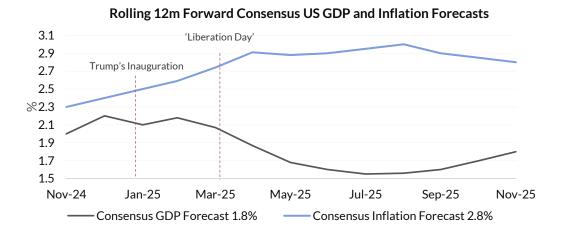
## MARKET DRIVERS INSIGHT REPORT

November 2025

Despite heightened US stagflation fears and Al-driven concentration risk in 2025, easing financial conditions have supported market risk appetite

Taking stock ahead of Thanksgiving, tariffs have exacerbated the US economy's stagflationary outlook over the course of the year. Even so, easing financial conditions have continued to support an increasingly concentrated US market in 2025.



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### The Two Distinct Phases of the FT Wilshire 5000's 13.0% YTD Return

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-19.4%

19 Feb-8 Apr

#### Risk-Off Move - 19 Feb to 8 Apr

- US markets decline from all-time high on 19 Feb as weak US economic data and sticky inflation generate heightened US stagflation concerns.
- Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariff announcement drives sharp US market sell-off with the FT Wilshire 5000 declining –12.4% from 2-8 April.

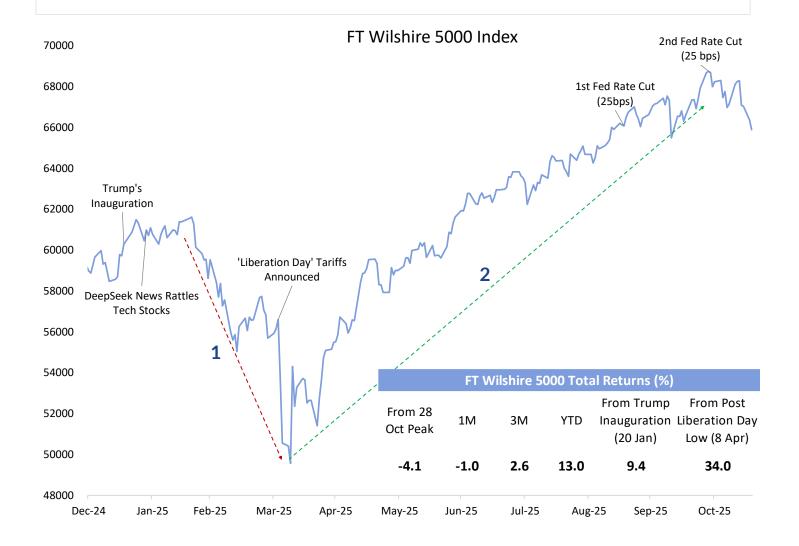
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8 Apr-28 Oct

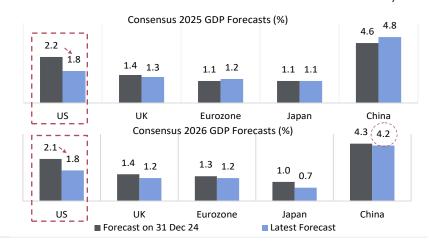
### Risk-On Move - 8 Apr to 28 Oct (Market Peak)

- US market stages strong rebound from the 8 April low as Trump announces 90-day pause on tariffs. Recovery continues as trade fears and concerns over Fed independence ease.
- Al stock boom drives US market concentration to record highs. The top 10 largest stocks contribute over half (51.3%) of the 39.6% return from 8 April to 28 October peak.



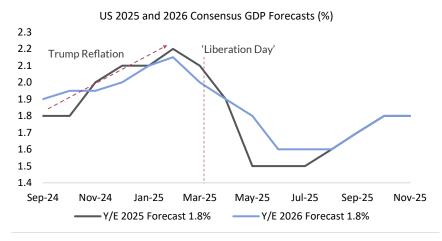
# Growth Cycle Analysis: Consensus forecasts signal another year of stagnating sub 2% US GDP growth as tariffs sap economic momentum

**Chart 1:** US has seen the most notable downward shift in both 2025 & 2026 consensus GDP forecasts since the start of the year



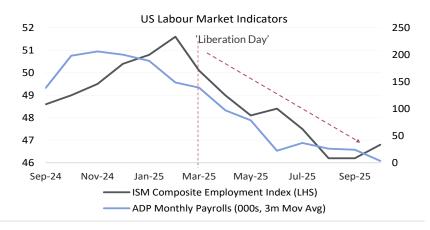
Consensus forecasts show China's GDP falling towards 4% in 2026. Relatively optimistic consensus US GDP forecasts have declined since the start of the year with the US expected to see sub 2% growth in 2025 and 2026.

**Chart 2:** Declining US GDP forecasts show Trump's tariffs have undermined early reflation optimism



Tariff uncertainty has dampened US growth expectations after consensus GDP forecasts initially rose in response to Trump's election victory.

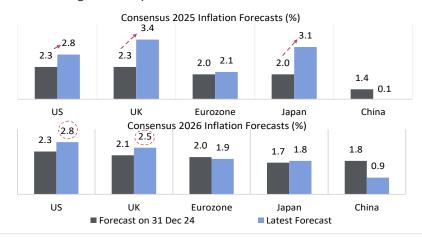
**Chart 3:** Concerns over the health of the US labour market have also been a key contributor behind lower US growth forecasts



Key labour market indictors have deteriorated since Q1, adding to concerns over consumption's ability to drive US economic growth.

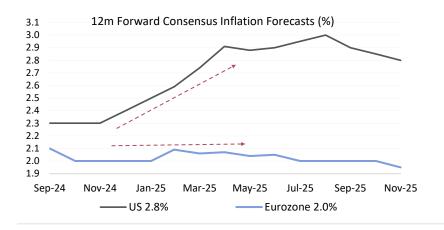
# Inflation Cycle Analysis: With services inflation remaining sticky and goods prices turning higher, US stagflation risks are likely to persist into 2026

**Chart 1:** Consensus forecasts suggest the outlook in 2026 remains stagflationary for both the US and the UK



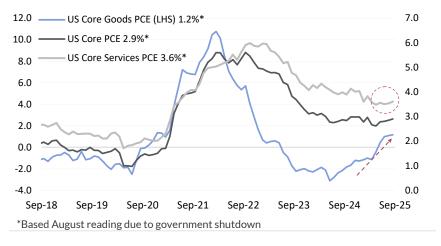
The US, UK and Japan have seen the notable rise in 2025 consensus inflation forecasts since the start of the year. For the US and UK, inflation is expected to stay well above target levels through to the end next year.

**Chart 2:** Rising US inflation forecasts this year contrast with the steady and subdued forecasts for the Eurozone



Relative to the US, the Eurozone's inflation outlook has been more stable, giving the ECB greater confidence to proceed with four rate cuts in 2025.

**Chart 3:** Sticky services prices have kept the Fed's preferred US Core PCE measure of inflation well above target levels in 2025



Along with sticky and still elevated levels of services inflation (c65% weighting within US core PCE), US core goods have also been on the rise in recent months.

# Financial Conditions Cycle Analysis: Fed dampens December rate cut hopes but financial conditions backdrop supportive compared to the Dot-Com era

**Chart 1:** The UK has seen the most pronounced shift in 2025 and 2026 market interest rate expectations vs the start of the year

	Regior	nal Intere	est Rate E	xpectati	ons (%)	
	Rates on 31 Dec 2024	Latest Rates	Y/E 2025 Market Forecasts on 31 Dec 2024	Latest Y/E 2025 Market Forecast	Y/E 2026 Market Forecasts on 31 Dec 2024	Latest Y/E 2026 Market Forecast
US	4.25-4.5*	3.75-4.0*	3.9	3.8	3.7	→ 3.1
UK	4.75	4.0	4.1	→ 3.7	3.9	→ 3.4
Eurozone	3.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0
Japan	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0

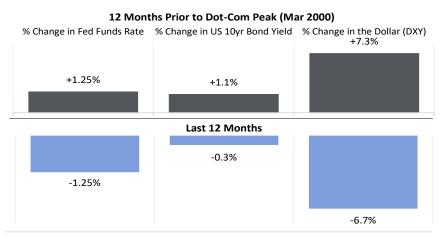
Whilst year-end 2025 US market interest rate expectations are largely unchanged since the start of the year, 2026 rate expectations have drifted lower. The UK has seen a c50bps decline in rate expectations since the beginning of 2025.

**Chart 2:** Markets have reined in expectations of a December rate cut with 2026 interest rate forecasts also moving higher



A more hawkish tone from various members of the Federal Reserve in recent weeks has led markets to lower the extent of US market rate cuts expected for the rest of the year and in 2026.

**Chart 3:** The backdrop for US financial conditions over the past 12 months has been considerably different to the Dot-Com era



Fed rate cuts, falling US bond yields and the decline in the dollar have all been key features for markets, contributing to the easing in aggregate US financial conditions in 2025.

<sup>\*</sup>Based on Fed Funds Target Rate

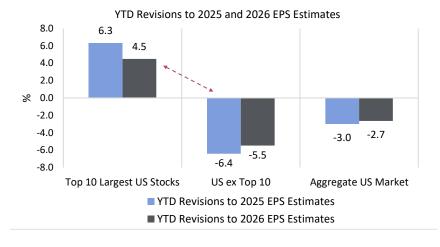
# Profit Cycle Analysis: This year has brought a marked divergence in the EPS profile of the top 10 US stocks vs the remainder of the US market

**Chart 1:** EPS growth for the US top 10 is expected to be significantly higher than rest of the US market in 2025 and 2026

Regio	onal EPS Grov	wth Fore	casts (%)	
	2025 Growth Forecast	Forecast on 31 Dec	2026 Growth Forecast	Forecast on 31 Dec
US	11.3.	16.3	16.4	14.8
US ex Top 10	8.8	15.0	14.2	13.1
Top 10 Stocks	25.8	21.9	20.7	17.7
Global ex US	9.8	11.5	14.8	10.6
UK	2.1	9.2	11.9	10.9
Europe ex UK	0.3	8.9	13.7	8.9
Japan	4.4	15.1	11.0	13.4
Asia Pac ex Japan	9.7	15.1	18.1	14.8
<b>Emerging Markets</b>	12.3	23.3	17.7	16.9
China	9.6	11.9	21.8	11.8

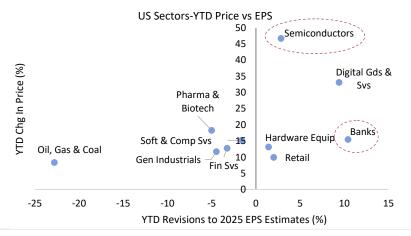
2025 EPS growth forecasts for the top 10 US stocks are 3x higher than the rest of the US market. YTD revisions to 2026 EPS growth have drifted higher for all major regions (for more information on regional EPS and revenue estimates see page 14).

**Chart 2:** A stark contrast in YTD revisions to 2025 and 2026 EPS estimates for the US top 10 v the rest of the US market



Whilst revisions to underlying 2025 and 2026 EPS estimates have been positive YTD, the rest of the US market has seen declines.

**Chart 3:** US tech sectors have outperformed but banks have seen the largest positive YTD revisions to 2025 EPS estimates



At a US sector level (here covering around 75% of the US market) only tech sectors, banks and retailers have seen both a positive price increase and positive revisions to 2025 EPS estimates so far this year.

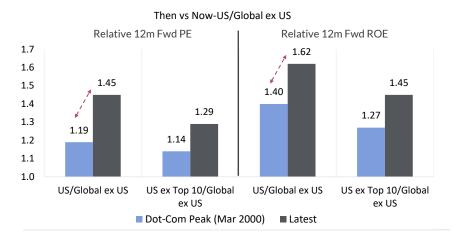
# Valuation Cycle Analysis: The US/Global ex US relative 12m forward PE is well above Dot-Com peak levels-but so to are US profitability levels

**Chart 1:** The sharp re-rating since April means the US top 10 sits at almost a 100% premium relative to the rest of the US market

	Region	al PE Compa	arison	
		12m Fwd PE on		
	Fwd PE	31 Dec	8 Apr Low	Low
US	22.4	21.6	18.0	24.5
US ex Top 10	19.8	19.1	17.1	15.8
Top 10 Stocks	38.1	34.2	24.1	57.8
Global ex US	15.4	13.8	12.7	21.3
UK	13.1	11.4	10.9	20.1
Europe ex UK	15.1	13.6	13.0	15.9
Japan	16.1	14.2	12.1	33.5
Asia Pac ex Japan	16.4	14.5	13.2	24.5
Emerging	16.8	15.4	13.9	21.4
China	13.8	11.9	12.0	15.5

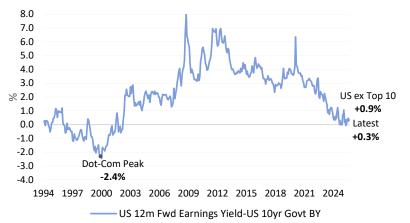
Since the April market low the top 10 largest US stocks have seen a re-rating of almost 4 times as large as the rest of the US market (see page 15 for more information on regional valuations).

**Chart 2:** US/Global ex US relative PEs are now higher vs the Dot-Com bubble but levels of ROE are also higher



Although today's US/Global ex US relative 12m forward PE sits at a much higher premium vs the Dot-Com peak, US profitability levels (12m forward ROE) vs the rest of the world are much higher-even when the top 10 stocks are excluded.

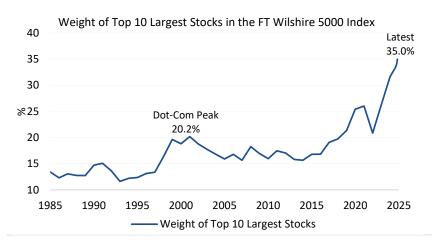
**Chart 3:** Whilst not at Dot-Com level extremes, the US equitybond risk premium is hovering just above zero



The YTD US equity market re-rating combined with the decline in bond yields, means the Fed Model valuation (a measure of equity-bond risk premia) remains close to zero and well-below post-GFC average levels.

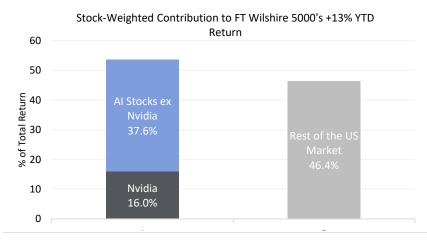
# Sentiment Cycle Analysis: Al driven market concentration remains a key risk for the US but sentiment looks less extreme vs the Dot-Com bubble

**Chart 1:** The top 10 largest stocks now account for over a third (35%) of the FT Wilshire 5000 (US) index



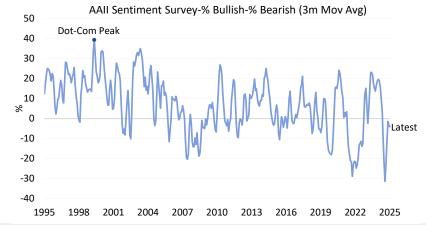
US market concentration has risen to record highs in 2025. The weighting of the top 10 largest stocks is approaching twice the levels reached at the peak of the Dot-Com bubble.

**Chart 2:** Al stocks have dominated the US market with Nvidia alone contributing 16.0% of the FT Wilshire 5000's YTD return



8 of the top 10 contributors to the US market YTD return are Al-focus stocks which combined have contributed over half (53.6%) of the US market's 13.0% YTD return.

**Chart 3:** US market sentiment looks significantly less exuberant compared to the extremes of the Dot-Com peak



Current levels of net bullish sentiment (measured here by the American Association of Individual Investors Sentiment Survey Bulls-Bears) are at significantly lower levels than those witnessed at the height of the Dot-Combubble.

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## **Growth and Inflation Cycle**

**Table 1:** Regional consensus 2025 and 2026 Real GDP forecasts and long term CAGR (%)

	Re	gional R	eal GDP (	%)	
				CAGR	
	2025E*	2026E*	5yr CAGR	10yr CAGR	20yr CAGR
US	1.8	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.0
UK	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.2
Eurozone	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.2
Japan	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.5
China	4.8	4.2	4.9	5.9	8.5

**Chart 1:** Regional rolling 12m forward consensus GDP forecasts (%)

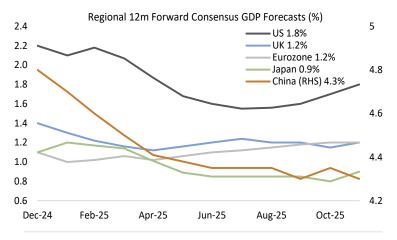
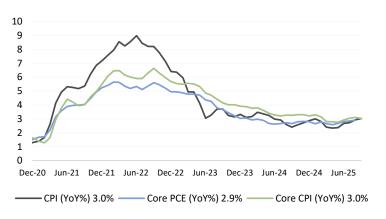


Chart 3: Measures of US Inflation (YoY% Chg)



**Table 2:** Regional consensus 2025 and 2026 CPI forecasts and long term CAGR (%)

Regional CPI Inflation (%)											
				CAGR							
	2025E*	2026E*	5yr CAGR	10yr CAGR	20yr CAGR						
US	2.8	2.8	4.1	2.8	2.6						
UK	3.4	2.5	4.3	2.9	2.8						
Eurozone	2.1	1.9	3.2	2.3	2.1						
Japan	3.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.6						
China	0.0	0.9	1.6	1.7	2.4						

Chart 2: Revisions to 2025 and 2026 consensus GDP forecasts (Bps)

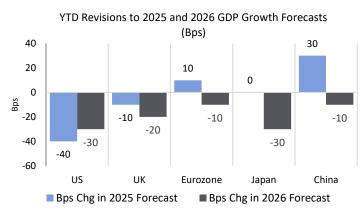
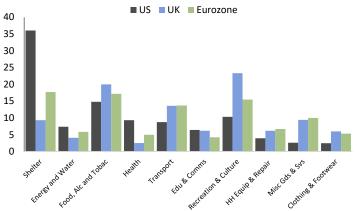


Chart 4: Regional CPI index weightings (%)

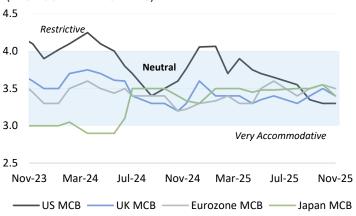


## **Financial Conditions Cycle**

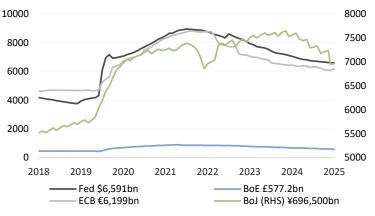
**Table 1:** Monetary policy barometer components (1=Very Accommodative, 5=Restrictive)

Monetary P	olicy Ba	aromet	er							
	US UK Eurozone Ja									
Interest Rate Expectations (12m Fwd OIS)	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0						
Real M2 Money Supply	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.5						
Real Interest Rates	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.0						
Central Bank Balance Sheets	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.5						
Neutral Rate Proxy (Int Rate/NGDP, 12m Fwd)	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.0						
Composite Monetary Policy	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.2						

**Chart 1:** Regional Financial Conditions Indicators (FCI) (1-5 based on Z-scores)



**Chart 3:** Regional central bank balance sheets (local currency)



**Table 2:** Credit cycle barometer components (1=Very Accommodative, 5=Restrictive)

Credit Cy	cle Barc	meter		
	US	UK	Eurozone	Japan
Govt Bond Yields (10-Year)	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5
Govt Bond Yields (30-Year)	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.0
Corp Bond Yields (Inv Grade)	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0
High Yield-Inv Grade Spread	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0
Lending Standards	3.5	3.5	2.0	2.0
Debt Serv Levels-Households	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Debt Serv Levels-Non-Fin Corps	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Composite Credit Cycle	3.2	3.1	2.9	3.5

Chart 2: Regional 12 month forward rate expectations

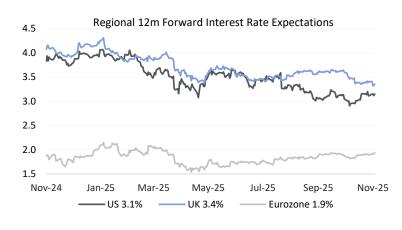
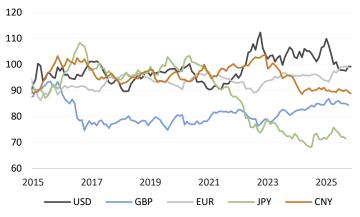


Chart 4: Trade-weighted exchange rates



## **Profit and Earnings Cycle**

**Table 1:** Regional 2025 and 2026 EPS growth forecasts and long-term CAGR (%)

Regio	Regional EPS Growth (%)												
	Foreca	sts (%)											
	2025	2026	5yr	10yr	20yr								
US	11.3	16.4	6.5	6.7	6.9								
UK (GBP)	2.1	11.9	5.2	1.1	3.2								
Europe ex UK (EUR)	0.3	13.7	8.4	2.8	5.5								
Japan (JPY)	4.4	11.0	6.8	4.5	5.2								
Asia Pac ex Japan (USD)	9.7	18.1	4.4	1.5	5.4								
Emerging (USD)	12.3	17.7	5.9	0.6	4.8								
China (CNY)	9.6	21.8	6.0	5.6	9.7								
_Global ex US (USD)	9.8	14.8	6.0	1.6	6.8								

Chart 1: Regional 12m forward EPS (Rebased)

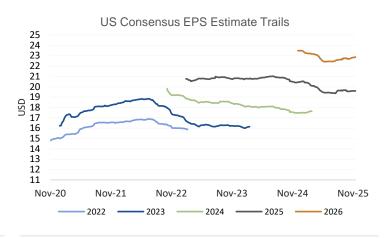
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forecasts and long-term CAGR (%)

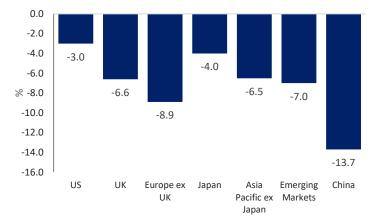
Table 2: Regional 2025 and 2026 revenue growth

Region	Regional Revenue Growth (%)												
	Foreca	sts (%)		)									
	2025	2026	5yr	10yr	20yr								
US	5.2	6.7	5.7	4.8	5.4								
UK (GBP)	4.2	3.6	0.9	1.9	3.5								
Europe ex UK (EUR)	-0.2	3.6	4.1	2.4	2.9								
Japan (JPY)	1.7	3.2	4.9	3.2	2.5								
Asia Pac ex Japan (USD)	8.4	8.7	0.5	0.2	5.9								
Emerging (USD)	9.1	9.8	2.1	0.5	5.5								
China (CNY)	7.4	10.6	2.9	2.9									
_ Global ex US (USD)	8.2	5.9	0.3	-0.6	2.2								

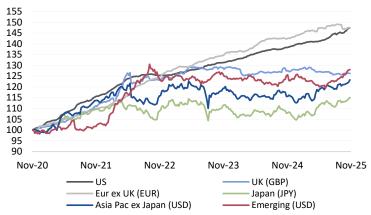
Chart 2: US Analyst EPS Estimate Trails (USD)



**Chart 3:** YTD % Revisions regional to 2025 EPS mates (LCY)



**Chart 4:** Regional 12m forward Sales Per Share (Rebased)

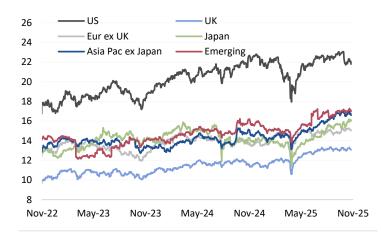


# **Valuation Cycle**

**Table 1:** Regional Valuation Summary-Absolute

	Regional Valuation Summary-Absolute															
	12m Fwd PE	10yr Avg	12m Fwd P/B	10yr Avg	12m Fwd DY	10yr Avg	12m Fwd P/CF	10yr Avg	12m Fwd P/S	10yr Avg	12m ROE	10yr Avg	EY-BY	10yr Avg	CAPE	10yr Avg
US	22.4	19.4	4.3	3.3	1.6	2.1	16.5	13.5	2.8	2.1	19.3	17.1	0.4	2.6	34.9	25.8
UK	13.1	13.2	1.9	1.7	3.6	4.0	8.3	8.6	1.4	1.2	14.7	13.0	2.9	5.7	16.4	13.1
Europe ex UK	15.1	14.4	1.9	1.7	3.4	3.6	10.0	9.0	1.5	1.2	12.8	11.7	6.6	6.2	25.3	18.5
Japan	16.1	14.5	1.5	1.2	2.3	2.4	10.3	8.5	1.2	0.9	9.5	8.6	6.2	6.7	34.4	26.7
Asia Pacific ex Japan	16.4	14.5	1.9	1.6	2.6	2.8	10.8	9.7	1.6	1.4	11.3	11.4	6.0	4.1	20.1	16.0
Emerging Markets	16.8	14.9	2.2	1.9	2.7	2.8	11.5	10.0	1.6	1.4	12.9	13.0	5.9	3.9	18.7	13.7
China	13.8	11.9	1.4	1.4	2.9	2.9	4.7	5.8	1.5	1.4	10.8	13.0	5.6	5.6	16.6	14.9
World	18.5	16.3	2.6	2.1	2.4	2.8	12.9	10.8	2.0	1.5	14.4	13.0	1.3	3.5	22.0	17.3
World ex US	15.4	14.3	1.9	1.6	3.1	3.2	10.1	9.1	1.5	1.3	12.1	11.3	2.3	4.4	19.6	14.8

Chart 1: Regional 12m forward PE ratios



**Chart 2:** Regional cyclically-adjusted 12m forward PE ratios

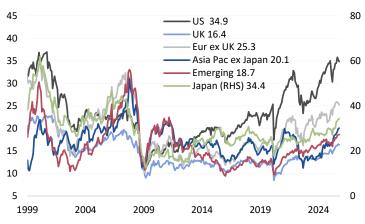
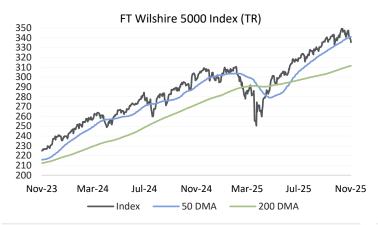


Table 2: Regional Valuation Summary-Relative

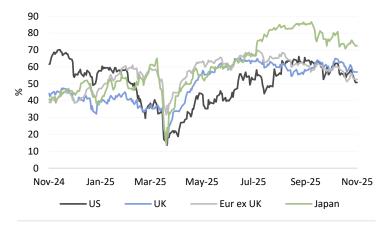
	Regional Valuation Summary-Relative															
	12m Fwd PE	10yr Avg	12m Fwd P/B	10yr Avg	12m Fwd DY	10yr Avg	12m Fwd P/CF	10yr Avg	12m Fwd P/S	10yr Avg	12m ROE	10yr Avg	EY-BY	10yr Avg	CAPE	10yr Avg
US	1.4	1.4	2.3	2.1	0.5	0.6	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	0.2	0.4	1.8	1.7
UK	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.5	1.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	2.4	2.2	0.7	0.8
Europe ex UK	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	1.6	1.4	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	6.2	2.6	1.1	1.0
Japan	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	4.9	2.8	1.5	1.6
Asia Pacific ex Japan	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	4.6	2.0	0.9	0.9
Emerging Markets	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	3.0	1.9	0.8	0.8
China	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.8	4.2	2.8	0.8	0.9

## **Technical Analysis**

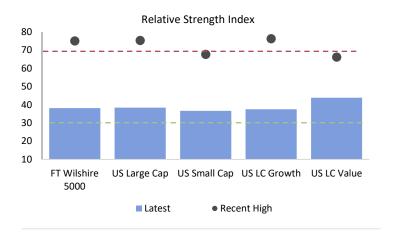
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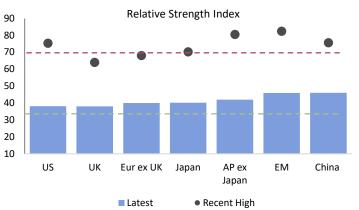
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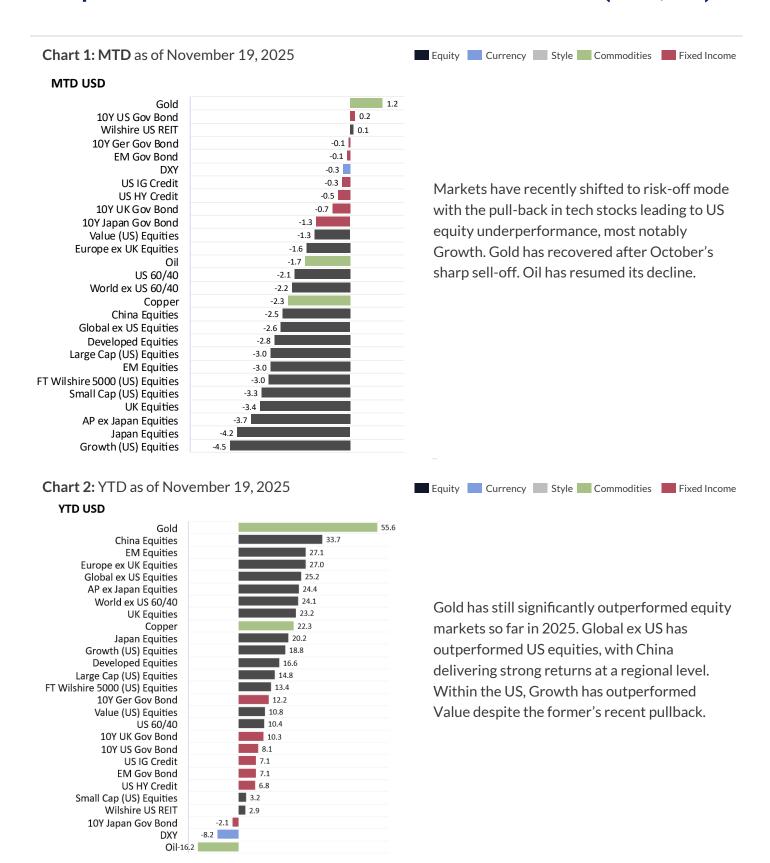
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## Snapshot of Multi-Asset returns: MTD and YTD (USD, TR)

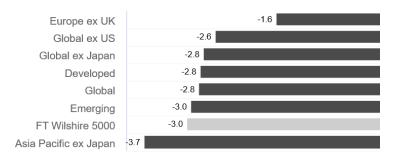


## **Global Equity Market Returns - MTD vs YTD**

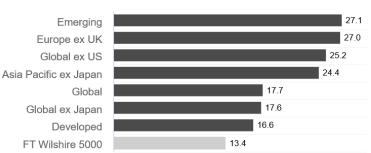
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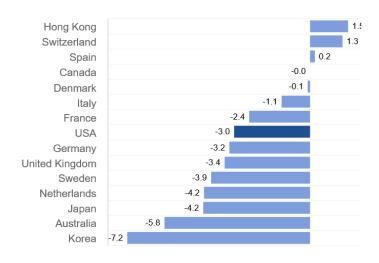
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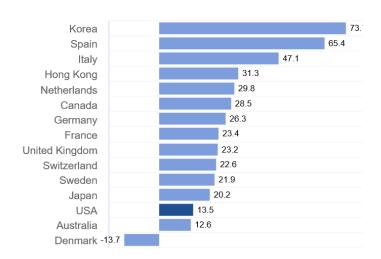
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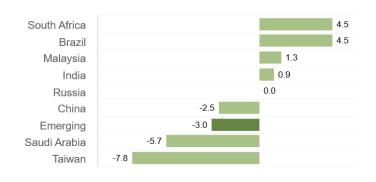
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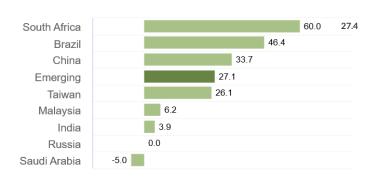
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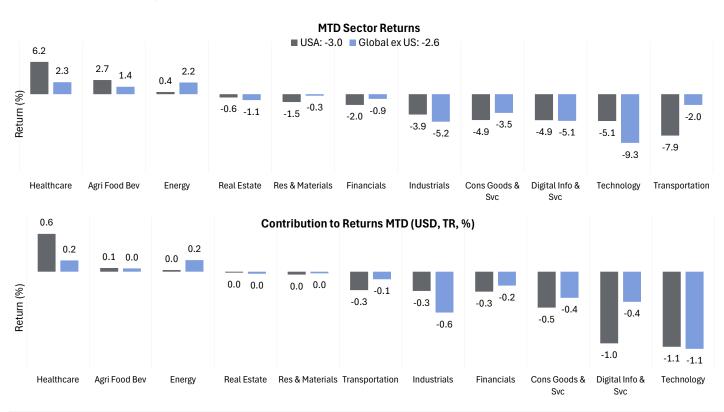


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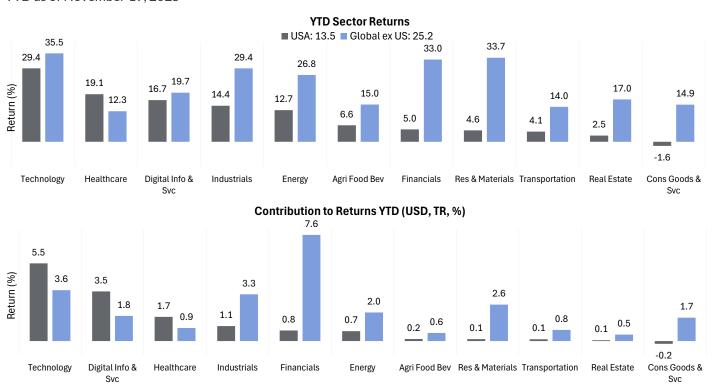


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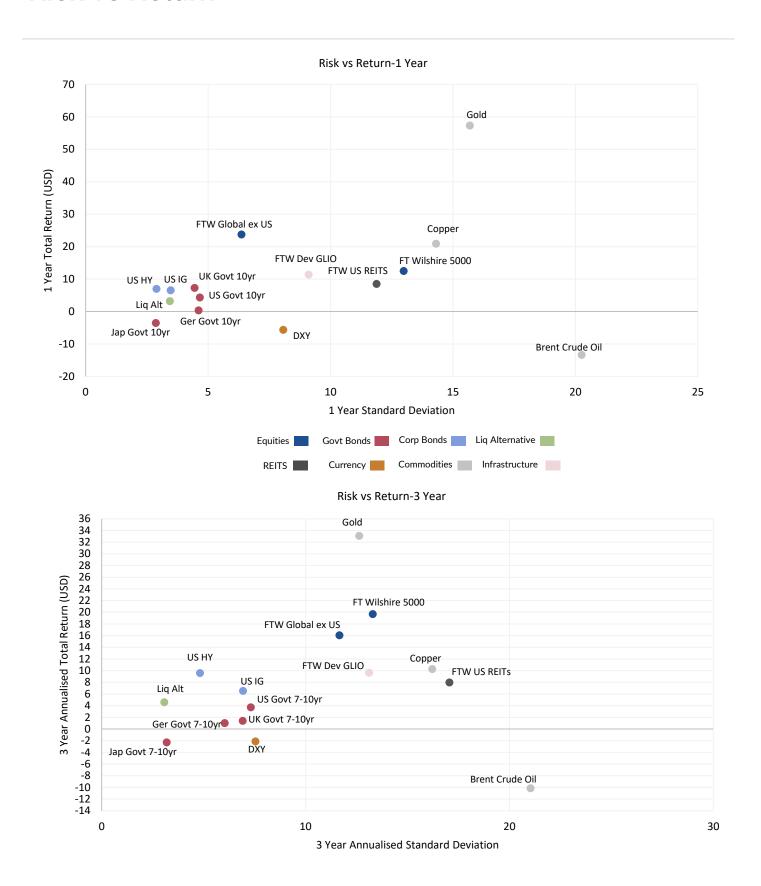




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## Risk vs Return

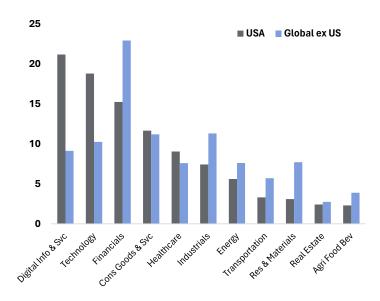


# **Regional Market Cap and Sector Weights**

#### Regional Sector Weights (USD, %)

	USA	Global ex US	UK	EU ex UK	Japan	AP ex Japan
Digital Info & Svc	21.2	9.1	3.6	7.3	14.9	11.0
Technology	18.8	10.2	5.3	5.7	12.0	19.6
Financials	15.2	22.9	23.6	22.7	14.5	22.3
Cons Goods & Svc	11.6	11.2	14.7	10.8	8.6	12.2
Healthcare	9.0	7.6	10.6	12.7	5.6	5.2
Industrials	7.4	11.3	13.5	16.1	19.1	5.4
Energy	5.6	7.6	12.9	6.8	2.1	5.9
Transportation	3.3	5.7	0.9	4.9	10.8	6.0
Res & Materials	3.1	7.7	6.3	6.6	5.5	6.7
Real Estate	2.4	2.8	2.1	1.6	3.8	3.5
Agri Food Bev	2.3	3.9	6.5	5.0	3.0	2.3
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

#### US vs Global ex US Sector Weights



# Regional Equity Market Size and Weighting in World Index-Latest vs 10-Years Ago (USD)

	Latest	% Global Index	10Y Ago	% Global Index
Global	99,547	100.0	42,118	100.0
Developed	87,980	88.4	37,661	89.4
USA	62,760	63.0	21,876	51.9
Asia Pacific e	11,967	12.0	5,032	11.9
Emerging	11,567	11.6	4,457	10.6
Europe ex UK	11,129	11.2	6,847	16.3
Japan	5,174	5.2	3,230	7.7
UK	3,306	3.3	2,873	6.8
China	3,205	3.2	1,143	2.7
Canada	3,032	3.0	1,273	3.0
France	2,289	2.3	1,311	3.1
Taiwan	2,283	2.3	510	1.2
Global	99,547		42,118	

# Markets size (USD, Bn) and weights - Developed and Emerging markets

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France	2,289	2.6	1,311	3.5
Developed	87,980		37,661	

Emerging	Latest	% Emerging	10Y Ago	% Emerging
China	3,205	27.7	1,143	25.7
Taiwan	2,283	19.7	510	11.4
India	2,051	17.7	589	13.2
Korea	1,398	12.1	646	14.5
Brazil	432	3.7	240	5.4
Emerging	11,567		4,457	

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