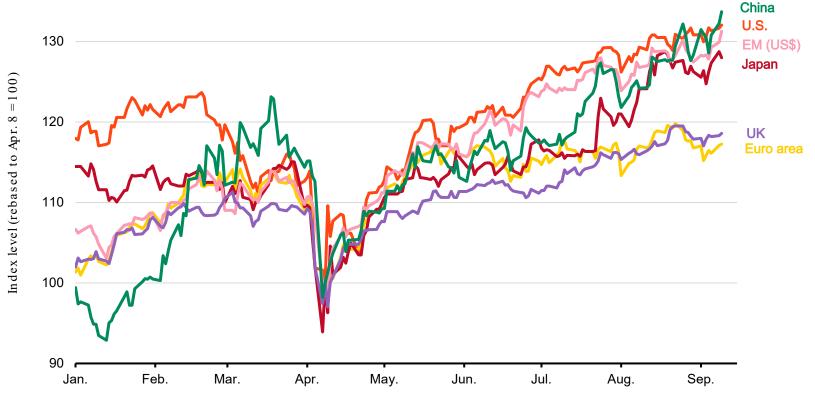


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## Staying pro-risk through April's volatility worked well

Equities across the world rebounded from April's tariff -driven plunge. We argued immutable economic laws would rein in a maximal stance on tariffs and policy, paving the way for a sharp rebound.

Regional equity performance, 2025

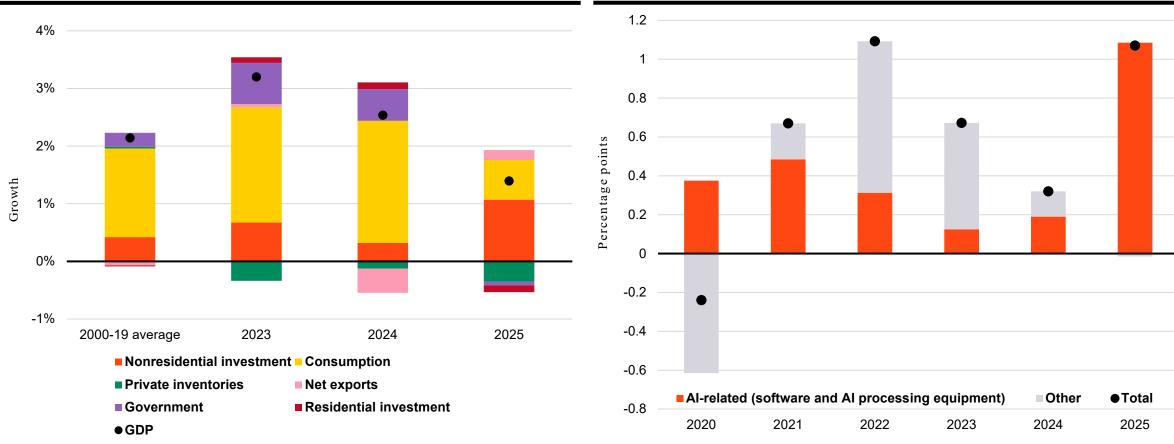


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## The AI mega force is offsetting a consumer spending slowdown

Resilient investment from companies into artificial intelligence (AI) -related infrastructure is propping up U.S. activity. That underlines how mega forces are the new anchor for today's economy – and how they're driving returns now.

Annual change in U.S. non-residential investment Contributions to annual U.S. GDP growth, 2000-2025



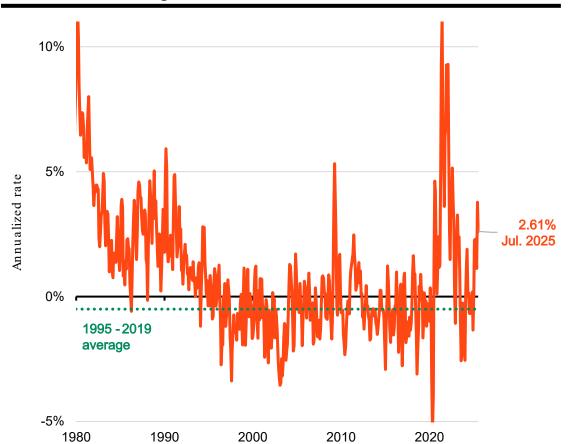
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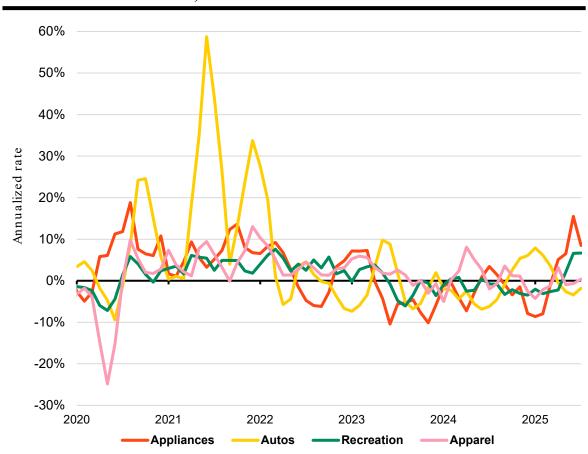
## Goods prices are rising again in the wake of U.S. tariffs

The drop in overall inflation masks a sharp rebound in goods inflation, where prices had been falling after spiking during the pandemic. We see the impact of tariffs starting to feed through in highly imported goods like appliances.

U.S. core PCE goods in flation, 1980-2025



U.S. CPI in flation, 2020-2025

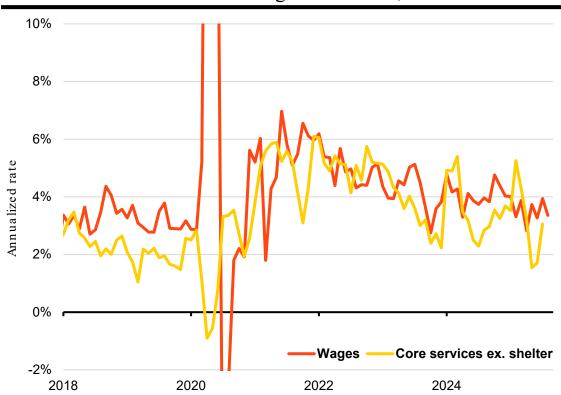


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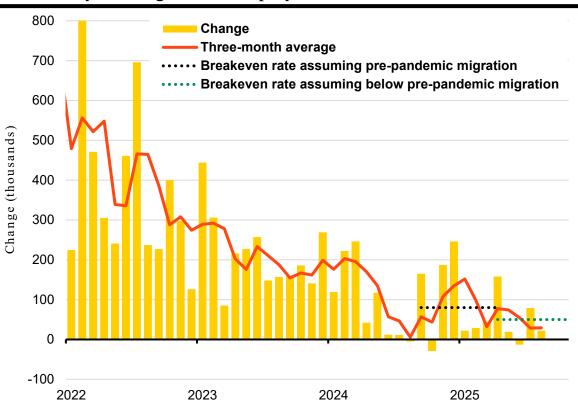
## Unpacking the U.S. inflation puzzle

Services inflation slowed early this year but has firmed up in recent months. We're watching to see if weaker economic activity brings a sustained drop in services inflation or if it will stay sticky.

U.S. core services and wage inflation, 2018-2025



Monthly change in U.S. payrolls, 2022-2025



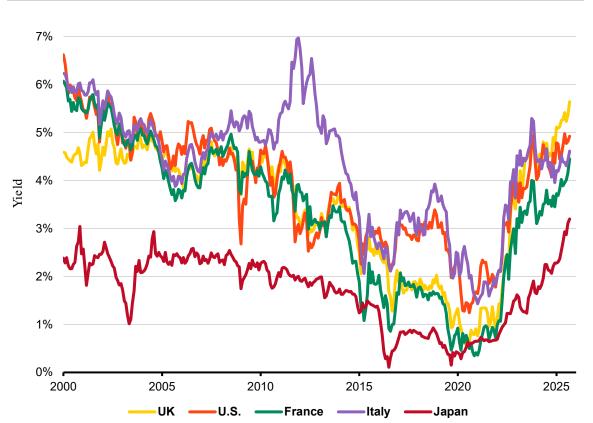
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## Pressure builds on long-term bonds across developed markets

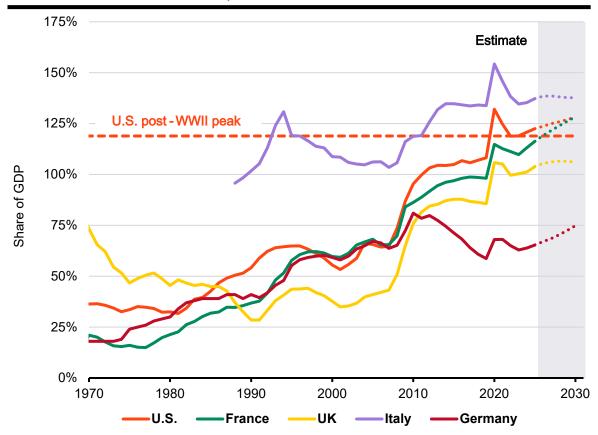
Long-term government bond yields are under renewed pressure as fiscal concerns have become a bigger market driver. Yields in Japan, France and the UK have surged to multi-decade highs.

### 30-year government bond yields, 2000-2025



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#### Debt-to-GDP ratios, 1970-2030



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# complex auto supply chains

#### MANY CAR INDUSTRY SUPPLY CHAINS CROSS BORDERS







# supply chains are difficult to change

#### CNH SOURCING FOR FINISHED GOODS SOLD IN THE US

Based on 2024 Industrial Activities actual results, dollar basis



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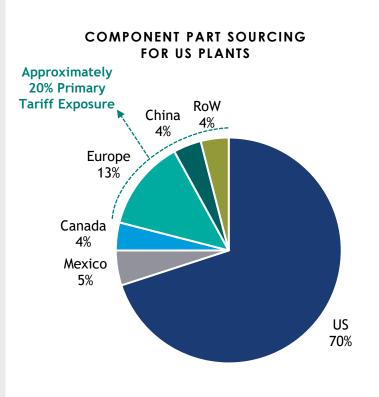
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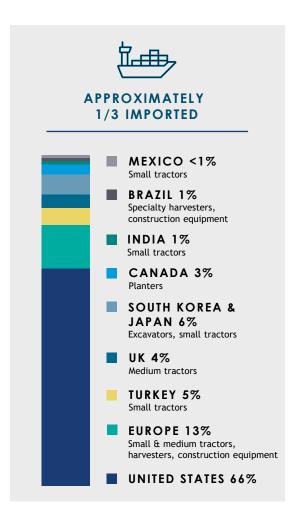
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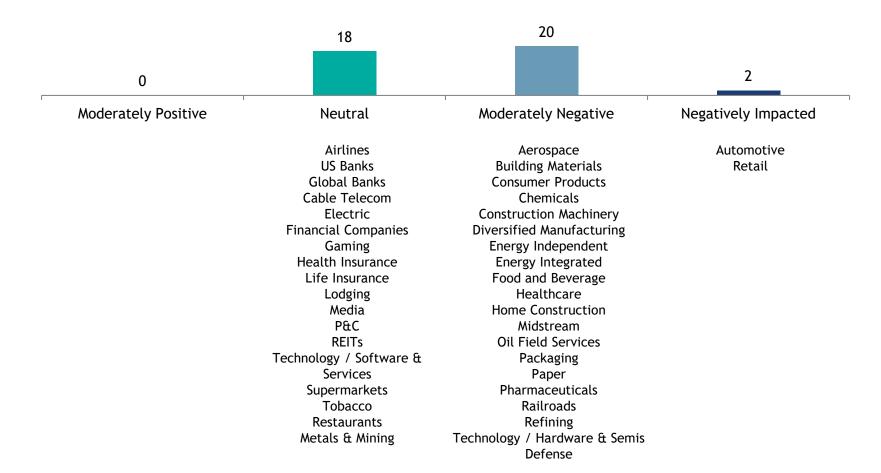


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# impact of tariffs by industry

#### **US INDUSTRY MATRIX**



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# higher income consumers still spending

#### CREDIT & DEBIT CARD SPENDING GROWTH HAS SLOWED FOR LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Exhibit 10: Spending growth for lower-income households was around 0% YoY in the three months to July, and much stronger for higher-income households, at roughly 1.8% YoY

Total credit and debit card spending per household, according to Bank of America card data, by household income terciles (3-month moving average, YoY%, SA)

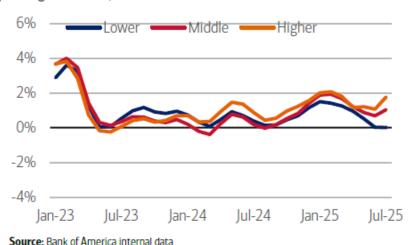
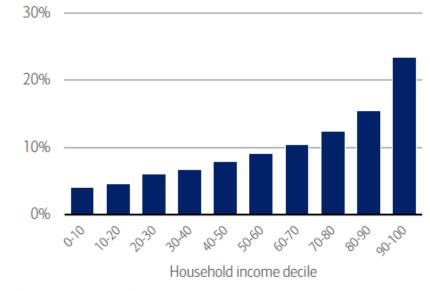


Exhibit 11: Lower-income households account for a relatively small portion of overall US consumer spending

Share of total consumer expenditure by household income decile (%)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Source: Bank of America, "Economy: Consumer Checkpoint: Gains and Gaps", as of 8/12/2025.

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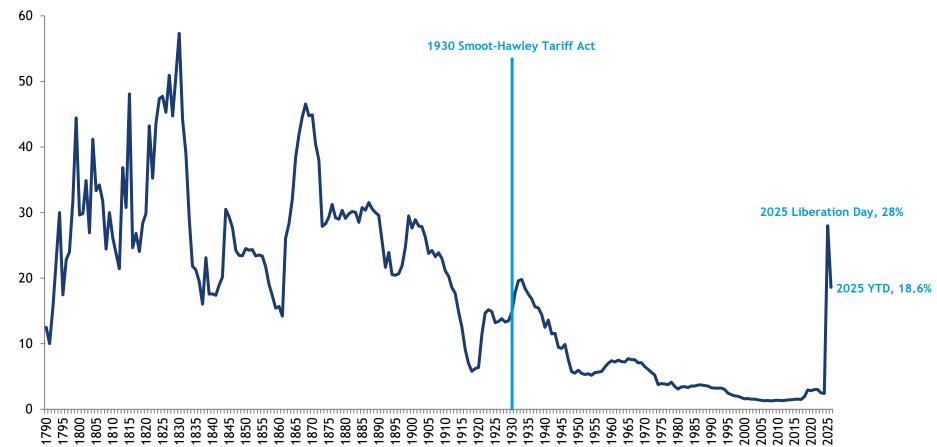
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# tariff rates historically

#### THE TARIFF WALLS HAVE COME UP AROUND THE US





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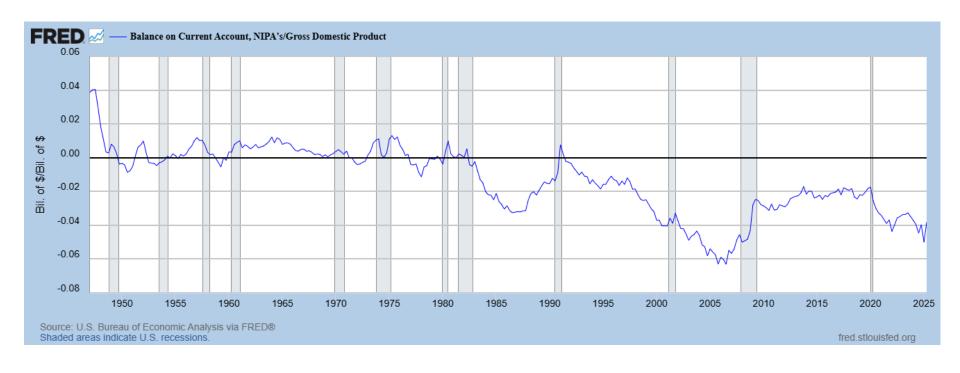
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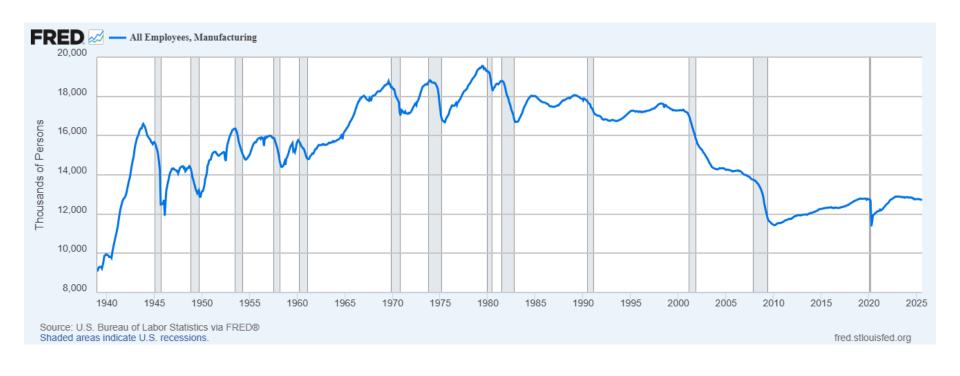
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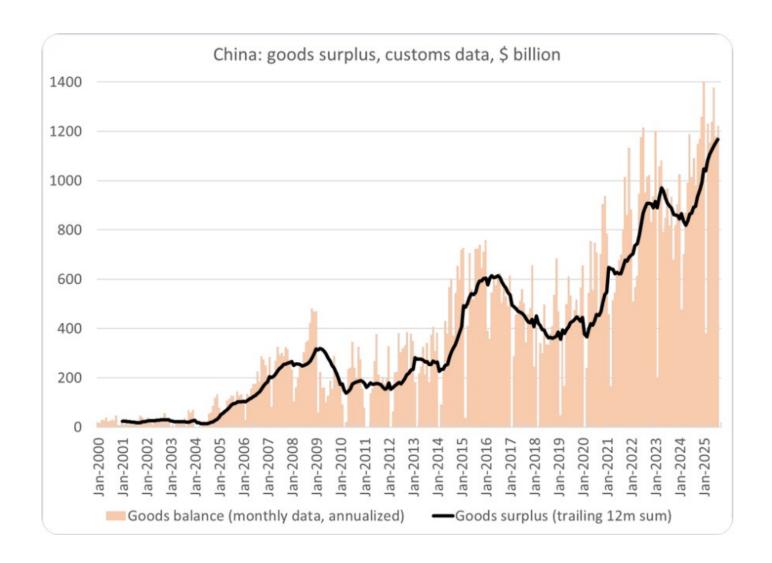




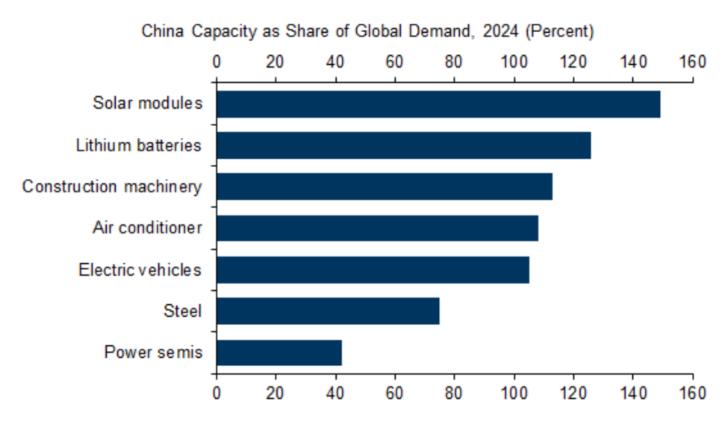












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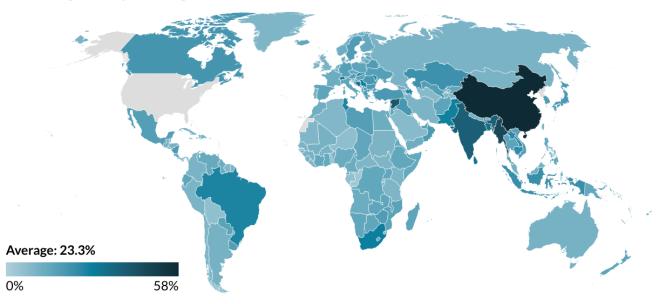




#### FIGURE 1

# **Estimated Total Tariff Rate by Country, After Pause Expirations**

Including all major categories of tariffs



**Source:** Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center analysis of USITC data, Federal Register Notices, ITA AD/CVD case announcements, and White House announcements.

**Notes:** Estimated total tariff rate is an average of a country's product-specific tariff rates, weighted by 2024 import volume. Tariffs on specific products can vary from their country's estimated rate. The pauses on China and Mexico's reciprocal rates are assumed to eventually expire.

For a map of cumulative tariff rates by country in previous announcements, visit: https://taxpolicycenter.org/dataviz/cumulative-tariff-rates-country-archive.