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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Market Update

Global equities extended their gains in Q4 2025, buoyed by robust corporate earnings, persistent strength in consumer spending, and continued momentum in artificial intelligence adoption across sectors. Investor sentiment was further supported by the Federal Reserve's ongoing rate cuts. Emerging markets, particularly in Latin America and EMEA, outperformed developed peers, aided by stabilizing commodity prices and improving fiscal balances. US Treasury yields remained rangebound, as mixed economic data tempered expectations for additional aggressive easing. In contrast, non-US sovereign yields edged higher, reflecting divergent central bank policies and persistent inflationary pressures in select regions. Corporate credit spreads remained tight, hovering near multi-decade lows amid strong risk appetite and limited default activity. The US dollar depreciated modestly, with losses accelerating in December as dovish Fed guidance and narrowing interest rate differentials weighed on the greenback. Real assets posted mixed results, while gold consolidated near record highs.

Global equities continued their ascent in January. Supportive financial conditions, resilient economic data, and solid corporate earnings offset stretched valuations and geopolitical tensions in regions such as Greenland and Iran. For early 2026 through February 15<sup>th</sup>, the global equity index has returned +2.9%, and the US fixed income index has returned +1.3%.

### Operating Fund Performance and Asset Allocation as of December 31, 2025

For calendar year 2025, the Total Operating Fund posted a return of +14.5%, 50 basis points (bps) ahead of the Policy Index return of +14.0%. Outperformance over this period can be attributed to the Global ex US Equity and Intermediate-Term Bonds allocations, which beat their benchmarks by 260 bps and 240 bps, respectively. The Total Long-Term Pool returned +18.4% for the period, outperforming the Total Long-Term Pool Benchmark return by 90 bps. Global ex US Equities also led performance on an absolute basis, returning +33.8%.

As of December 31, 2025, the Long-Term Pool had underweights to TIPS and Long-Term Bonds, offset by overweights to US Equity and Global ex US Equity, which we address in our rebalancing recommendations below.

### Operating Fund Return Projections

As shown in the following sections, while the Operating Fund Policy has a 3.9% expected real compound return over the long term (i.e., 25+ years), there is a wide range of potential outcomes, particularly over shorter time periods. For example, over any given 3-year period, the Operating Fund has a 50% likelihood of a real return between 0.9% and 6.9%, with a 25% likelihood of returns either above or below this range.

In addition to the general unpredictability of short-term returns, current market valuations pose additional headwinds to investors today: Strong performance over recent years have brought assets to levels that we view as unsustainable, implying that intermediate-term returns will likely fall short of long-term expectations. In a hypothetical scenario in which all asset class valuations reverted to their

historical averages over the next 10 years, we project that US Equities would return -3.0% real (far below C|A's long-term return assumption of +5.7%), and US Treasuries would return +1.4% real (similarly falling short of C|A's long-term return assumption of +2.8%). Looking across the Operating Fund, this "return to normal" thought exercise suggests a +0.8% real return over the intermediate term – which would fail to support a 2.75% payout. We also present an analysis of returns in historical market downturns, showing that the Operating Fund could experience double-digit declines in environments like the Oil Shock of the early 1970s, the Tech Bubble Burst of the early 2000s or the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-2009.

### **Nevada Investments & Local Impact**

At the Committee's request, in Section D we have included a summary of the Operating Fund account with RBC Access Capital Community Investment Fund, which consists of federally guaranteed mortgage-backed securities and Small Business Administration loans supporting properties and enterprises in multiple Nevada counties. The Operating Pool account was valued at \$24.4 million as of 12/31/25 and is allocated as follows:

- 88.7% Affordable Homeownership
- 7.5% Multi-Family Affordable Housing
- 3.8% Small Business

### **Action Items**

On the following page we include Operating Fund performance estimates for January (+1.8%) and mid-way through February (+0.3%). In response to the Committee's request for transparency into underlying fund holdings, we have added hyperlinks for each of the publicly traded mutual funds.

We will provide verbal updates on February and March performance at the upcoming meeting. We offer the following *preliminary* rebalancing recommendations (subject to potential adjustment if interim market volatility materially affects portfolio allocations):

- \$20.0 million trim from Metis US Index Fund
- \$6.0 million trim from Vanguard Developed Markets Index
- \$17.0 million add to Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities
- \$9.0 million add to PIMCO Total Return



## NSHE Operating Fund - Rebalancing Recommendations

	Allocation as of Dec 31, 2025		1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026	2/1/2026 - 2/15/2026	Estimated Allocation as of Feb 15, 2026		Recommendations (CIA)		Pro Forma Allocation		Targets (%)	Allowable Range (%)
	Assets (\$ mm)	Allocation (%)	Est Perf (%)	Est Perf (%)	Assets (\$ mm)	Allocation (%)	(\$ mm)	(%)	Assets (\$ mm)	Allocation (%)		
<b>U.S. Equity</b>												
<a href="#">Vanguard Institutional Index Plus (VIXX)</a>	207.4	29.5	1.4	-1.4	207.4	28.8			\$207.4	28.8		
Metis US (S&P 500) Index Fund	85.6	12.2	1.4	-1.4	85.5	11.9	-20.0	-2.8	\$65.5	9.1		
<b>Total U.S. Equity</b>	<b>\$293.0</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>\$292.9</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>-\$20.0</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>\$272.9</b>	<b>37.9%</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>33%-50%</b>
<b>Global ex U.S. Equity</b>												
<a href="#">Vanguard Developed Markets Index Plus (VDIPX)</a>	128.6	18.3	6.0	2.5	139.7	19.4	-6.0	-0.8	\$133.7	18.5		
Metis International (EAFE) Equity Index	70.9	10.1	4.7	2.5	76.1	10.6			\$76.1	10.6		
<b>Total Global ex U.S. Equity</b>	<b>\$199.5</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>\$215.7</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>-\$6.0</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>\$209.7</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>17%-30%</b>
<b>Marketable Alternatives</b>												
Farallon Capital	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.5	0.1			\$0.5	0.1		
<b>Total Marketable Alternatives</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES</b>	<b>\$492.9</b>	<b>70.2%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>\$509.2</b>	<b>70.6%</b>	<b>-\$26.0</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>\$483.2</b>	<b>67.0%</b>	<b>67.0%</b>	<b>50%-80%</b>
<b>TIPS</b>												
<a href="#">Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities (VIPIX)</a>	78.7	11.2	0.4	0.9	79.7	11.1	+17.0	2.4	\$96.7	13.4		
<a href="#">Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities (VTSPX)</a>	47.4	6.7	0.6	---	47.6	6.6			\$47.6	6.6		
<b>Total TIPS</b>	<b>\$126.1</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>\$127.4</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>\$17.0</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>\$144.4</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>8%-25%</b>
<b>Long Term Bonds</b>												
<a href="#">PIMCO Total Return (PTRX)</a>	53.1	7.6	0.3	1.2	53.9	7.5	+9.0	1.3	\$62.9	8.7		
Allspring Core Fixed Income	29.9	4.3	0.3	1.2	30.3	4.2			\$30.3	4.2		
<b>Total Long Term Bonds</b>	<b>\$83.0</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>\$84.2</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>\$9.0</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>\$93.2</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>8%-25%</b>
<b>TOTAL LONG-TERM POOL</b>	<b>\$702.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$720.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$720.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>---</b>
<i>Estimated MTD investment gain/(decline)</i>			<b>\$16.2</b>	<b>\$2.6</b>								
<b>Intermediate Term Bonds</b>												
Access Community Investment Fund	24.4		0.0	1.2	24.7				24.7			
<b>Total Intermediate Term Bonds</b>	<b>\$24.4</b>		<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>\$24.7</b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$24.7</b>			
<i>Estimated MTD investment gain/(decline)</i>			<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.3</b>								
<b>Short Term Bonds and Cash</b>												
Short Term Bonds and Cash	217.4		0.3	0.1	218.3				218.3			
<b>Total Short Term Bonds and Cash</b>	<b>\$217.4</b>		<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>\$218.3</b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$218.3</b>			
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$943.8</b>		<b>1.8%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>\$963.8</b>		<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$963.8</b>			

Note: Market values are estimated using manager preliminary or mutual fund returns or (if highlighted in peach) index proxies. Actual client-specific returns may ultimately differ from managers' fund-level preliminary estimates.

## Overweight Global ex US Equities/Underweight US Equities

Recommended since May 31, 2025

**Investment thesis:** We expect global ex US equities will outperform US equities as economic growth in the United States slows relative to elsewhere and the US dollar weakens. Relative valuations for global ex US equities remain very low, while relative performance and currency strength has more room to run as demonstrated in past episodes of USD weakness, thus allowing for higher upside potential.

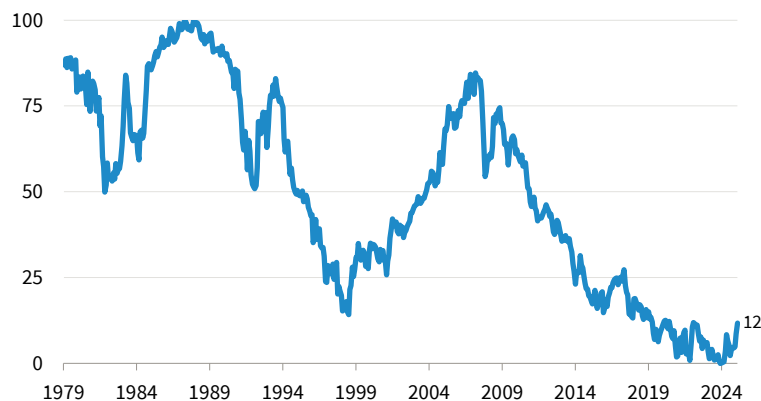
**Key support 1:** Global ex US equities have historically outperformed US equities in weak dollar cycles as non-US currencies rallied against the dollar. While they have lagged US equities for most of the past decade amid continued USD strength, they outperformed in 2025 as the dollar weakened. We expect the dollar to continue to weaken over our tactical horizon as US tariffs and the lagged impact of tight monetary policy result in US economic growth slowing relative to elsewhere. US policy uncertainty may also continue to weigh on the demand for US assets and place downward pressure on the dollar.

**Key support 2:** Valuations for both US equities and the US dollar have run up and remain near all-time highs. In contrast, relative valuations for global ex US equities and currencies remain low, which should help to mitigate some downside risks. While recent outperformance has left global ex US equities looking stretched from a 12-month momentum basis, history suggests non-US outperformance and currency strength have more room to run as demonstrated by past weak dollar cycles, such as between 1971–78, 1985–95, and 2002–11.

**Key risks:** US tariffs and increased policy uncertainty may weigh on the growth of non-US economies, although continued monetary and fiscal policy easing should help to provide some support. Global ex US equities are also underweight the technology sector, which drove recent US equity outperformance. Any rebound in US tech leadership could see non-US equities underperform. Nevertheless, elevated equity valuations for these sectors imply they are more vulnerable to downside shocks, particularly in the face of slowing global growth.

### Relative CAPCE: MSCI ACWI ex US/MSCI US

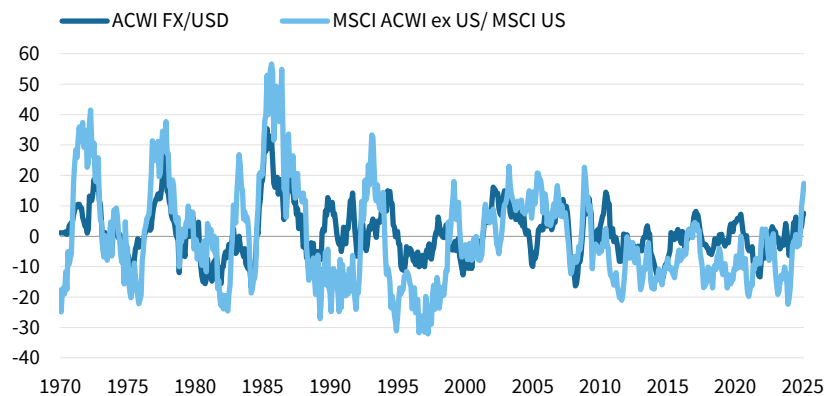
December 31, 1979 – January 31, 2026 • Percentile (%)



Sources: MSCI Inc. and Thomson Reuters Datastream. MSCI data provided "as is" without any express or implied warranties.  
Note: MSCI ACWI valuations prior to November 30, 1995, and MSCI ACWI performance prior to December 31, 1987, are proxied by the MSCI World ex US Index.

### Relative 12-month momentum

December 31, 1970 – January 31, 2026 • Percent (%)



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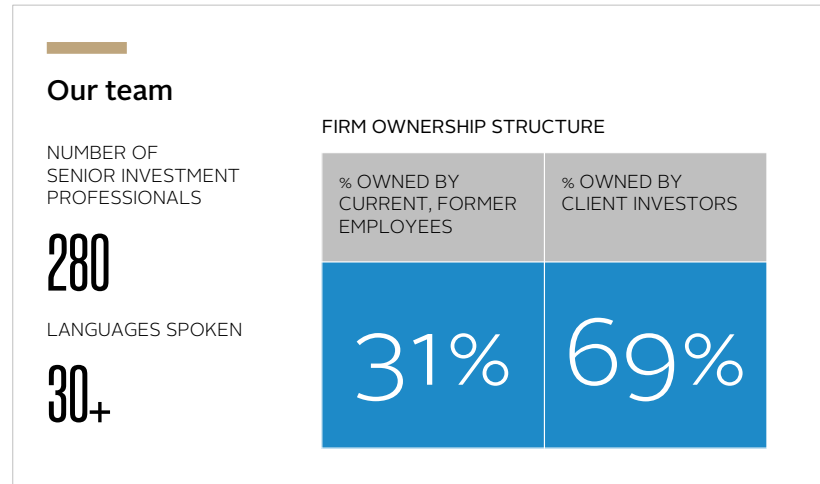
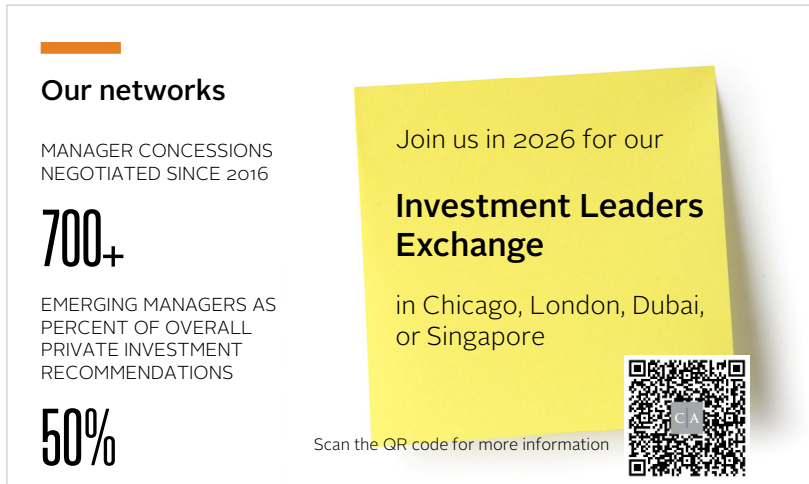
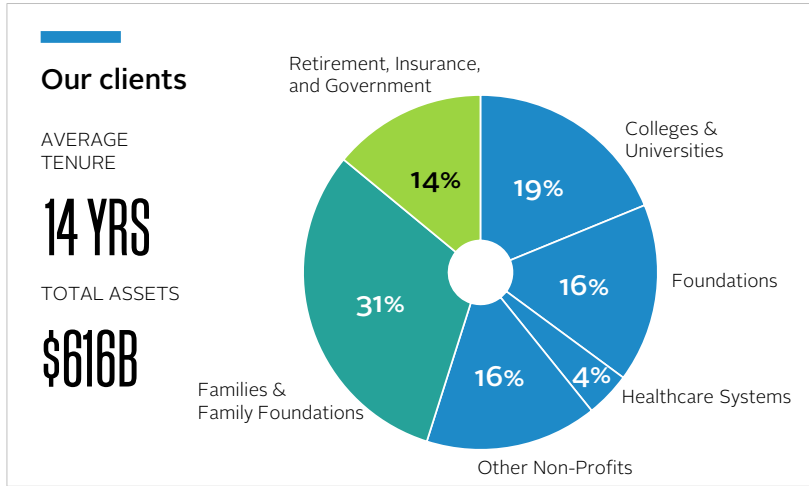
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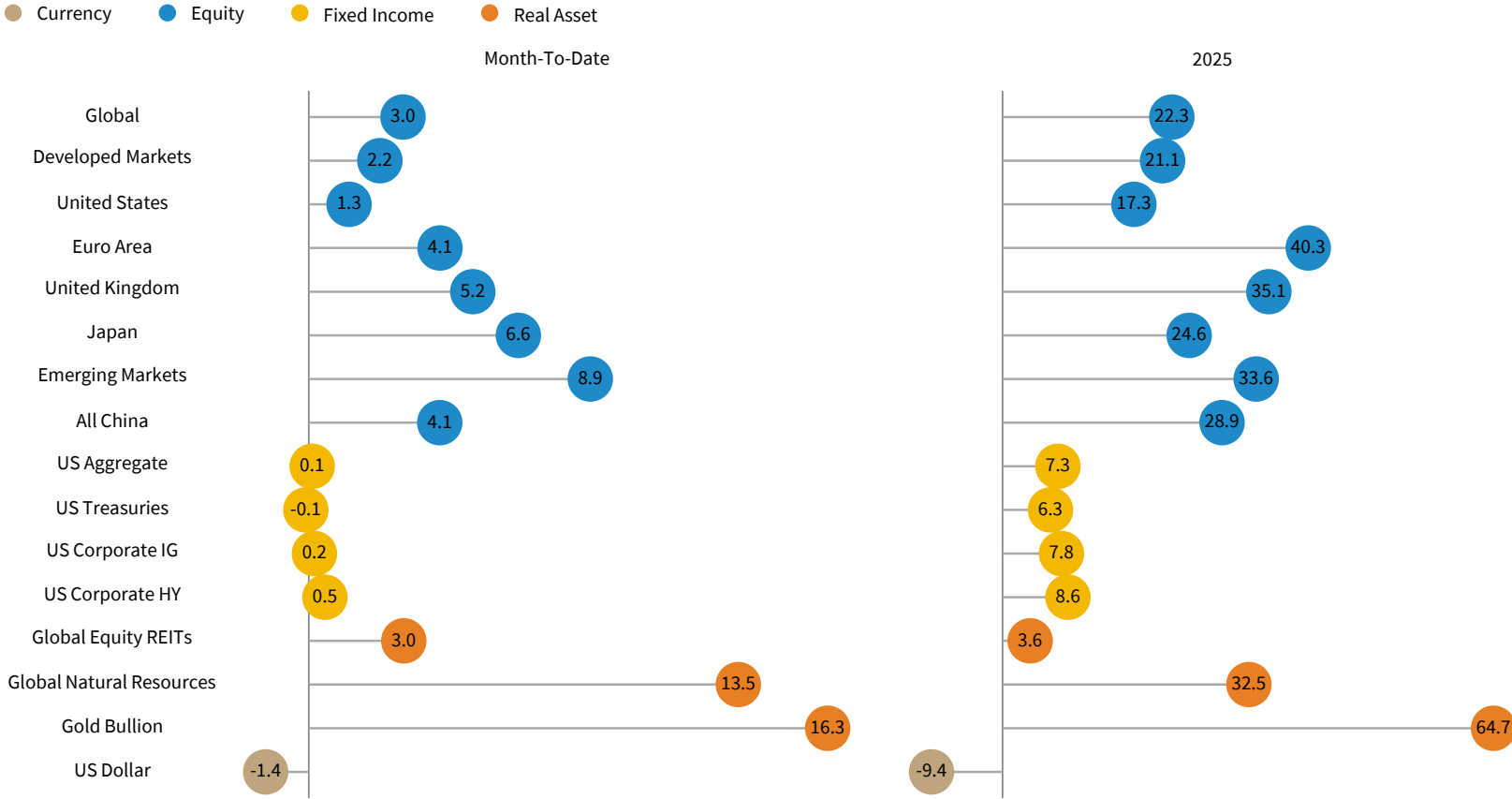
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# Solid equity gains have extended into 2026, supported by healthy economic and earnings growth

## Global asset class performance

As of January 31, 2026 • US dollar terms • Percent (%)

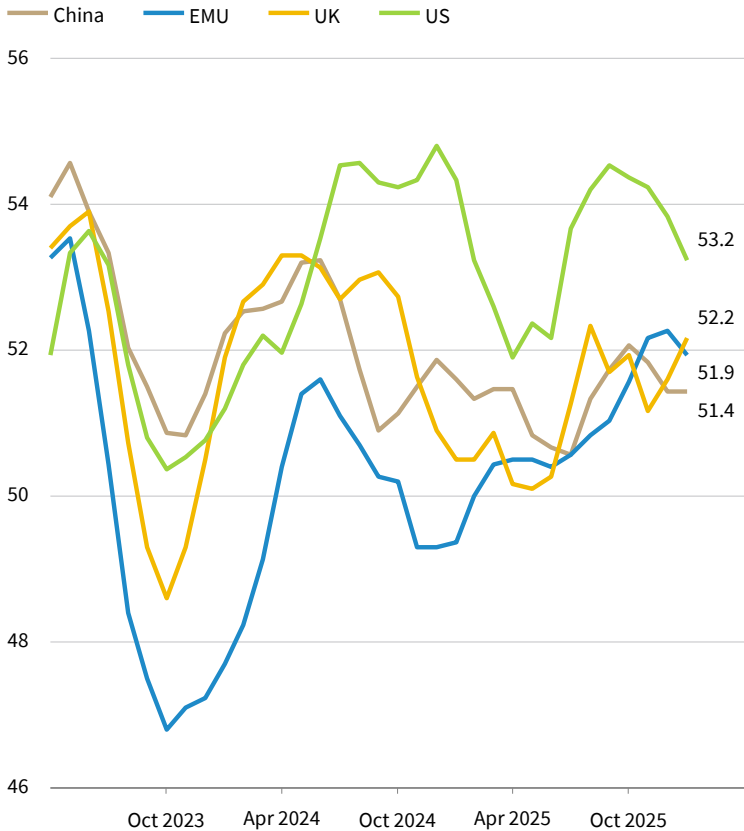


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# Accommodative policy and easing trade tensions support economic activity and the growth outlook

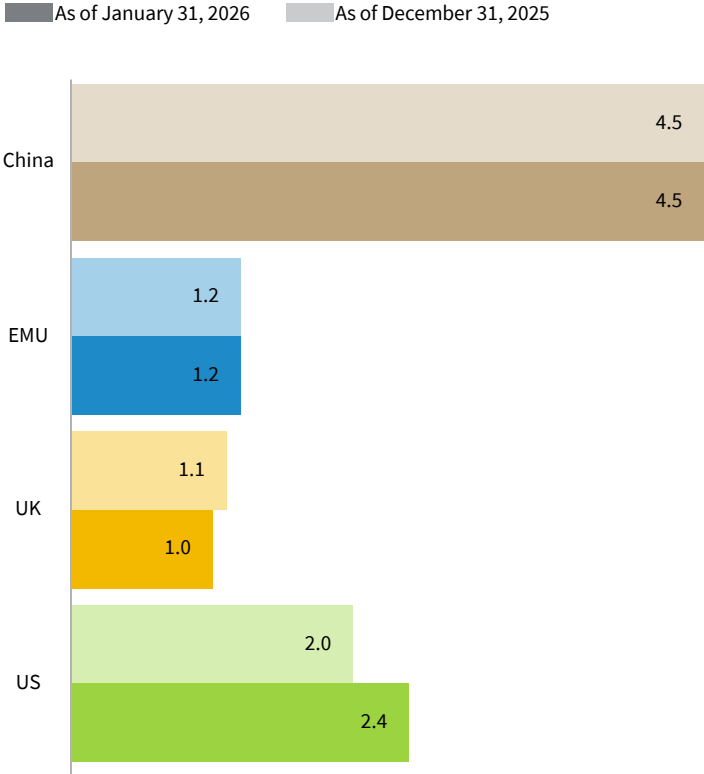
## Composite PMIs

April 30, 2023 – January 31, 2026 • Index Value



## 2026 real GDP growth estimates

Percent (%)

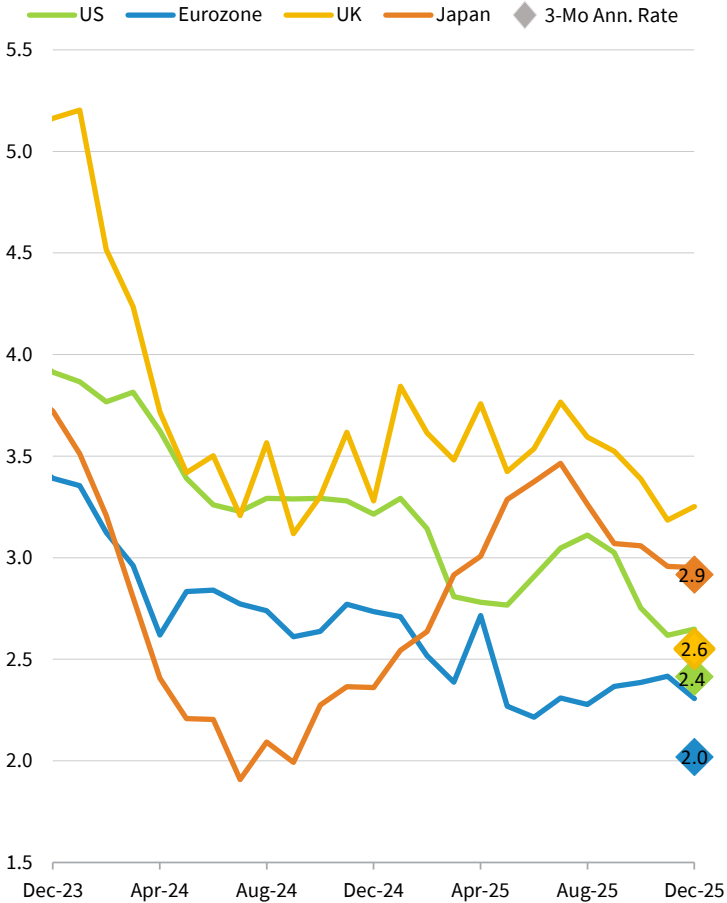


Sources: Bloomberg L.P., S&P Global, and Thomson Reuters Datastream.  
 Notes: Composite PMI data represent three-month averages. A composite PMI (Purchasing Managers Index) is a survey-based economic indicator that combines responses from purchasing managers in both the manufacturing and services sectors to gauge overall business activity. The index is calculated as a weighted average of the proportion of respondents reporting improvement, no change, or deterioration in key business metrics. A reading above 50 signals expansion in activity, while a reading below 50 indicates contraction.

# Declining inflation rates have eased the path to rate cuts for regions with some labor market concerns

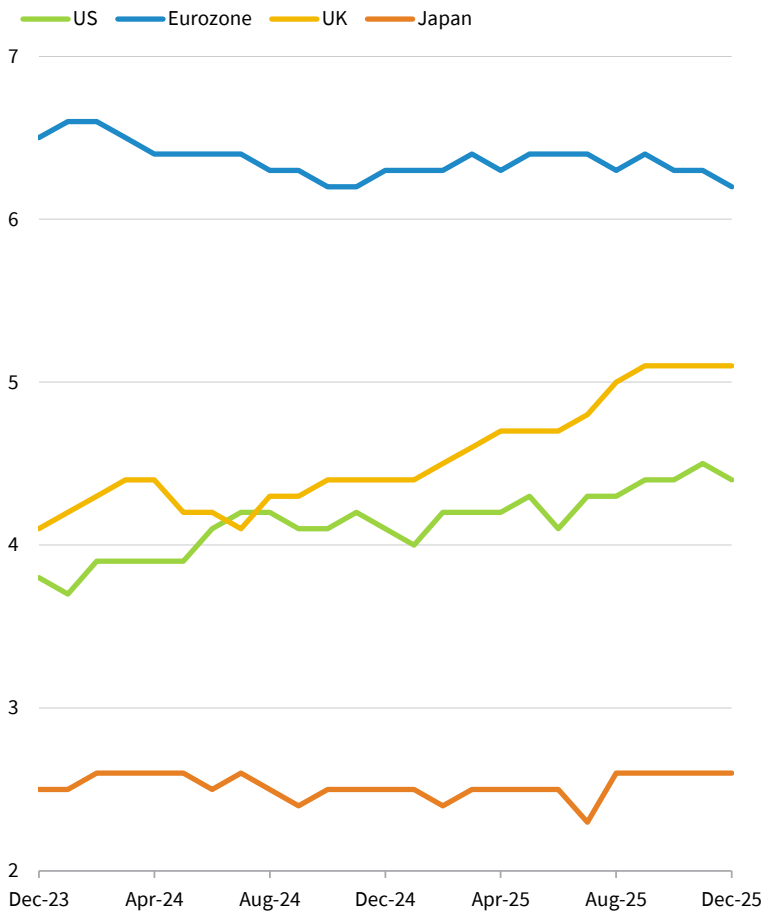
## Core CPI for select regions

December 31, 2023 – December 31, 2025 • YOY percent change (%)



## Unemployment rates for select regions

December 31, 2023 – December 31, 2025 • Percent (%)

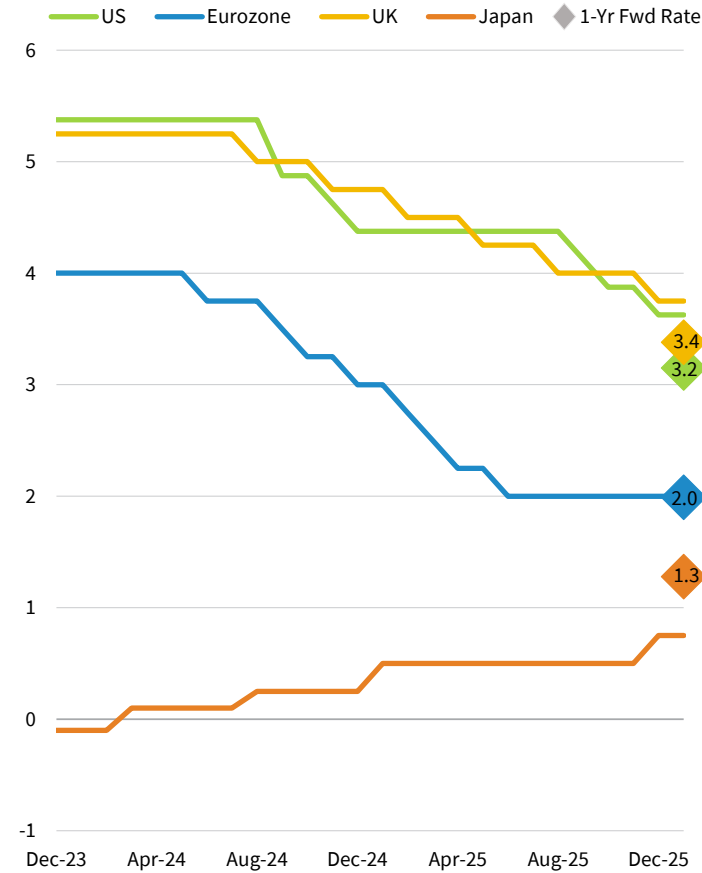


Sources: National Sources and Thomson Reuters Datastream.  
 Notes: The LHS chart displays the year-over-year growth rate, with diamonds indicating the latest three-month seasonally adjusted annualized rate. For the US, the seasonally adjusted annualized rate is based on two months of data due to the government shutdown. RHS chart data for the UK are as of October 31.

# Rate-cutting cycles appear to be nearing an end, while fiscal policy is set to become more stimulative

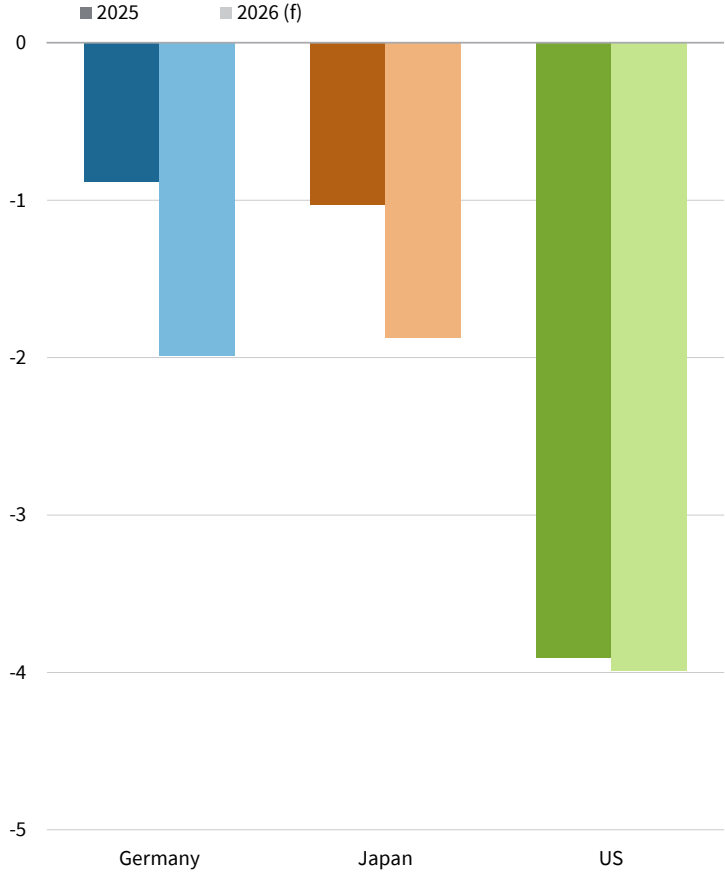
## Policy rates for select regions and 1-yr forward rate

December 31, 2023 – January 31, 2026 • Percent (%)



## Structural primary balance

As of January 19, 2026 • Percent of potential GDP (%)

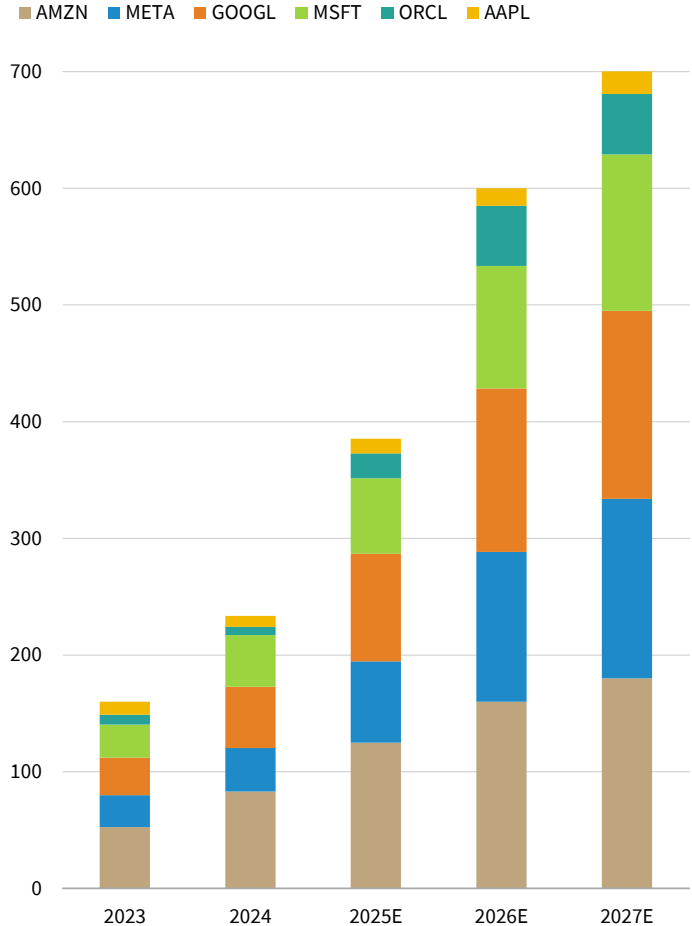


Sources: Bloomberg L.P., IMF, National Sources, and Thomson Reuters Datastream.  
 Notes: The federal funds target range is 3.50%–3.75%; the midpoint of 3.63% is used to represent future market expectations. Diamonds in the LHS chart indicate market-implied one-year forward rates. European Central Bank (ECB) data reflect the ECB overnight deposit rate. For the RHS chart, data are sourced from the IMF’s January World Economic Outlook. The general government structural primary balance refers to the cyclically adjusted primary balance, further corrected for a broader set of noncyclical factors, including changes in asset and commodity prices.

# Hyperscaler capex expectations keep rising and are joining earnings as a key performance driver

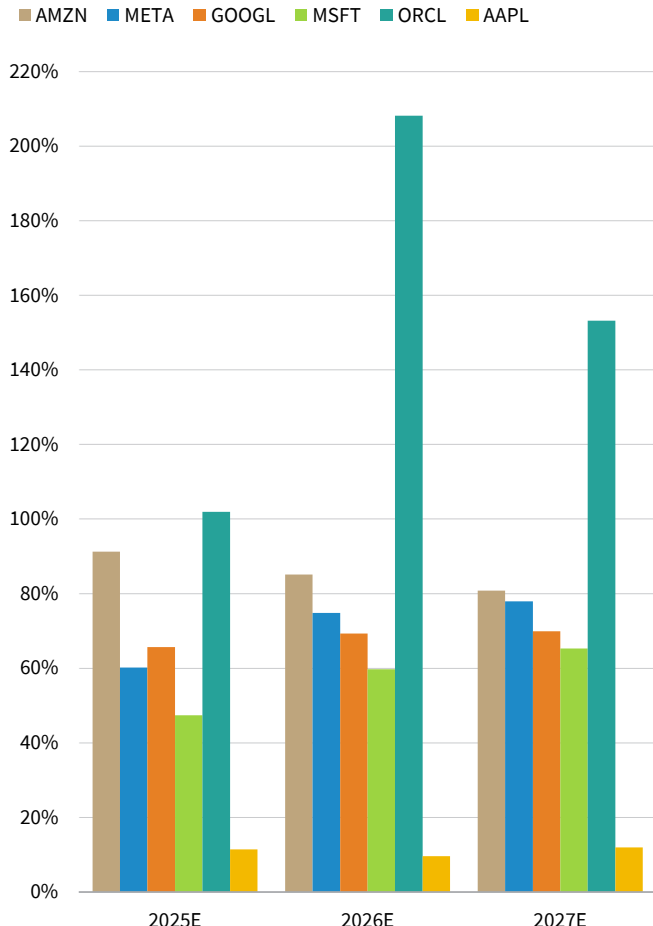
## Hyperscaler CAPEX

As of January 31, 2026 • Billions (\$)



## Hyperscaler CAPEX as a percent of operating cash flow

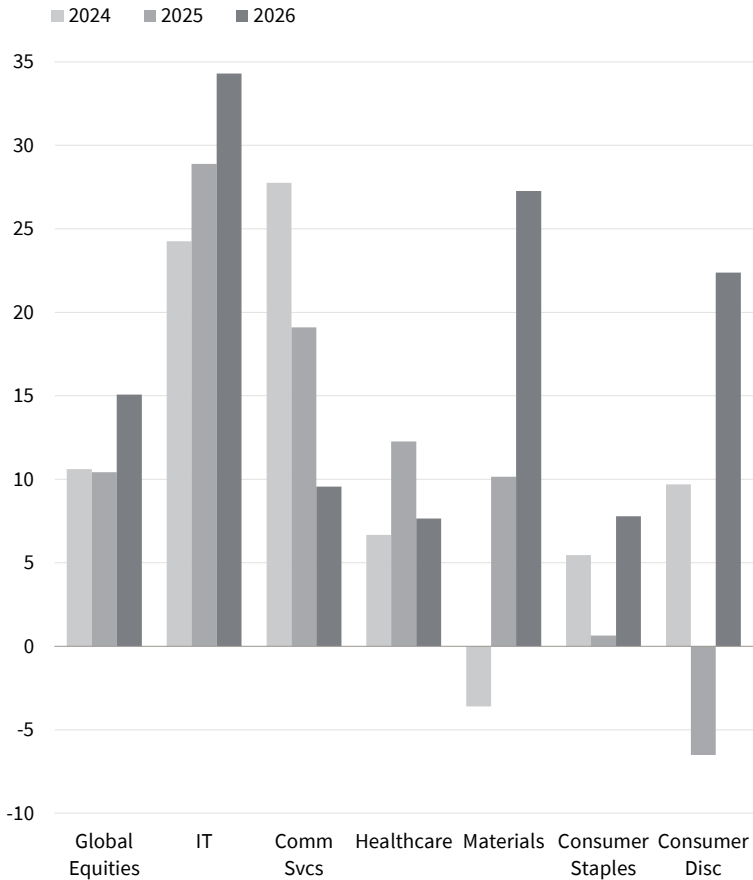
As of January 31, 2026 • Percent (%)



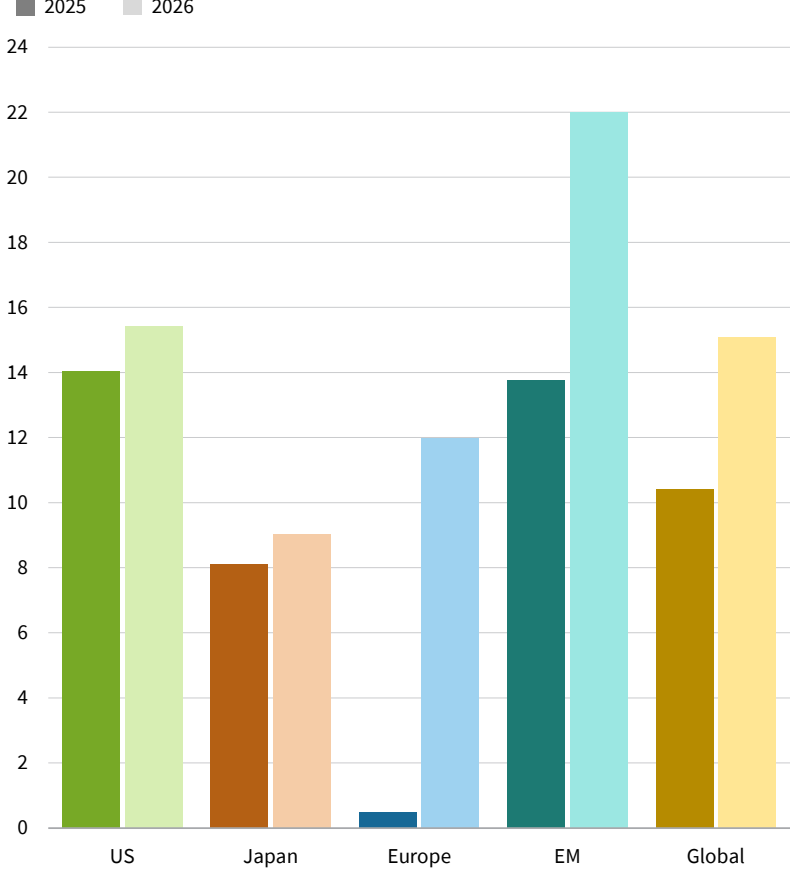
Sources: Bloomberg L.P. and Goldman Sachs US Research.  
 Note: Data for 2025–27 are year-end estimates.

# Shifting sector leadership on earnings may allow other countries to play catch up with US

**Expected EPS growth by sector**  
As of January 31, 2026 • US dollar • Percent (%)



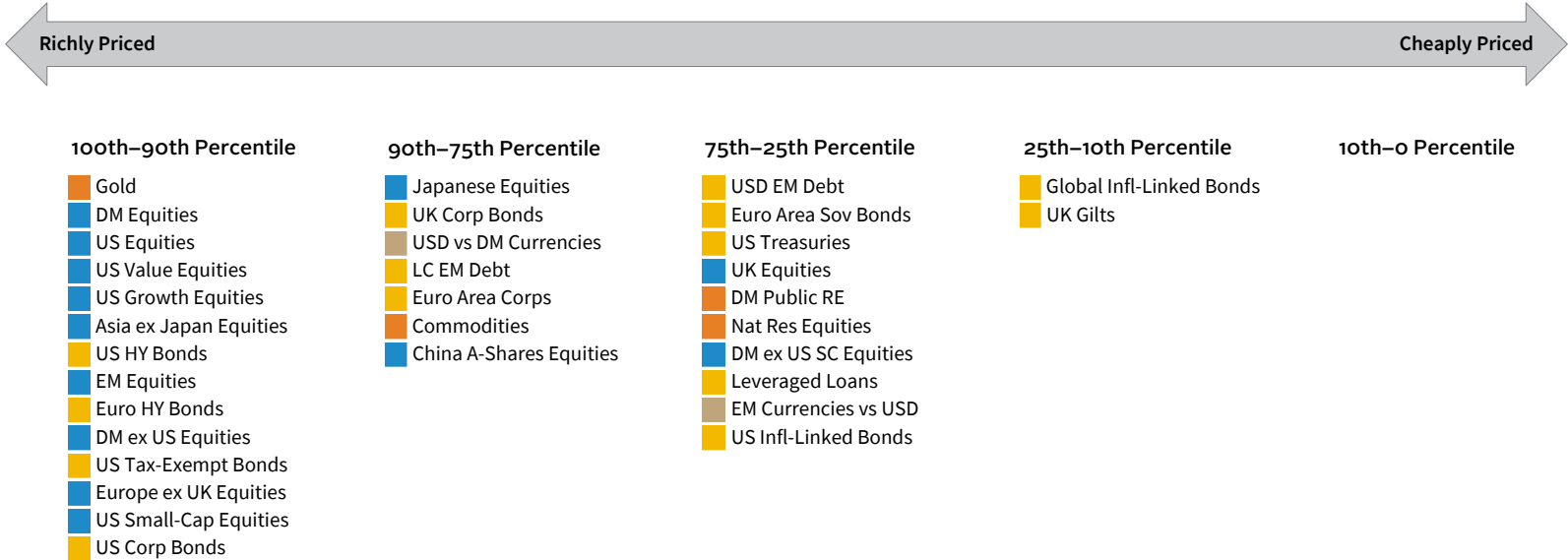
**Expected EPS growth by region**  
As of January 31, 2026 • Percent (%)



Sources: I/B/E/S, MSCI Inc., and Thomson Reuters Datastream. MSCI data are provided “as is” without any express or implied warranties.  
Notes: Global equities are represented by the MSCI All Country World Index. Japan FY EPS data reflect earnings growth measured from March through the following 12-month period.

# Current valuation levels of various asset classes

As of January 31, 2026



**KEY**

- Equities
- Fixed Income
- Real Assets
- Currencies

Source: Cambridge Associates LLC.  
 Notes: This exhibit compares current valuation levels to historical levels across a variety of asset classes. A percentile rank of 50 indicates that an asset class’s current valuation level is consistent with its long-term median, while a percentile rank of 75 indicates that level is higher than 75% of historical data. The valuation level for each asset class is determined by a metric or composite of metrics relevant to that asset class.  
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# Operating Fund

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## Investment Performance by Composite

As of 12/31/2025

Returns (%)	INCEPTION DATE	CURRENT MARKET VALUE	MONTH TO DATE	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE JUN	CALENDAR YEAR TO DATE	ANNUALIZED TRAILING 5 YEARS	ANNUALIZED SINCE 03/31/17	ANNUALIZED SINCE INCEPTION
<b>Total Operating Fund*</b>	6/30/1996	\$943,937,901	0.7	6.6	14.5	6.6	6.9	5.5
<i>Total Operating Fund Dynamic Index</i>	6/30/1996		0.6	6.2	14.0	6.4	6.8	5.0
<b>Operating Liquidity Pools*</b>	6/30/1996	\$241,807,186	0.4	1.9	3.9	1.8	1.7	2.6
<b>Intermediate-Term Bonds*</b>	6/30/1996	\$24,394,003	1.4	3.7	7.5	1.0	1.6	3.5
<i>BofA ML 1-3 Yr Treasury Bond Index</i>	6/30/1996		0.3	2.2	5.1	1.8	2.0	3.0
<i>Value Add</i>			1.1	1.4	2.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.5
<b>Short-Term Bonds and Cash<sup>3</sup></b>	6/30/1996	\$217,413,183	0.3	1.7	3.5	2.5	2.0	2.3
<i>BofA ML 91-Day Treasury Bills</i>	6/30/1996		0.3	2.1	4.2	3.2	2.4	2.4
<i>Value Add</i>			0.0	-0.3	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1
<b>Total Long-Term Pool*</b>	6/30/1996	\$702,130,715	0.8	8.4	18.4	8.8	9.4	7.4
<i>Long-Term Pool Benchmark<sup>1</sup></i>	6/30/1996		0.7	7.8	17.4	8.0	9.0	6.6
<i>Value Add</i>			0.2	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.8
<b>Total Equity</b>	6/30/2000	\$492,471,101	1.3	11.0	23.9	12.4	12.4	7.1
<b>U.S. Equity</b>	6/30/2000	\$292,962,953	0.1	11.0	17.8	14.4	14.8	8.4
<i>S&amp;P 500 Index</i>	6/30/2000		0.1	11.0	17.9	14.4	14.8	8.3
<i>Value Add</i>			0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
<b>Global ex U.S. Equity</b>	6/30/2000	\$199,508,148	3.2	11.0	33.8	9.0	9.0	5.0
<i>MSCI EAFE Index (N)</i>	6/30/2000		3.0	9.9	31.2	8.9	8.4	4.8
<i>Value Add</i>			0.2	1.1	2.6	0.0	0.6	0.2
<b>Marketable Alternatives*</b>	6/30/2000	\$608,739	0.0	-3.1	-31.4	-2.4	-2.7	3.4
<i>HFRI Fund of Funds Diversified Index</i>	6/30/2000		1.3	7.1	10.5	5.5	5.4	4.0
<i>Value Add</i>			-1.3	-10.2	-42.0	-7.8	-8.1	-0.6
<b>TIPS</b>	6/30/2000	\$126,076,608	-0.3	2.1	6.7	1.8	3.2	4.8
<i>BBG US TIPS Index</i>	6/30/2000		-0.4	2.2	7.0	1.1	2.8	4.7
<i>Value Add</i>			0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	0.3	0.1
<b>Long-Term Bonds</b>	6/30/1996	\$82,974,267	-0.1	4.0	8.7	0.2	2.3	5.1
<i>BBG Aggregate Bond Index</i>	6/30/1996		-0.1	3.2	7.3	-0.4	1.9	4.3
<i>Value Add</i>			0.0	0.8	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.7

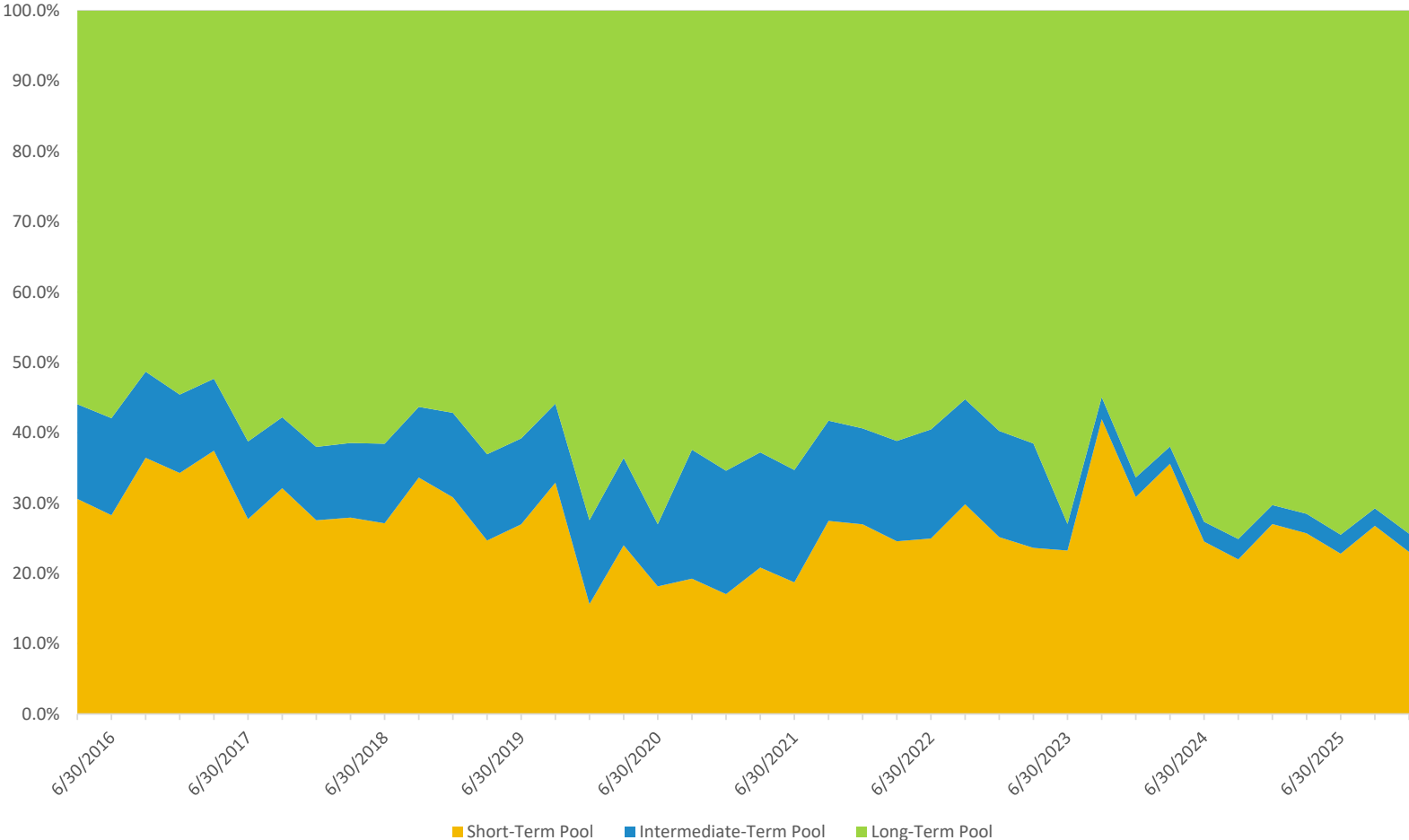
Rows marked with “\*\*” contain preliminary data.

<sup>1</sup> For Benchmark details, please refer to the Custom Benchmark Composition exhibit.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Funds Pending Placement.

# Total Operating Fund Breakout

Trailing 10-Years as of 12/31/2025

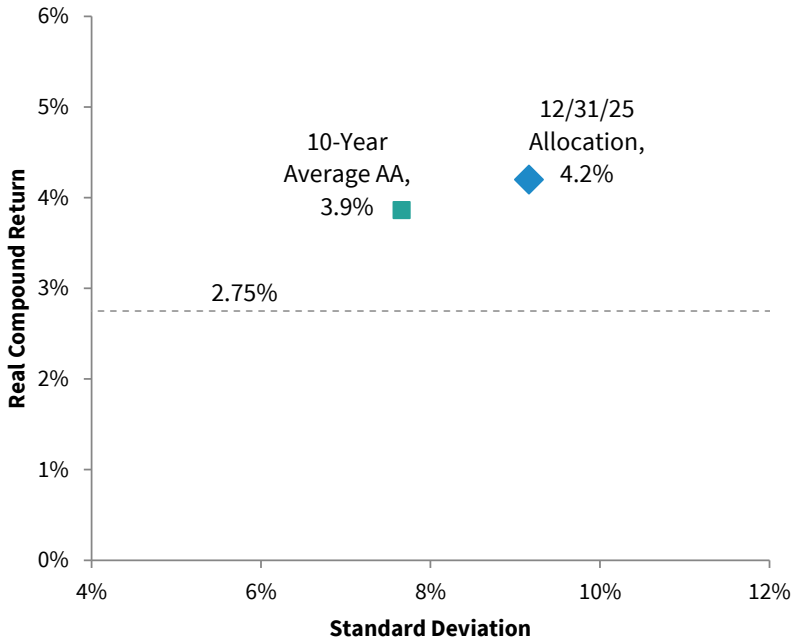


Note: Total Operating Fund Portfolio comprised of Long-Term Pool, Intermediate-Term Pool, and Short-Term Pool tracked on a quarterly basis.



# Operating Fund – Long-Term Risk/Return Expectations

## Long-Term Real Risk/Return Projections



## Summary Statistics – Real Returns

	12/31/25 Allocation	10-Year Average AA
Estimated Long-Term Real Compound Return	4.2%	3.9%
Estimated Range of Returns (25th-75th %ile)	3.0% - 5.4%	2.8 - 4.9%
Estimated Volatility (Standard Deviation)	9.2%	7.7%
Estimated Beta to Global Equity	0.50	0.41
<b>Long-Term Risk:</b> Estimated Probability of Not Achieving 2.75% Real Compound Return Over 25 Years	21%	23%
<b>Short-Term Risk:</b> Estimated Cumulative Decline, 2008 Financial Crisis	-27.0%	-21.0%





































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Nov-2018	762,699,933	6,136,519	- 1,136,756		23,111,191	3.03
Dec-2018	752,705,668	- 20,825,049	- 1,078,367		1,167,391	0.16
Jan-2019 <sup>(19)</sup>	753,528,570	23,632,965	- 1,096,327		23,296,550	3.09
Feb-2019	754,807,467	9,824,828	- 1,452,664		31,564,140	4.18
Mar-2019	761,309,536	9,279,311	- 1,515,302		38,857,044	5.10
Apr-2019	764,955,436	11,312,489	- 1,614,169		48,487,968	6.34
May-2019	774,616,352	- 13,890,657	- 1,571,635		32,952,377	4.25
Jun-2019	746,443,912	21,045,778	- 1,567,035		52,205,793	6.99
Jul-2019	720,007,773	381,944	- 1,395,492		51,172,462	7.11
Aug-2019	785,158,884	- 779,722	- 1,450,754		48,914,638	6.23
Sep-2019	846,535,697	6,233,348	- 1,617,017		53,507,273	6.32
Oct-2019	856,744,736	8,834,730	- 1,693,946		60,625,110	7.08
Nov-2019	850,439,695	10,005,189	- 1,662,312		68,946,980	8.11
Dec-2019	806,757,327	12,830,074	- 1,577,866		80,177,860	9.94
Jan-2020	891,688,604	- 67,519	- 1,500,526		78,625,336	8.82
Feb-2020	922,289,270	- 26,731,149	- 1,768,312		50,103,331	5.43
Mar-2020	811,327,908	- 52,289,889	- 1,670,447		- 3,927,762	-0.48
Apr-2020	775,956,294	37,779,458	- 1,594,553		32,236,898	4.15
May-2020	762,669,298	18,944,864	- 1,504,025		49,410,102	6.48
Jun-2020	739,239,986	11,363,713	- 1,436,870		59,317,547	8.02
Jul-2020	715,432,013	13,526,497	- 1,367,936		71,458,484	9.99
Aug-2020	750,071,933	24,059,497	- 1,362,878		94,131,414	12.55
Sep-2020 <sup>(20)</sup>	783,127,870	- 4,553,776	- 1,506,452	- 73,000,000	16,589,199	2.12
Oct-2020	752,504,883	- 10,598,354	- 1,648,426		4,321,690	0.57
Nov-2020	770,414,379	40,817,346	- 1,674,331		43,446,992	5.64
Dec-2020	800,821,461	17,596,818	- 1,661,247		59,314,129	7.41
Jan-2021	801,989,497	- 3,592,874	- 1,620,479		54,077,946	6.74
Feb-2021	811,299,798	6,713,929	- 1,713,862		59,057,334	7.28
Mar-2021	839,464,763	13,248,129	- 1,778,902		70,506,600	8.40
Apr-2021	867,572,029	18,665,949	- 1,764,575		87,388,466	10.07
May-2021	867,559,211	8,709,068	- 1,748,219		94,327,700	10.87
Jun-2021	850,146,946	4,366,402	- 1,744,947		96,682,304	11.37
Jul-2021	846,055,682	9,850,417	- 1,696,940		104,816,309	12.39
Aug-2021	901,931,433	9,401,085	- 1,730,758		112,458,814	12.47
Sep-2021	968,136,826	- 18,290,298	- 1,812,661	- 13,055,807	79,271,334	8.19
Oct-2021	984,247,430	19,911,506	- 1,996,177	- 18,956,339	78,208,255	7.95
Nov-2021	944,077,590	- 5,851,187	- 1,961,147		70,375,029	7.45
Dec-2021	959,607,403	17,310,812	- 1,908,942		85,755,161	8.94
Jan-2022	1,011,622,318	- 24,280,980	- 1,903,980		59,545,381	5.89
Feb-2022	974,461,174	- 11,541,309	- 1,992,047		45,938,564	4.71
Mar-2022	922,855,315	2,729,592	- 2,048,720		46,603,144	5.05
Apr-2022	876,338,530	- 40,563,162	- 2,066,983		3,962,090	0.45
May-2022	801,574,962	6,736,026	- 2,038,768		8,448,237	1.05
Jun-2022	748,819,988	- 37,445,974	0		- 28,941,893	-3.87
Jul-2022	741,544,311	32,094,620	0		3,238,566	0.44
Aug-2022	714,610,109	- 22,563,024	0		- 19,246,567	-2.69
Sep-2022	696,296,970	- 44,163,254	0		- 63,220,462	-9.08
Oct-2022	730,359,216	22,587,745	0		- 40,351,965	-5.52
Nov-2022	769,940,214	34,674,251	0		- 5,345,907	-0.69
Dec-2022	747,040,548	- 15,973,584	0		- 21,013,709	-2.81
Jan-2023	724,091,333	31,375,155	0		10,751,942	1.48
Feb-2023	885,523,459	- 14,154,935	0		- 3,157,792	-0.36
Mar-2023	898,282,674	17,786,032	0		14,873,488	1.66
Apr-2023	901,696,797	8,984,906	- 1,995,815		22,241,902	2.47
May-2023	749,788,500	- 6,926,197	0		15,617,966	2.08
Jun-2023	746,145,145	19,941,847	- 1,612,591		34,294,470	4.60

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Jul-2023	737,577,080	11,862,275	- 1,489,178		<b>45,067,919</b>	6.11
Aug-2023	782,301,853	- 9,365,764	- 1,624,958		<b>34,542,249</b>	4.42
Sep-2023	869,356,012	- 18,305,067	- 1,754,720		<b>15,380,853</b>	1.77
Oct-2023	758,781,192	- 9,424,113	- 1,742,851		<b>4,214,162</b>	0.56
Nov-2023	853,843,809	35,274,939	- 1,861,074		<b>37,628,203</b>	4.41
Dec-2023	793,011,615	24,170,902	- 1,653,141		<b>60,146,671</b>	7.58
Jan-2024	860,179,270	3,783,218	- 1,734,370		<b>62,195,809</b>	7.23
Feb-2024	783,899,126	14,310,147	- 1,618,604		<b>74,836,417</b>	9.55
Mar-2024	908,066,917	14,908,932	- 1,805,257		<b>87,938,949</b>	9.68
Apr-2024	776,204,689	- 16,627,990	- 1,654,177	- 7,558,885	<b>62,096,375</b>	8.00
May-2024	759,646,508	22,170,619	- 1,547,833	- 21,677,513	<b>82,449,233</b>	10.85
Jun-2024	787,663,234	8,019,926	- 1,541,163	- 4,235,684	<b>88,926,256</b>	11.29
Jul-2024	794,057,508	11,933,661	- 1,487,033	- 9,933,586	<b>99,371,384</b>	12.51
Aug-2024	765,386,354	13,121,744	- 1,426,844	- 14,690,396	<b>75,921,305</b>	9.92
Sep-2024	811,055,417	10,104,162	- 1,527,013	- 4,922,036	<b>69,806,469</b>	8.61
Oct-2024	797,518,250	- 14,399,219	- 1,518,890		<b>48,964,883</b>	6.14
Nov-2024	781,280,863	17,212,189	- 1,527,960	- 130,000	<b>64,517,691</b>	8.26
Dec-2024	831,085,325	- 10,504,014	- 1,604,524		<b>52,407,718</b>	6.31
Jan-2025	954,862,862	13,441,959	- 1,569,435		<b>64,279,031</b>	6.73
Feb-2025	929,186,163	5,299,181	- 1,834,982		<b>67,692,042</b>	7.29
Mar-2025	844,957,980	- 12,654,117	- 1,797,867		<b>53,238,973</b>	6.30
Apr-2025	855,029,144	6,353,493	- 1,817,341		<b>57,773,993</b>	6.76
May-2025	760,314,981	22,185,109	- 1,567,131		<b>78,118,308</b>	10.27
Jun-2025	873,394,480	21,391,346	- 1,581,334		<b>97,928,318</b>	11.21
Jul-2025	906,735,406	2,995,087	- 1,487,033		<b>64,228,535</b>	7.08
Aug-2025	860,237,427	17,343,965	- 1,426,844	- 28,370,903	<b>61,230,908</b>	7.12
Sep-2025	994,337,047	16,864,234	- 1,527,013	- 19,475,843	<b>64,884,433</b>	6.53
Oct-2025	1,143,581,510	11,389,205	- 1,518,890	- 2,589,603	<b>48,964,883</b>	4.28
Nov-2025	1,053,387,195	4,383,392	- 1,527,960		<b>64,517,691</b>	6.12
Dec-2025	927,167,279	6,952,735	- 1,604,524		<b>52,407,718</b>	5.65

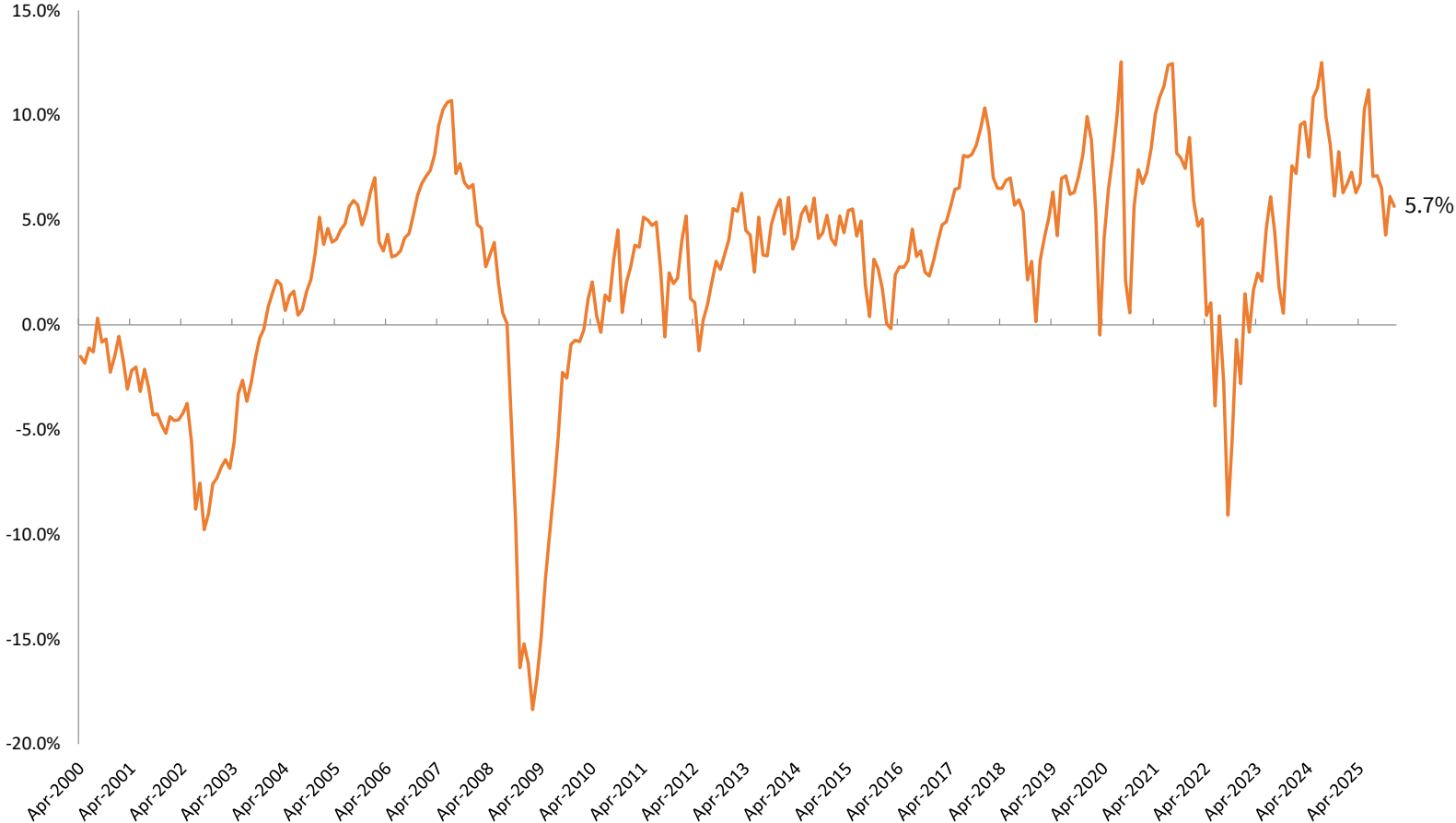
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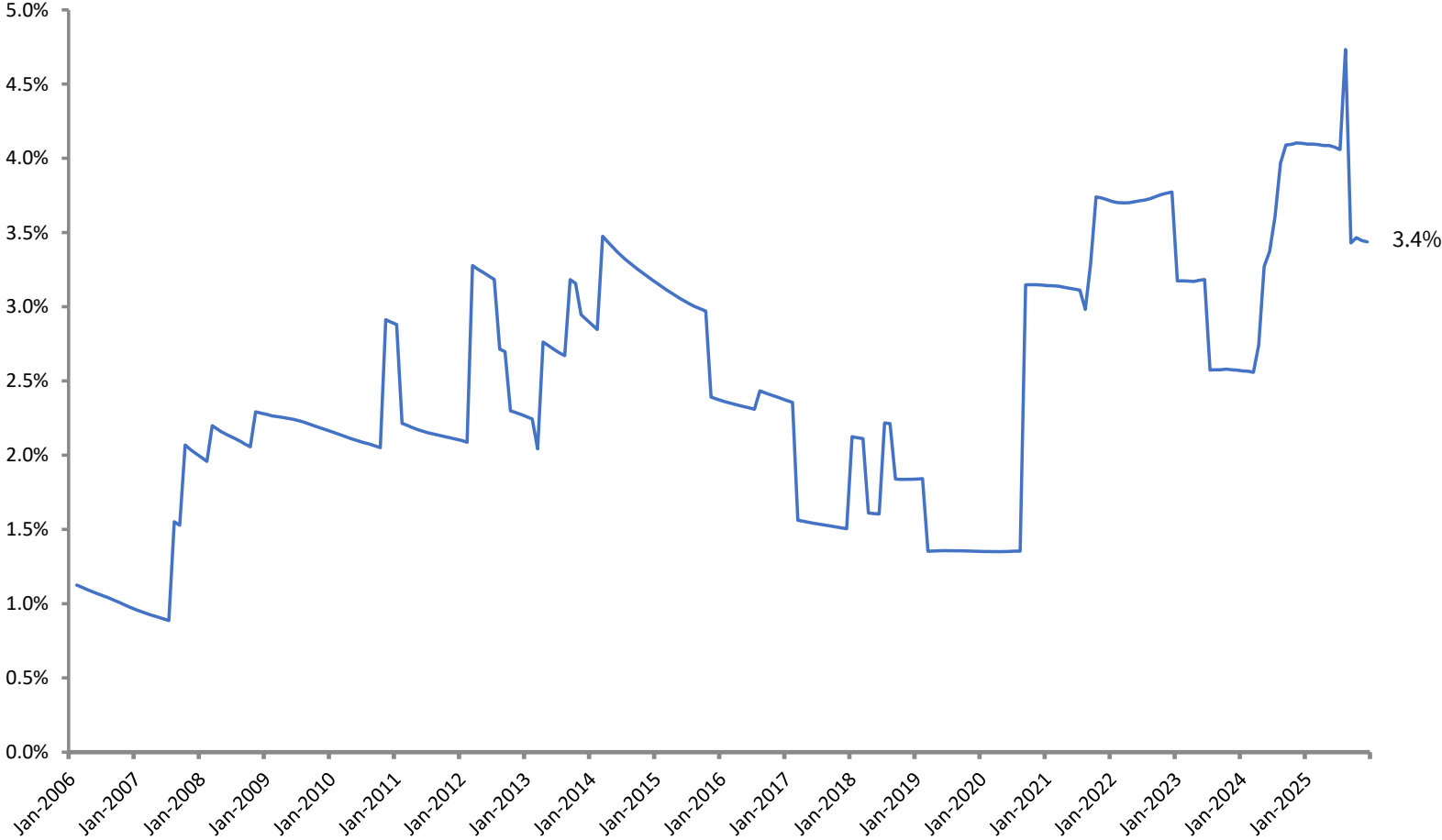
- [1] New Board policy to distribute 5.0% of the average cash balance was approved at the March 2000 Investment Committee meeting, and made retroactive to January 2000. A special cash distribution was made in April to adjust the year to date campus investment income allocation.
- [2] Annual distribution rate increased to 6.2%.
- [3] Annual distribution rate cut to 5.0%, effective July 2001.
- [4] Annual distribution rate cut to 4.0%, effective January 1, 2002.
- [5] Annual distribution rate cut to 3.5%, effective July 1, 2002.
- [6] At the Oct 2002 mtg, the Committee established a "trigger" point for the Operating Fund. The distribution rate would be automatically reduced to 1.8% should the reserve account deficit exceed \$20M.
- [7] Includes a \$15.0 mm distribution to the iNtegrate project.
- [8] Includes a distribution of \$10.0 mm to the campuses, \$1.5 mm to Health Science, and \$107,000 to WNC for Athletic Fee Waiver.
- [9] Includes a distribution of \$10.0 mm to the campuses.
- [10] Includes a distribution of \$5.2 mm to integrate.
- [10.5] Includes a distribution of \$5.0 mm to the campuses.
- [11] Includes a distribution of \$20.0 mm to the iNtegrate project, as approved by the Investment Committee at the December 2010 meeting.
- [12] At the March 2012 meeting, the committee approved to decrease the Reserve Account by \$30.0 mm for reallocation into the Market Fluctuation account.
- [13] Includes a further decrease of the Reserve Account of \$20.0 mm for reallocation into the Market Fluctuation account.
- [14] Includes a distribution of \$15.0 mm to address formula implementation and budgetary items otherwise foregone or delayed without this funding.
- [15] Includes a distribution of \$20.0 mm to the iNtegrate project.
- [16] Includes a distribution of \$5.0 mm for campus initiatives such as the medical education transition in Las Vegas, program start-up and other budgetary opportunities.
- [17] Includes a special distribution of \$25.0 mm to the campuses.
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- [19] At the November 2018 meeting, the Committee increased the annual distribution rate from 2.0% to 2.75%.
- [20] At a special meeting on 8/21/20 the BOR approved a special distribution of \$73.0 mm to the campuses.

# Reserve/(Deficit) as % of Total Operating Pool



Note: Data as of 12/31/2025.

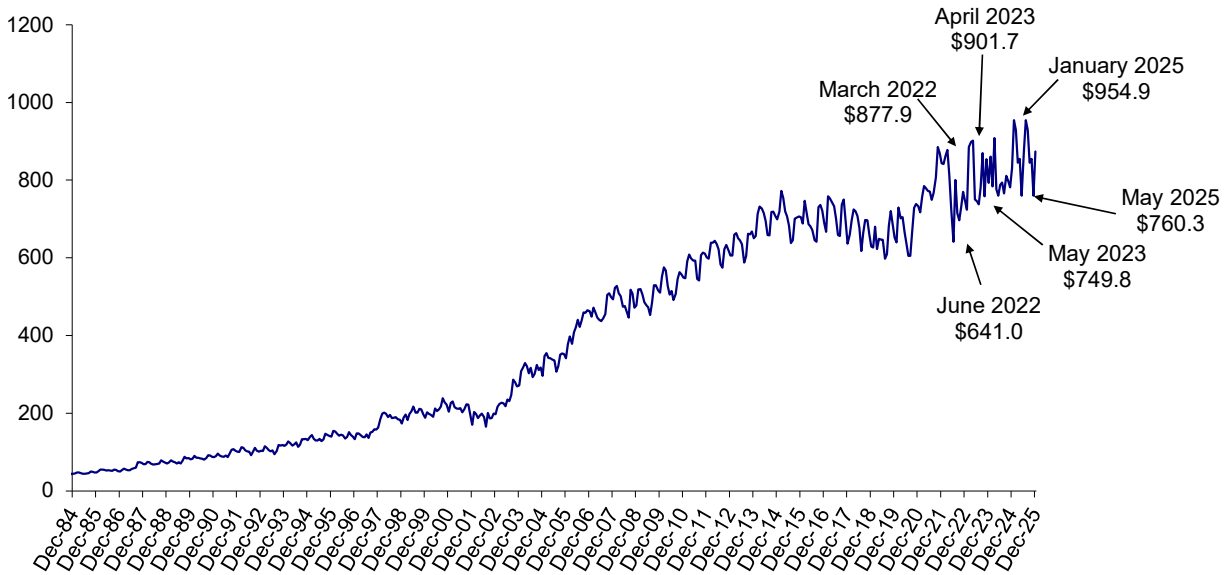
### 5-Yr Additional Distribution as % of 5-Yr Average Market Value



Note: Data as of 12/31/2025.

## NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPERATING FUND MONTHLY BALANCES

**Operating Fund Monthly Balances**  
January 1985 through December 2025



	<u>\$ (mm)</u>	<u>Date</u>
Largest Monthly Decline	-151.9	May 2023
Largest Quarterly Decline	-236.9	Second Quarter 2022
<b>Largest Peak to Valley</b>	<b>-194.6</b>	<b>January 2025 - May 2025</b>