







2024.

9 Bonds.

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Commodities.

Conclusion.



2024.

2024, a predictable year..?









Soft landing, with US growth above potential



Monetary policy easing has started

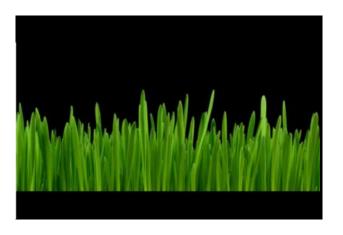


Eurozone economy and markets have underperformed





with some surprises!







Monetary policy easing and yet rising yields; opportunities for carry in IG credit and EM debt



Hedging via JPY was erratic, but profitable via Gold



China finally fought back



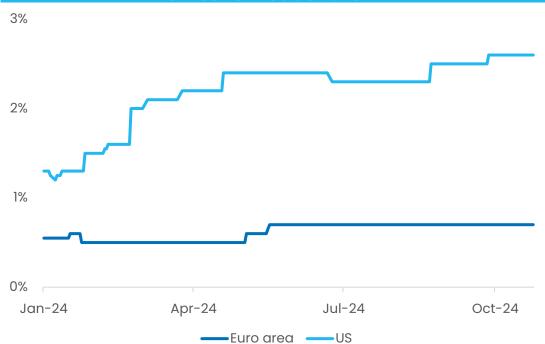
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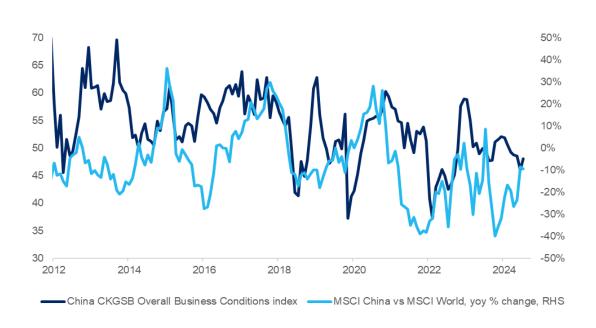
A widening Gap.

In growth trajectories





In China, Animal spirits revived but the business cycle has not turned yet



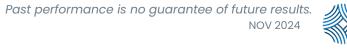
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Moving into 2025.



Robust growth, no apparent disequilibrium

Investor focus turns from politics to policy

Stronger growth and **higher** inflation with Trump administration



Political uncertainty in Europe exacerbated by US election result

Excessive deficits for 8 countries, including France and Italy, but fiscal leeway in Germany

ECB cuts: by choice in 2024 (lower inflation), out of necessity in 2025 (lower growth)



Deflationary pressures from real estate remain

Countercyclical **easing and support** measures started

With more to come to counter US tariffs

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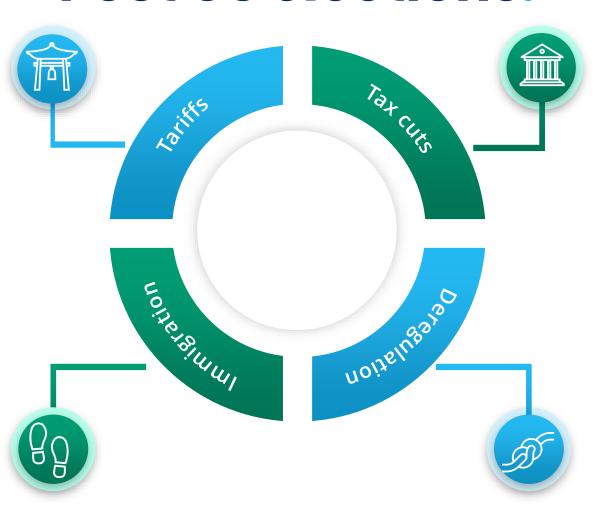
Post US elections.

Trade war

- Higher consumer prices
- Reshoring
- ✓ Short US duration
- ✓ Long US equities Vs. Rest of the World
- ✓ Long US Industrials

Illegal immigration

- Possible Labor shortage
- Higher inflation
- ✓ Short US Duration



Fiscal impulse

- Higher fiscal deficit
- Higher US corporate profits
- ✓ Short US Duration
- ✓ Long US Equities
- ✓ Long US Small and Midcaps

Efficiency

- Less Banks & Energy regulations
- State land disposal
- ✓ Long US Financials
- ✓ Short Oil

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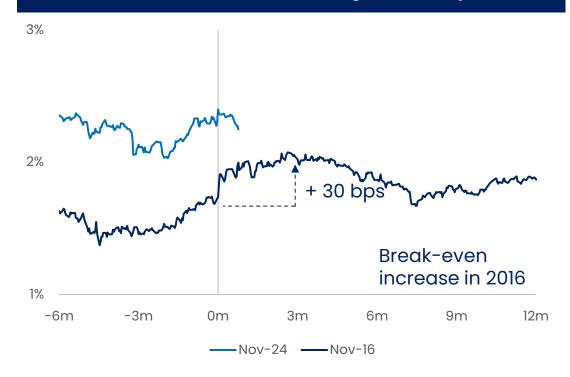
Higher bond yield level.

And higher (expected) inflation

US 10Y yield evolution during last Trump election



Breakeven US 10Y evolution during last Trump election

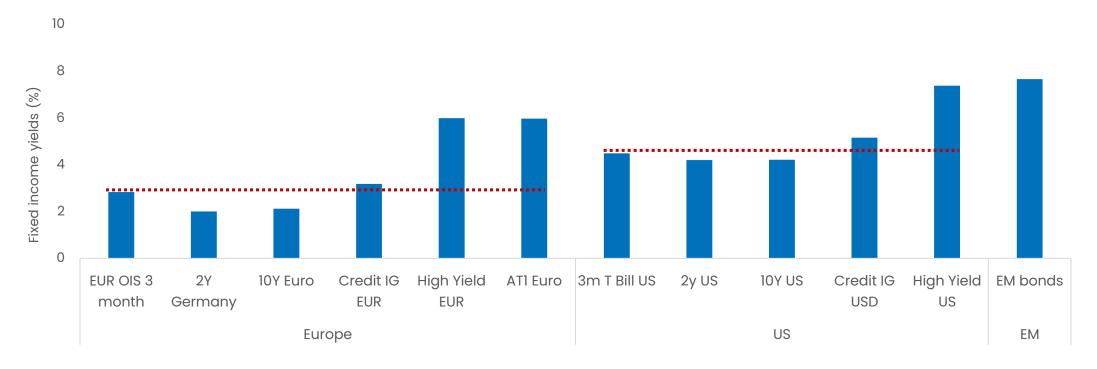


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Cash.

Still among the most attractive assets...but not for long



Bonds-Balancing our portfolio.

Government Bonds - Playing decorrelation

Long European Duration

Short US Duration

Credit – Spreads pricing perfection

Neutral Investment Grade

Neutral High Yield

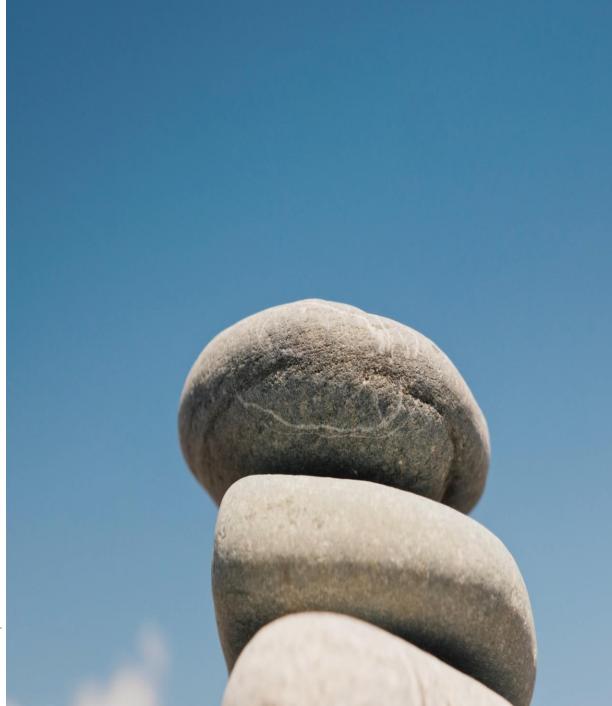
Preference for European credit vs US credit

Neutral Emerging debt

Long AT1 – Subordinated bonds







Long European duration.

Europe sluggish growth and negative correlation to equities support a long duration stance

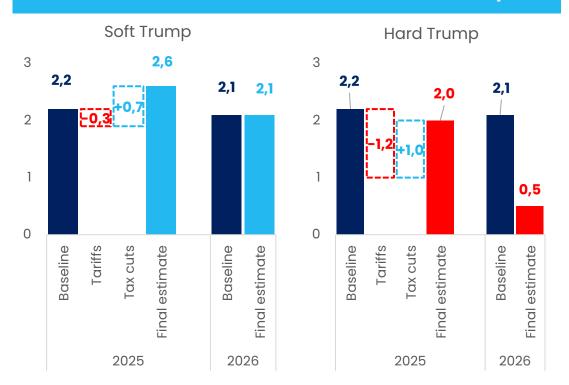


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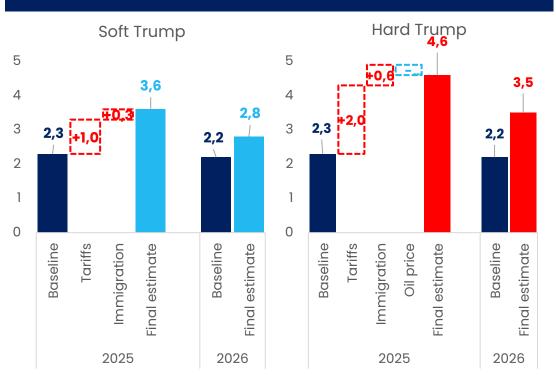
Short US duration.

With Trump as president, the main scenarios lead to higher rates

US GDP Growth scenarios – Hard vs Soft Trump



US Inflation scenarios – Hard vs Soft Trump

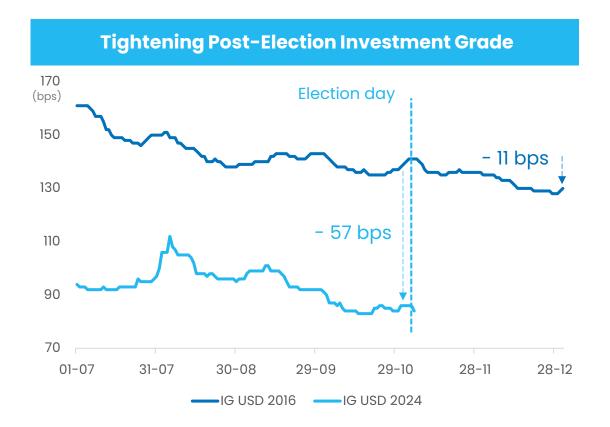


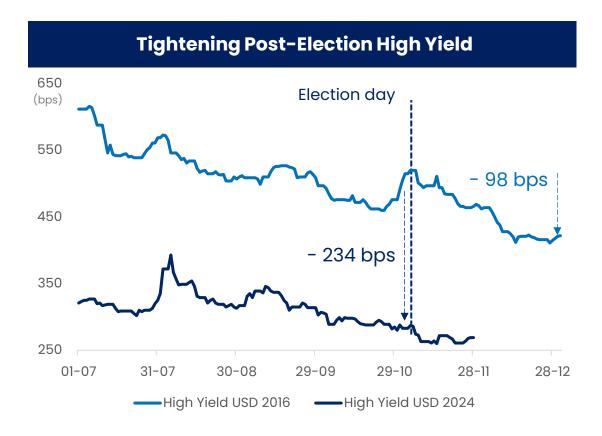
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Historical spreads comparison.

Election rhymes with lower yields...but the starting point is currently a hurdle

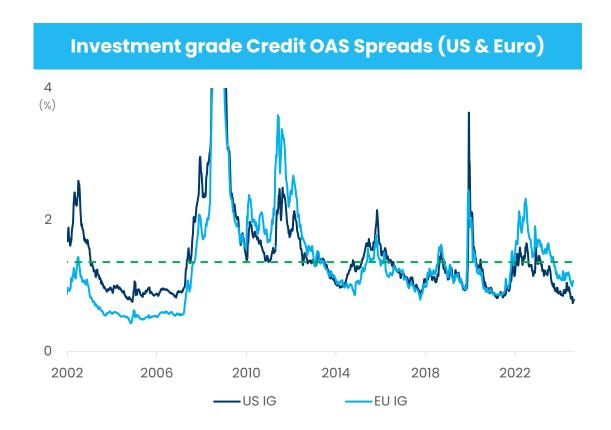


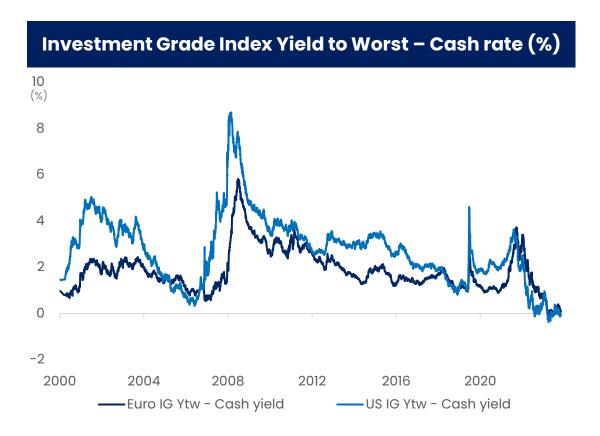


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Investment Grade Credit.

Current spread levels show an asymmetrical risk-reward





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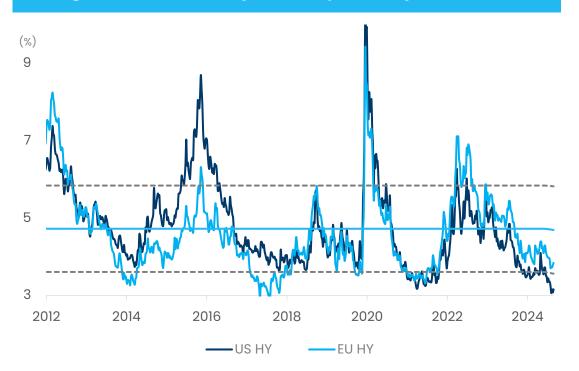
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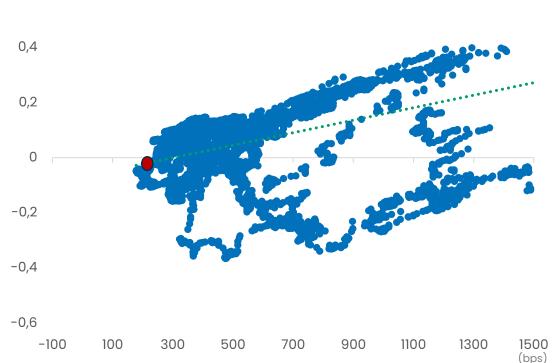
High Yield.

Limited potential for spread compression despite lack of issuance

High Yield index - Option-Adjusted Spread (OAS)



US High Yield performance over 12 month at given spread level

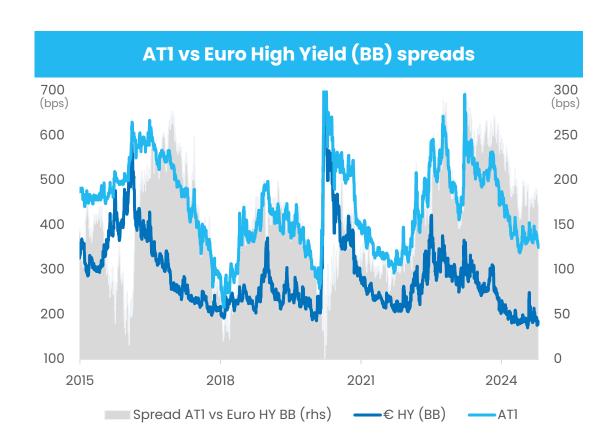


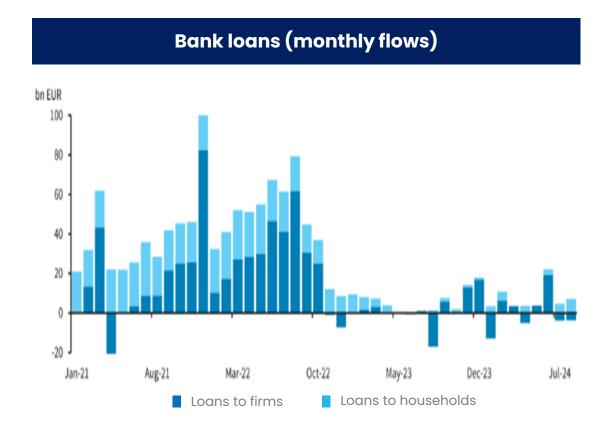
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Subordinated / Coco Bonds.

ATI offer an alternative within the fixed income space





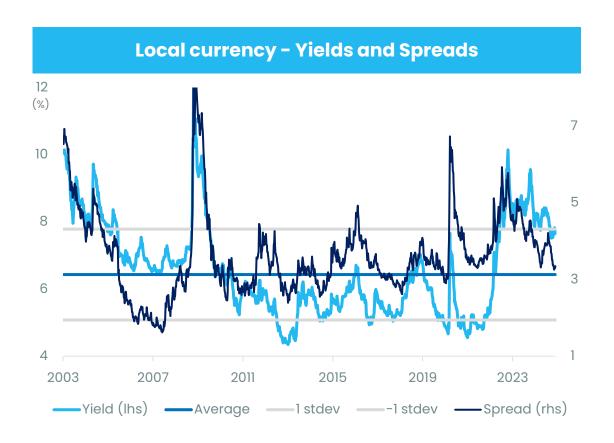
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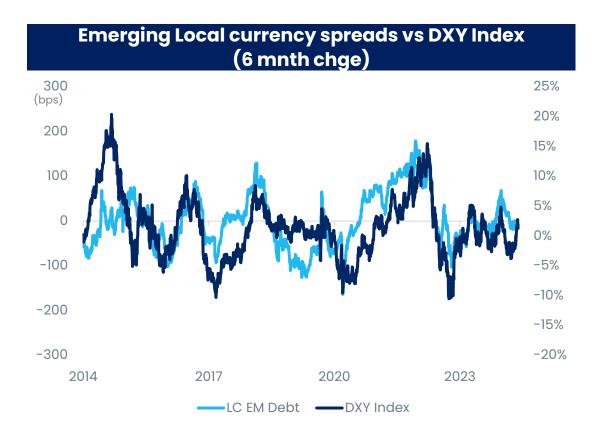
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Emerging Debt.

Spreads offer further compression potential but US Fiscal and monetary stance are a hurdle





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Currencies - at the heart of geopolitical challenges

USD - Trump paradox

Reflation measures should support USD

Trump wants a weaker USD

JPY – Could act as a hedge

Carry trade unwinding looks behind us

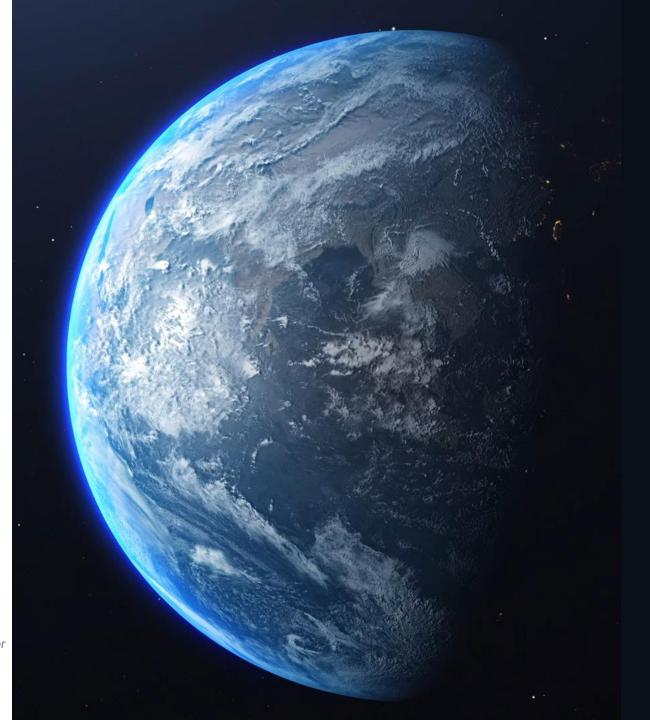
BOJ will hike but FED policy is main driver

CNY – weapon of retaliation

More tariffs = weaker Yuan

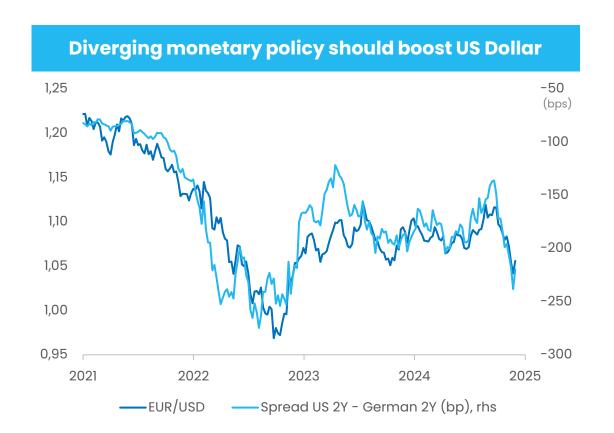


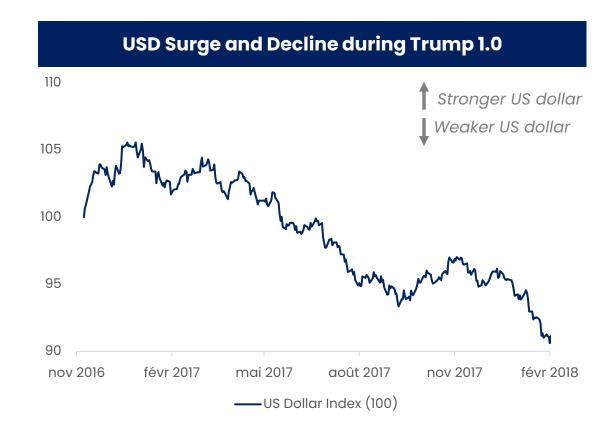
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US Dollar.

Trump 2.0 reflation agenda



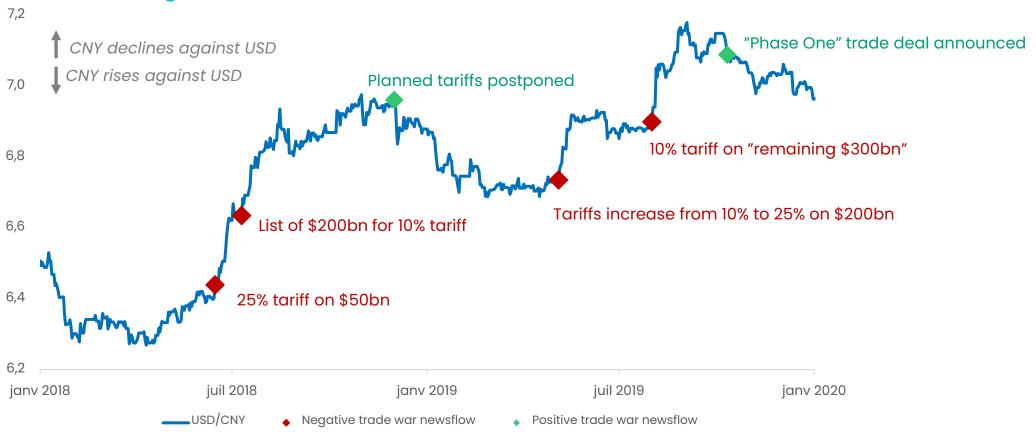


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Chinese Yuan.

Higher trade tariffs = retaliation with lower CNY

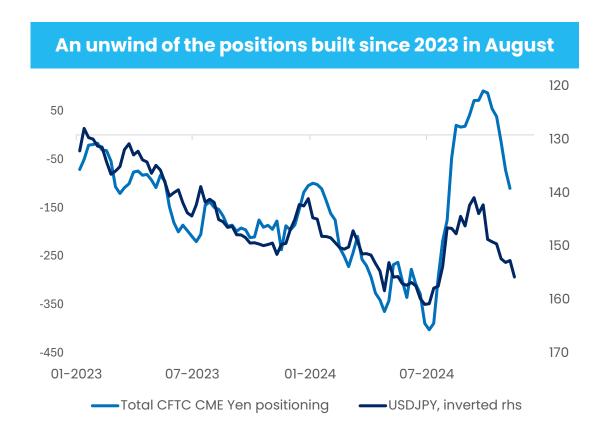


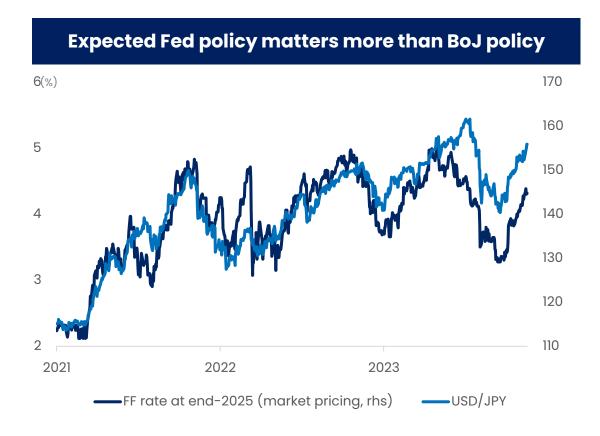
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Japanese Yen.

Could hedge tail risks, but highly dependent on Fed Funds path





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2 Equities.



Equities - Navigating the Trump Effect.

Overweight Equities

Soft-Landing of the global economy

Central Bank easing has started

Prefer US Equities vs ROW

US benefiting from reflationary trades

Europe stuck between internal & external challenges

Emerging waiting for more China stimulus

Sector: play the reflation trade in the US

US - Financials, Industrials, Small caps

Europe - we keep a more defensive positioning

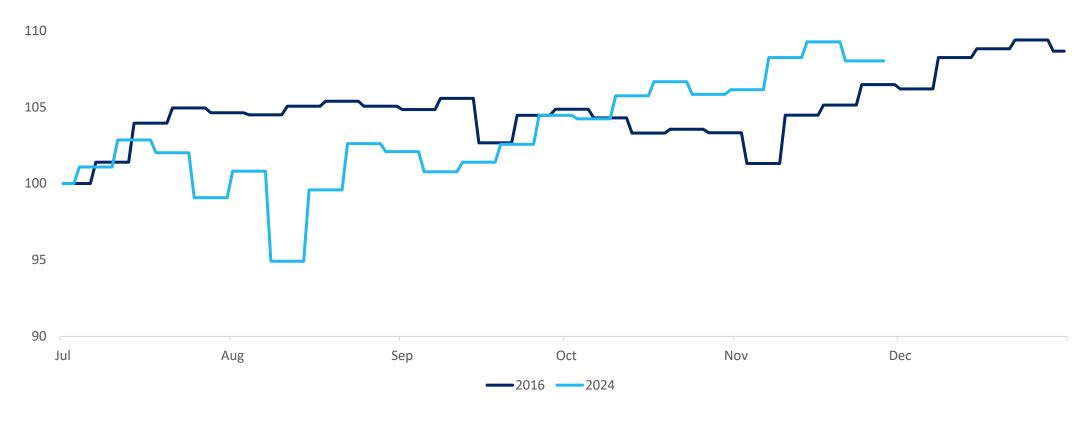
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Why the US rally could be sustainable.

S&P Index evolution Vs. Trump.1 election

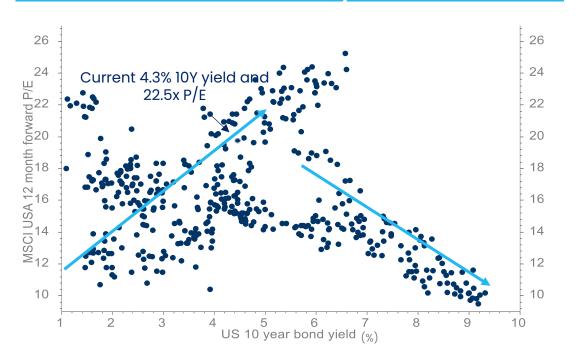


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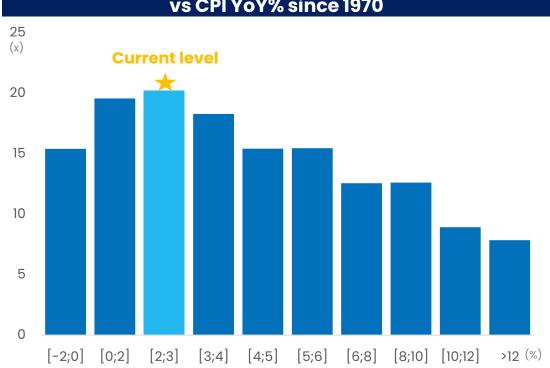
Valuation, not an obstacle until 5%.

Awaiting greater clarity on Trump's policy direction

MSCI USA 12 month forward P/E and US 10Y bond yields



US Trailing Price/Earnings Valuation vs CPI YoY% since 1970



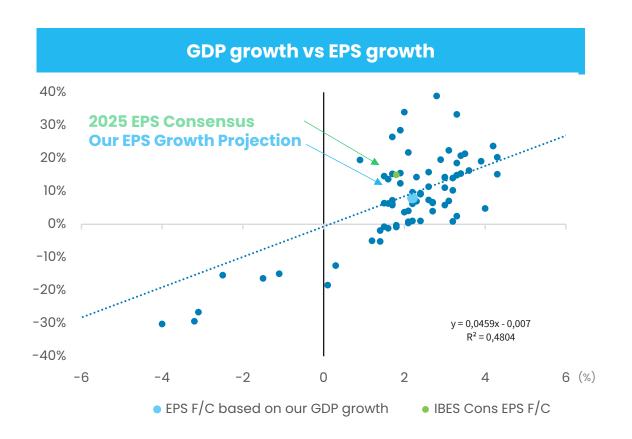
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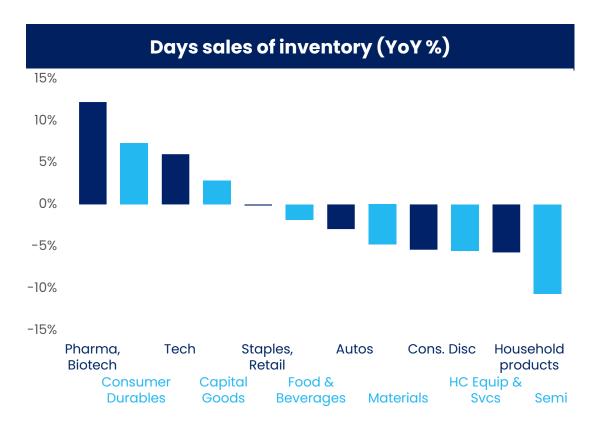
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Rising Operating Leverage.

Double-digit EPS growth expected amid positive economic momentum





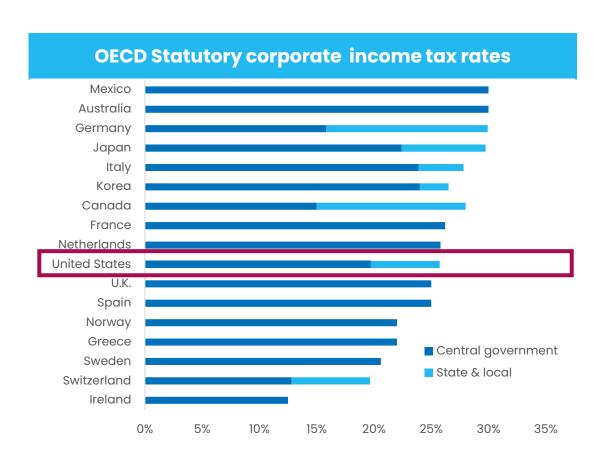
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Tax cuts.

A potential further boost



Impact of 2017 TCJA on: tax rates, earnings, and share price

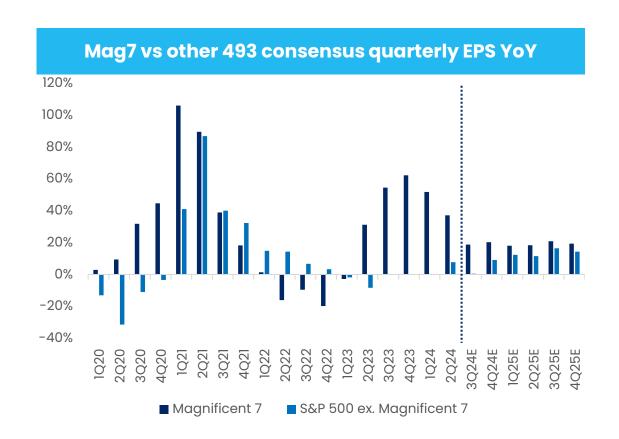
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Financials	30	20	10	14	
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S&P 500	28	20	8	11	
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Broadening.

Soft landing & tough Tech comparisons: path to a broadening out of the S&P 493





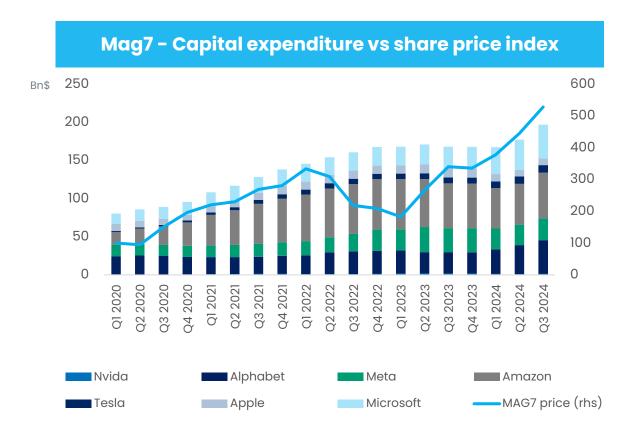
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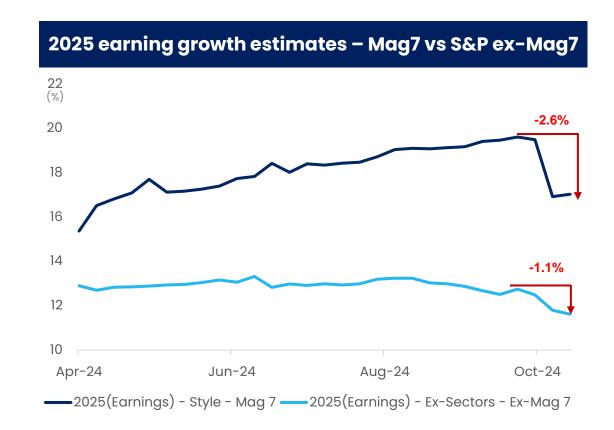
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US Technology.

Long-term trend is clear but need to catch a breath

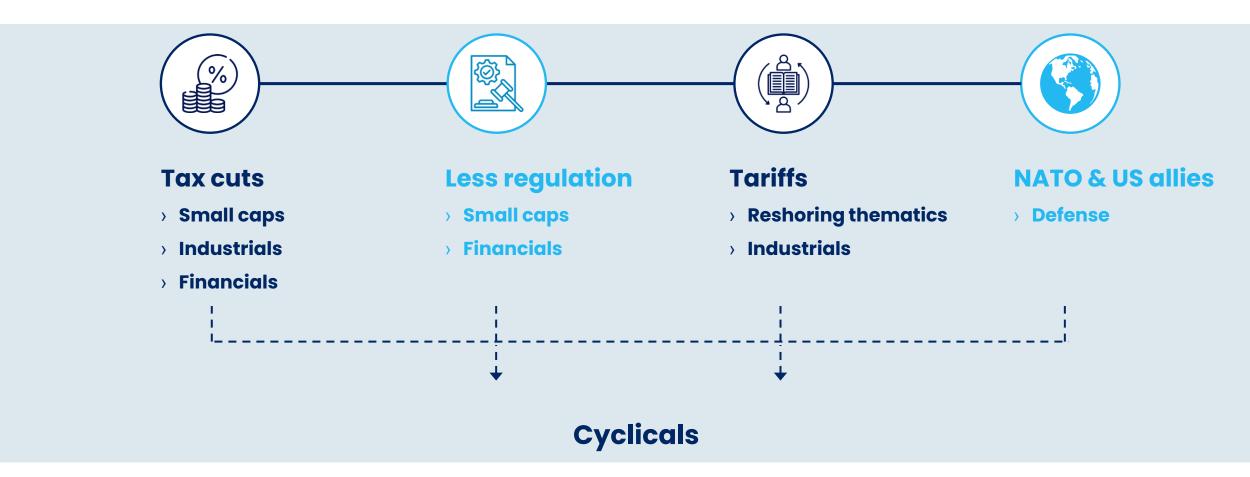




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US reflation trade.



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US Small caps.

A cyclical play already discounting a high relative risk premium



NFIB Small Business Uncertainty Index 110 70

2007

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2014

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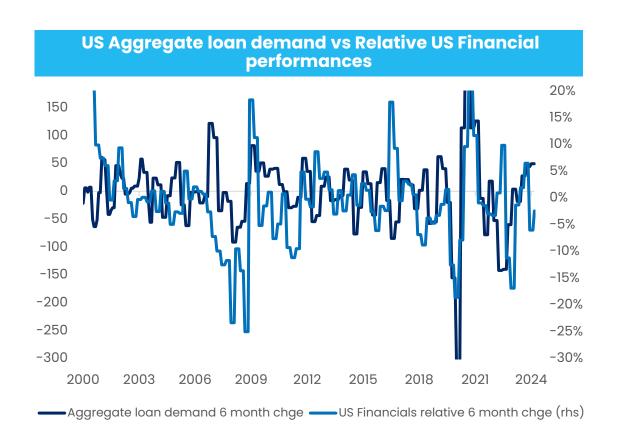
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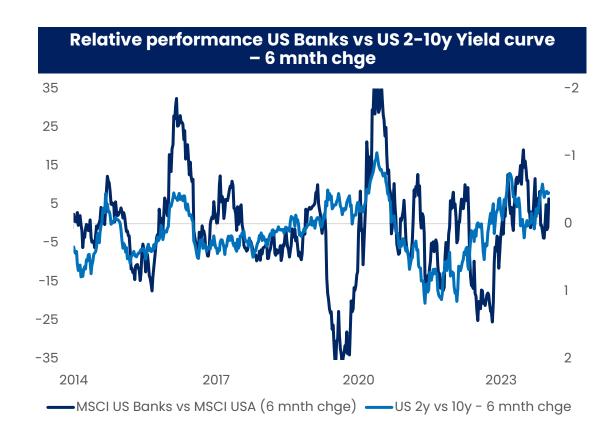
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2000

US Financials.

Strong fundamental and tactical supports





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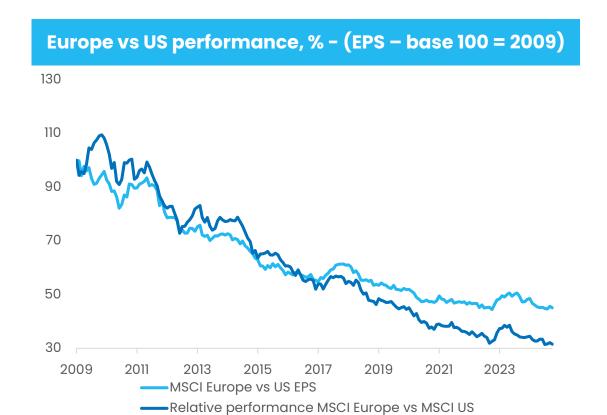
Rest of the World.



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European equities.

Need China's credit impulse, German fiscal easing, and manageable tariffs to perform





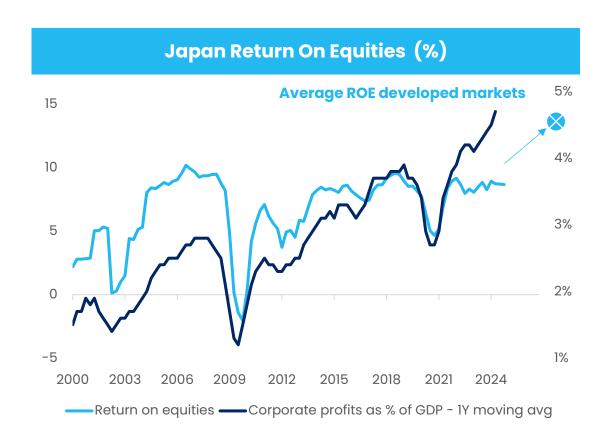
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Japanese equities.

Enjoying structural changes but impacted by JPY volatility and Chinese Stimulus





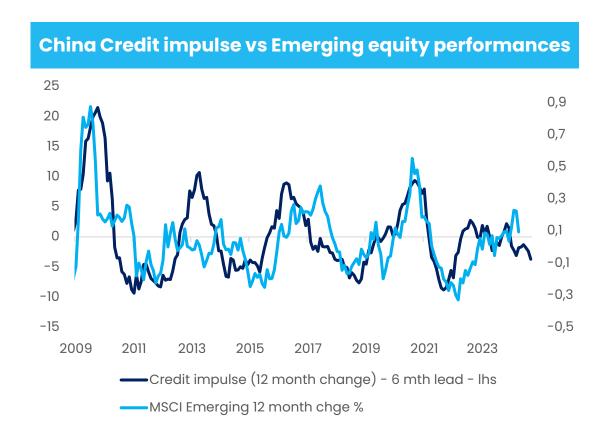
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Emerging Equities.

Without evidence of a Chinese turnaround, EM may suffer from trade & tariffs uncertainty





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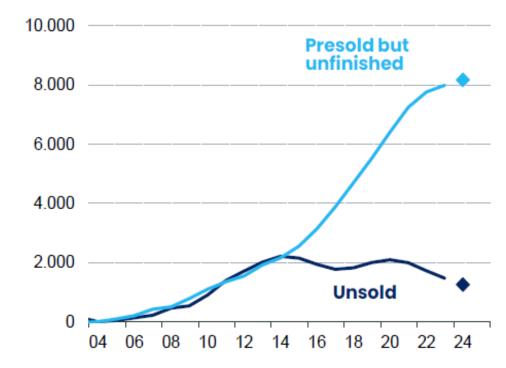
Chinese Equities.

Return of confidence is required to make this a trend and not a trade

Easing measures taken or expected to be taken

	Easing measures	GDP impact (bp)
Announced by the PBOC or NPC during the last weeks	50bp RRR cut (and another 25- 50bp by year-end)	16
	25bp policy rate cut on the 1-year and 5-year LPR	4
	50bp mortgage rate cut for existing borrowers	10
	10bp cut to second-home buyer downpayments	5
	RMB400bn local government refinancing bonds	1
	RMB800bn to support equity market	5
	Special issue of gvt. bonds for SOE banks recapitalization	Unclear
	Sub-total	41
Still expected (but unconfirmed)	RMB1tn CGSB (Central Government Special Bonds) for consumption	40

Residential construction (millions of square meters)



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3 Commodities.



Commodities contrasted views.

Positive on Gold

- → Strong fundamentals
- Providing a hedge in a portfolio

Negative on Oil

- Supply-demand balance is set to deteriorate
- Trump needs lower Oil

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Neutral on Industrial metals

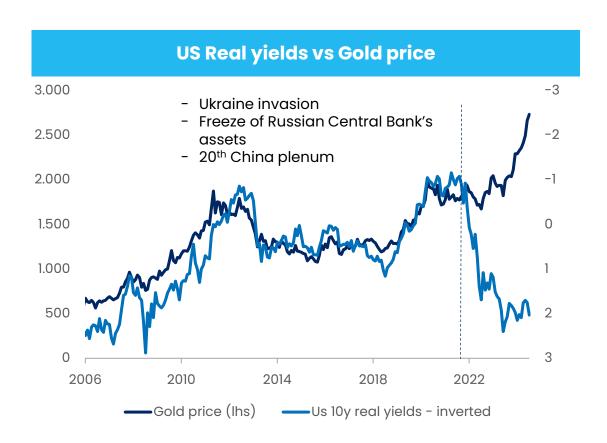
- Stronger activity and FED cuts are supportive
- Trump may deteriorate demand for climate metals

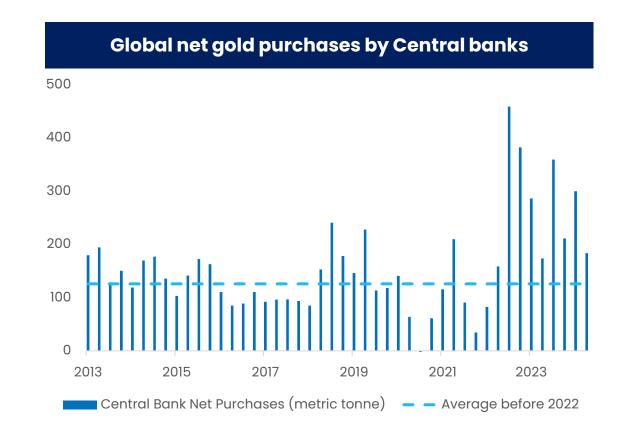




Gold.

A safe haven with strong fundamentals



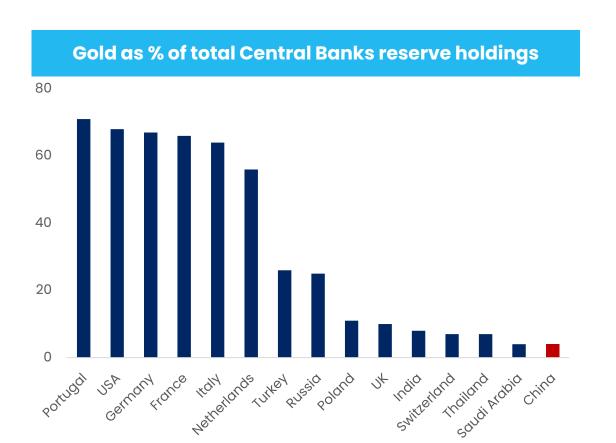


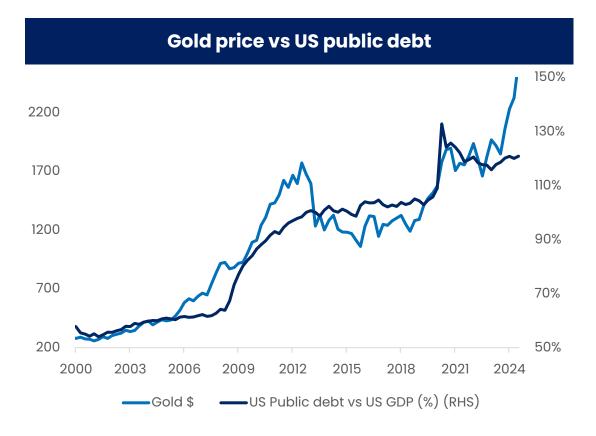
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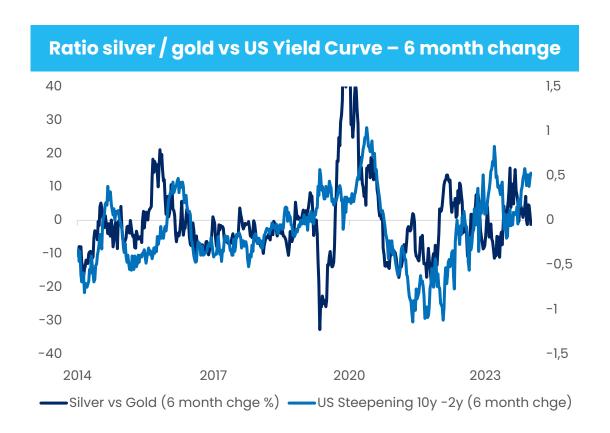


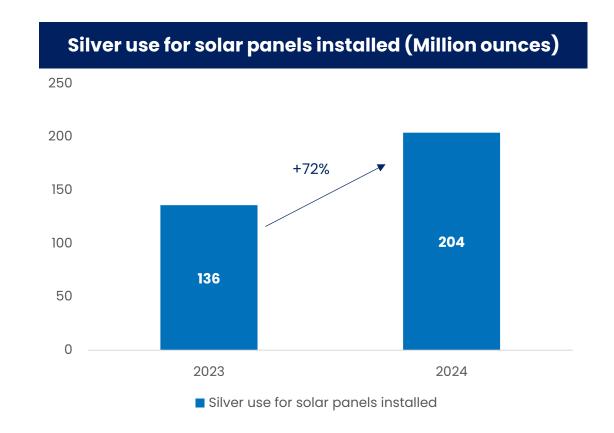
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Silver.

Silver benefits from strong activity and solar demand, but Trump clouds its outlook





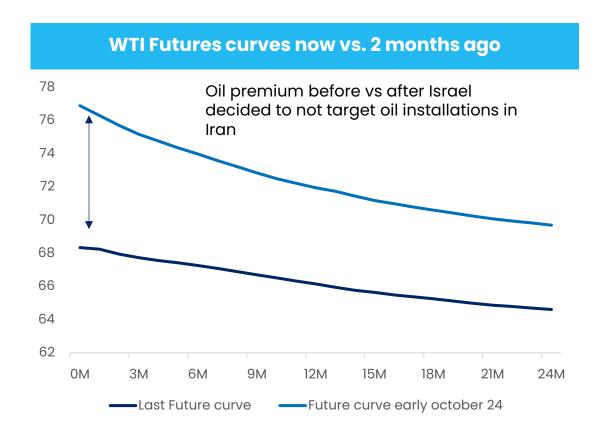
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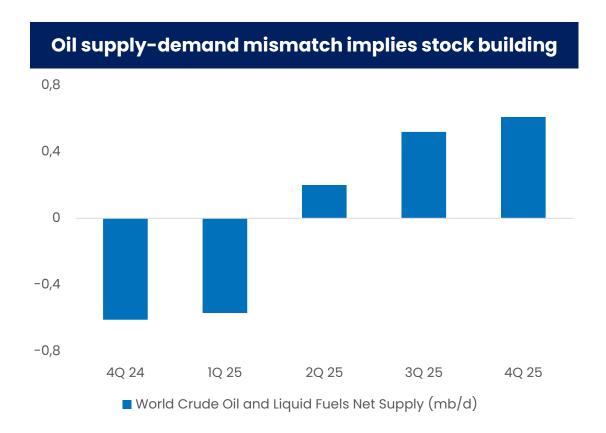
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Oil.

Less effective hedge against geopolitical events?



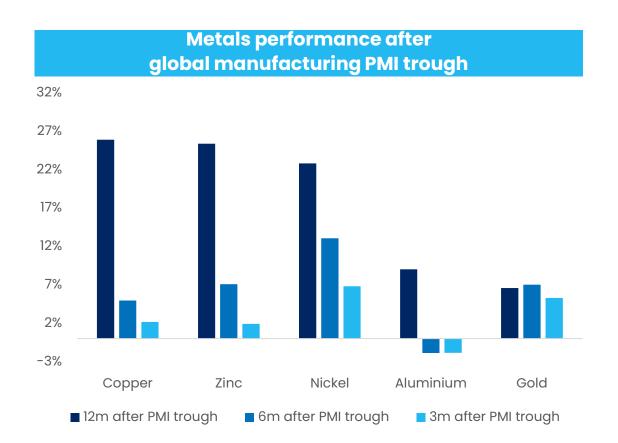


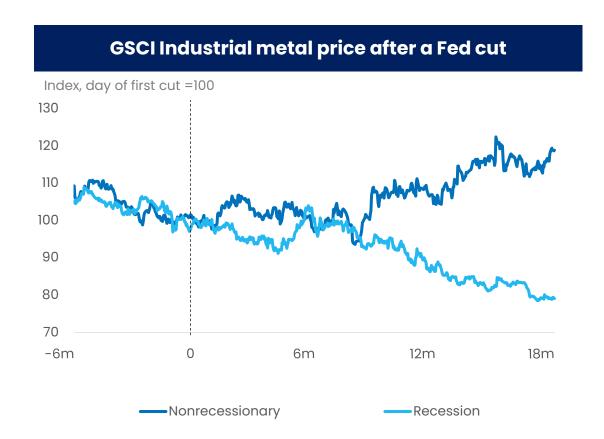
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Industrial Metals.

Better activity is supportive, but China's high inventories and Trump are headwinds



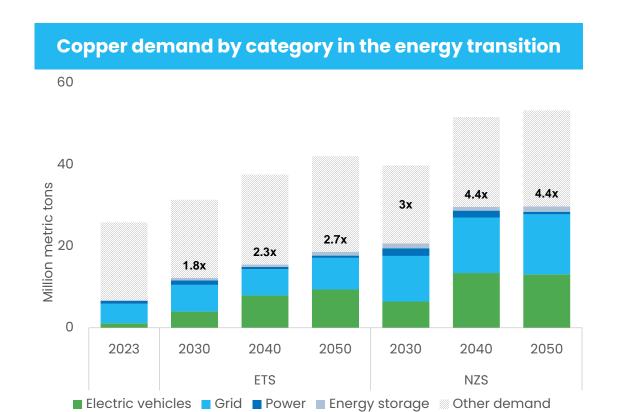


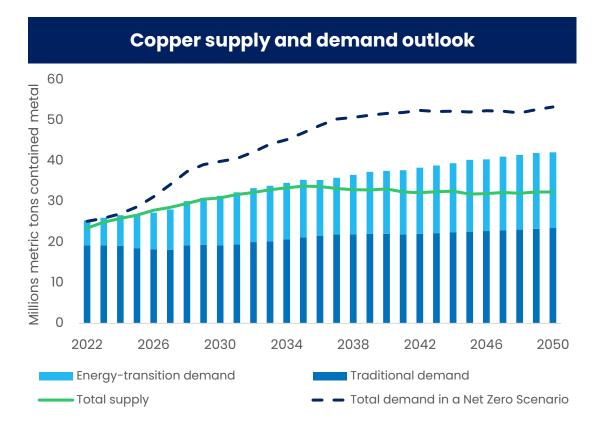
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Copper.

Long-term drivers, Structural shortage





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5 Conclusion.



The Path into H1 2025 Opportunities.



- Positive US vs. Europe
- Optionality on China
- Chase the "reflation trade" in the US, there is still room for rerating: Financials, industrials, Small and Midcaps.



- Positive on European duration, hedges a balanced portfolio. Avoid longer-term maturities.
- Negative on US duration
- Currencies at the heart of the trade war.

- Neutral on credit IG and High yield.
- Preference for ATI bonds over high yield bonds.
- Preference for Europe vs. US.



- Commodities:
 Positive on Precious metals (Gold),
 Negative on oil
- Positive on alternative strategies that benefit from higher volatility / dispersion and increase in M&A activity

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What's next?.

> More of Trump?

- > Risk of Hard Trump scenario, how to position your portfolio?
 - > Hedge equity exposure, long US breakeven, long on US Dollar, negative on US duration, sell oil.

> Less of Trump?

- > Reverse the "Trump trades"
- > Buy emerging assets (China), buy European equities, sell US Dollar, buy US duration



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