

Navigator Outlook

May 2026



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VALUATION

- S&P 500 Forward P/S multiple near record levels on surging profit margin forecast.
- Emerging markets earnings forecasts have surged and valuations have contracted.
- Public bond yield spreads have narrowed as markets look through Iran and credit issues.

SENTIMENT

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- AAI Investor sentiment has turned positive despite geopolitical uncertainty.
- CEOs looked past the Iran war as confidence recovered in Q1.



ECONOMY

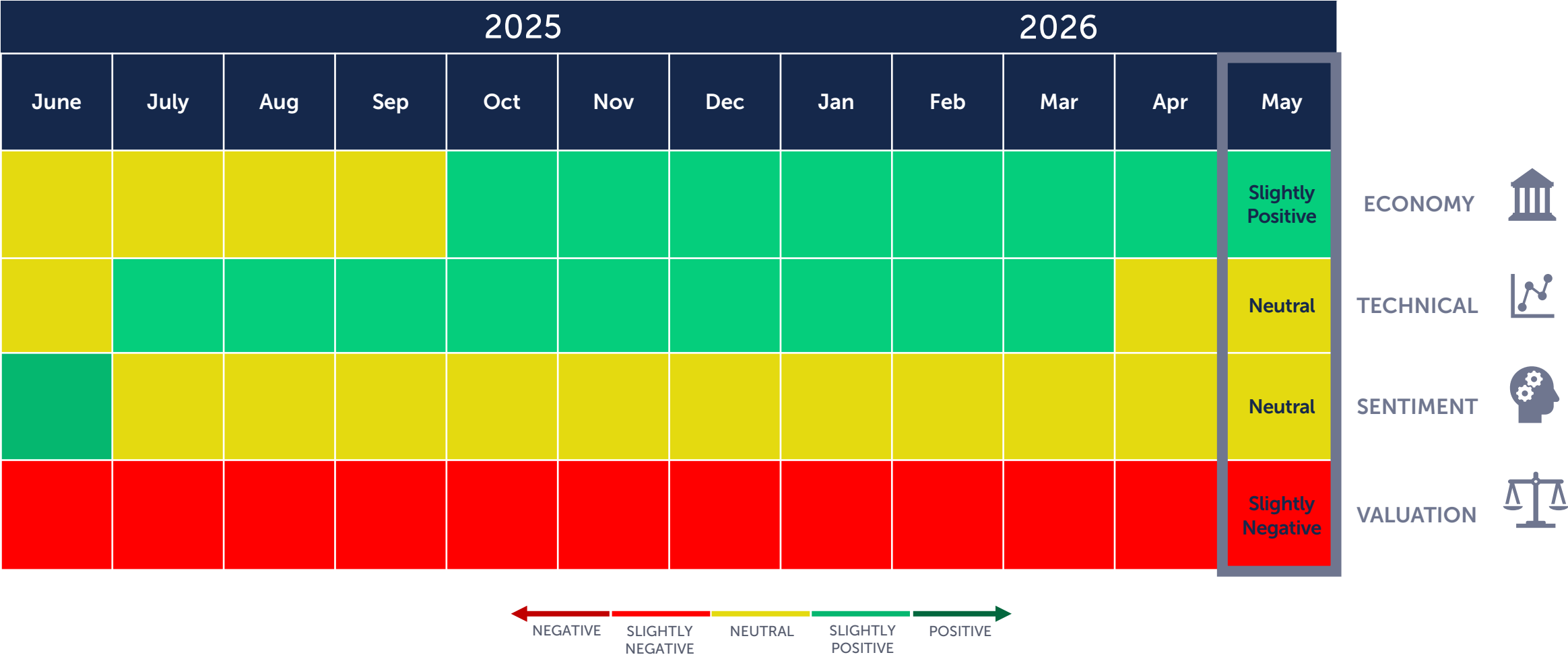
- First quarter GDP growth was strong, driven by solid consumer spending.
- Energy is likely to exert continued upward pressure on core inflation.
- Earnings revisions strongest in over 30 years outside of recession recoveries.

TECHNICAL

- Continued high oil prices may lead to an increase in stock and bond volatility.
- Semiconductors: surging on AI demand and expectations of booming profitability.
- Large cap equity participation is declining while the market reaches new highs.



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Asset Class Positioning: May 2026

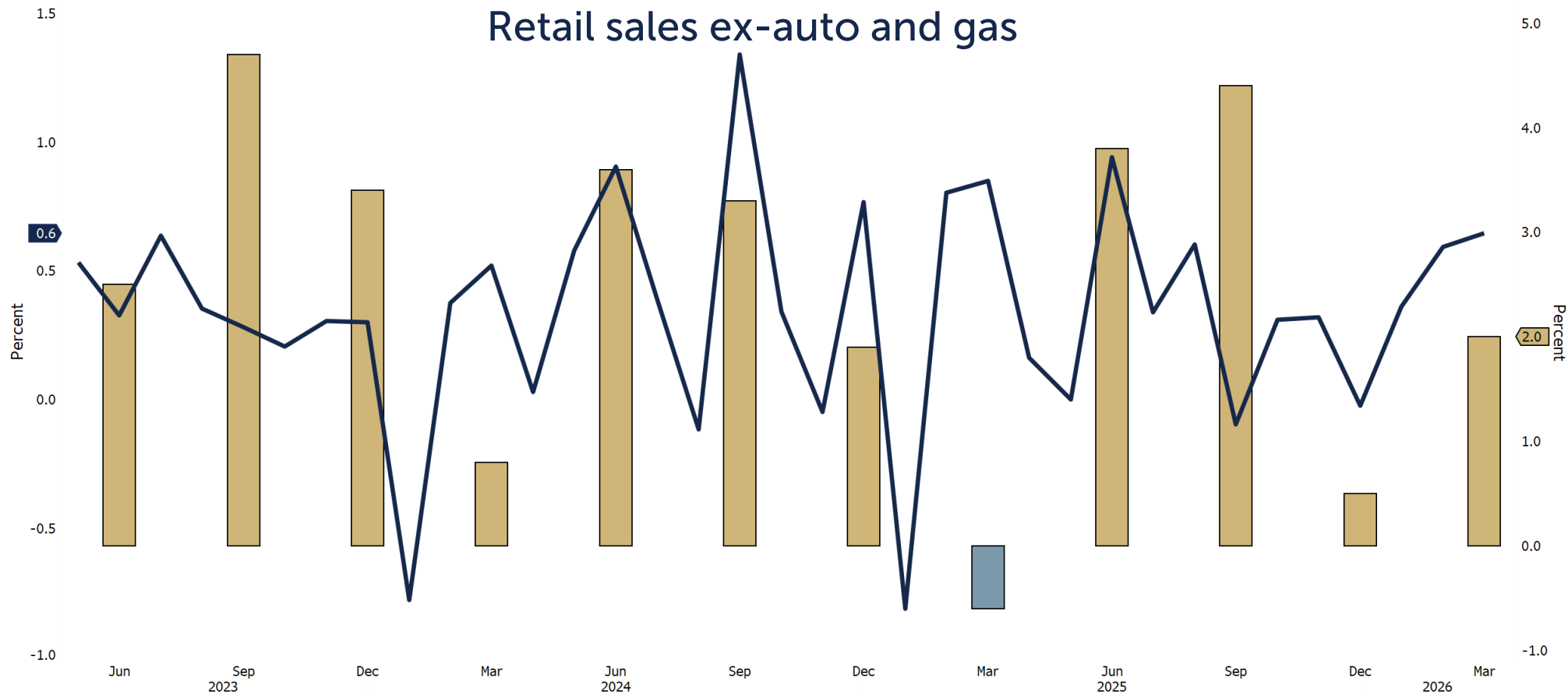
	Asset Class	Positioning	May Comment
STOCKS	US Large Cap	Neutral	Earnings revisions have skyrocketed on hyper-strong semiconductor and storage forecasts supported by AI expansion. Valuations have contracted from peak levels but remain high.
	US Mid and Small Cap	Positive	Significant valuation discounts remain in place, but earnings revisions have not kept up with large cap companies.
	International	Positive	Relative valuation remains attractive; however, Europe and Asia are more sensitive to energy price volatility and oil market disruption.
	Emerging Markets	Positive	Relative valuation remains attractive and earnings revisions have improved materially. However, most EM countries are at some risk from energy disruption.
BONDS	Core	Positive	Broad bond market yields finished April where they started as the market looked past inflation-inducing oil prices; yields remain compelling relative to inflation and the valuation of risky assets.
	Treasuries	Neutral	Treasury yields moved modestly higher in April, discounting rising inflationary pressures and the reduction in expectations for Fed rate cuts.
	Corporates	Neutral	The yield premium of risky assets Dropped in April as markets looked past the Iran war and credit issues in the private markets.
	Mortgages	Positive	Mortgage yield spreads remain attractive relative to their credit risk, providing improved risk/reward relative to corporate bonds.

First Quarter GDP growth was strong, driven by solid consumer spending



GDP Growth

Retail sales ex-auto and gas



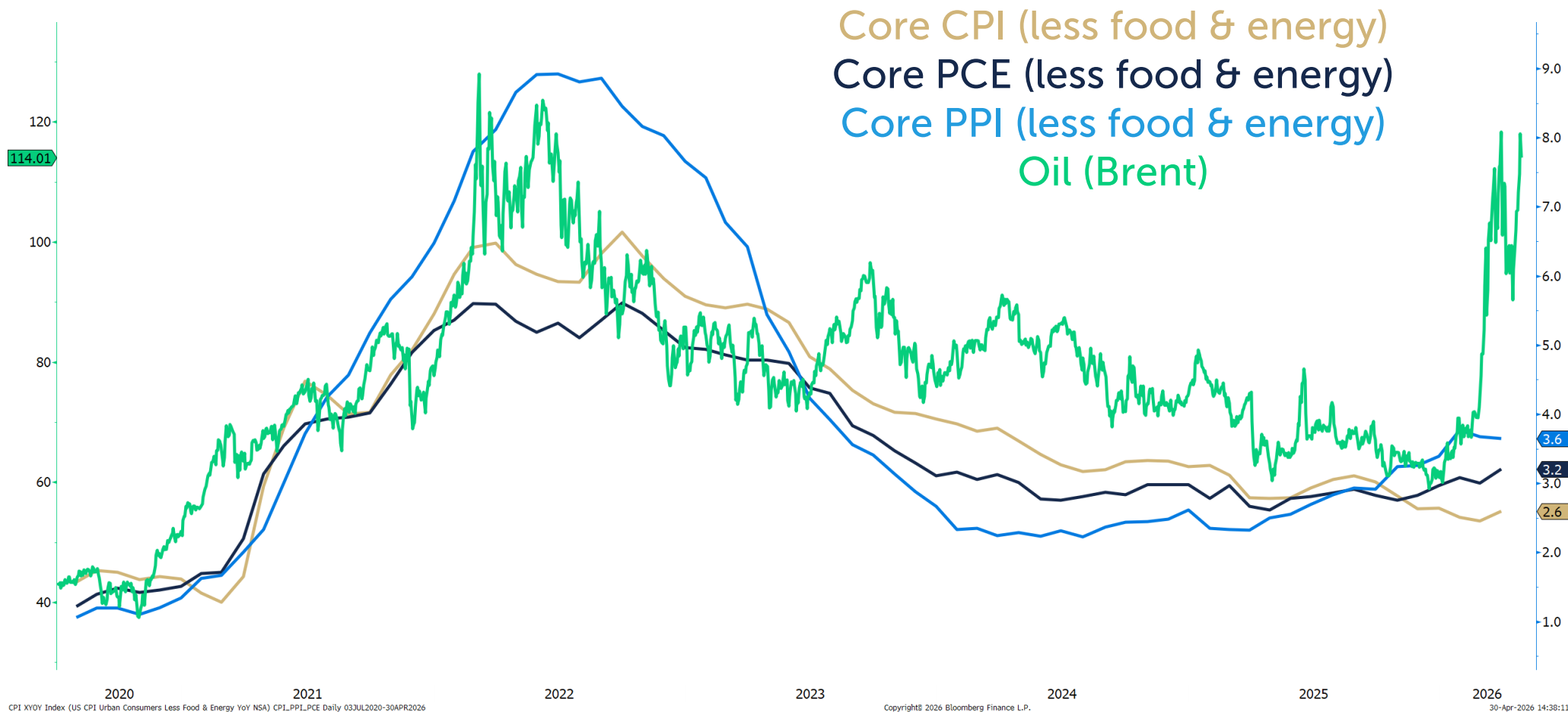
GDP CQ00 Index (GDP US Chained Dollars QoQ SAAR) GDP Growth Monthly 01MAY2023-31MAR2026

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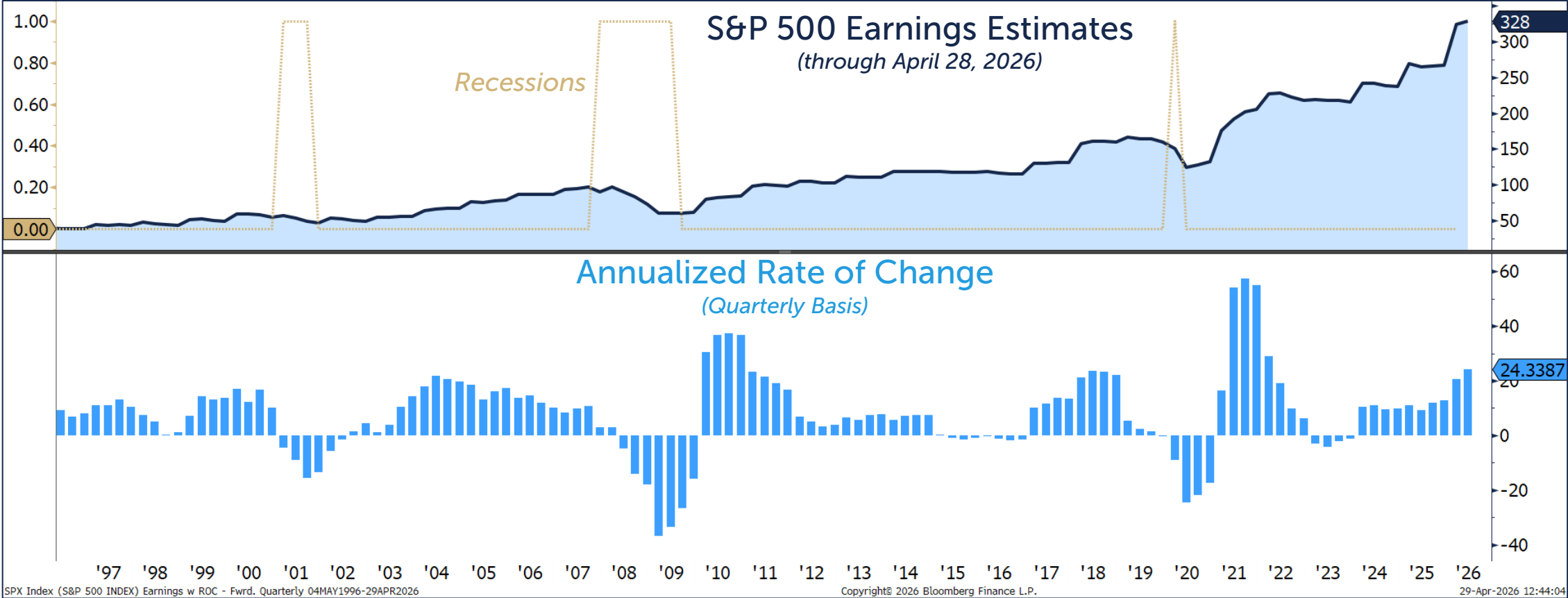
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Energy is likely to exert continued upward pressure on core inflation



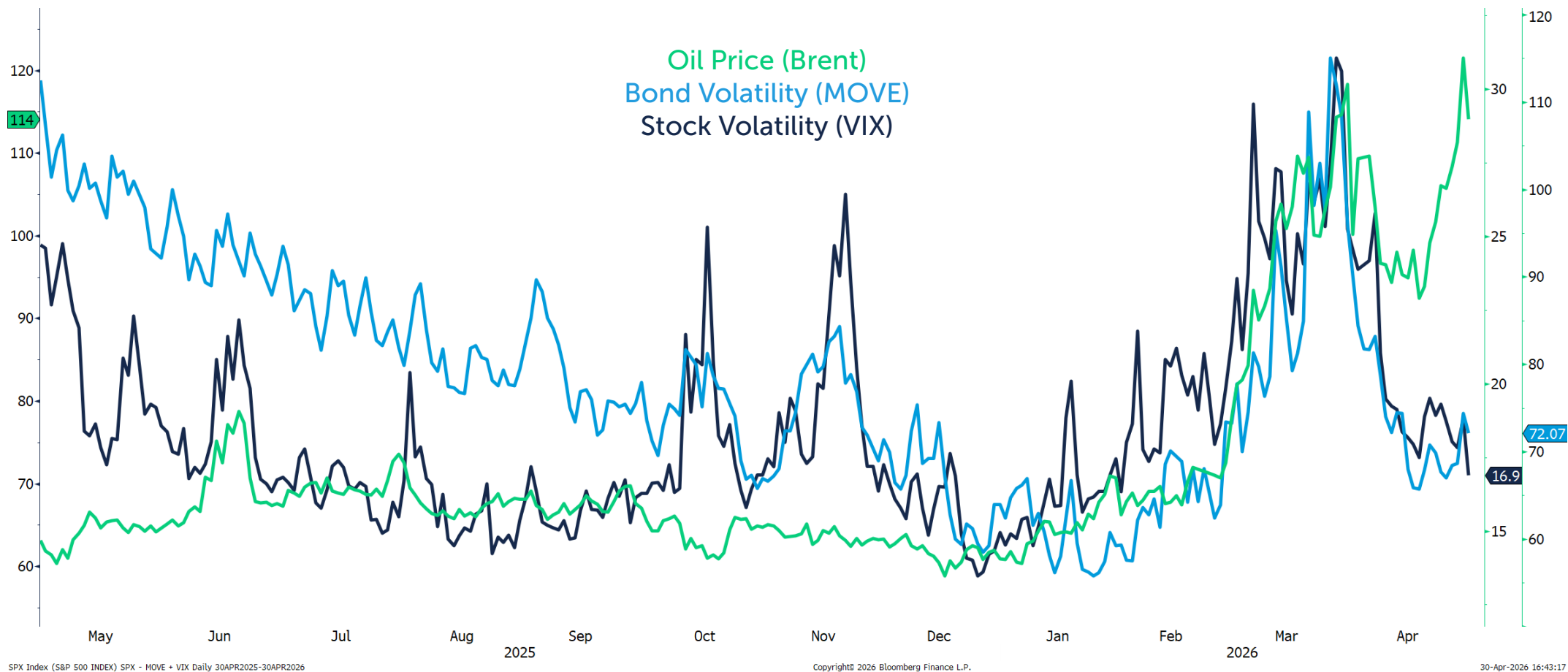
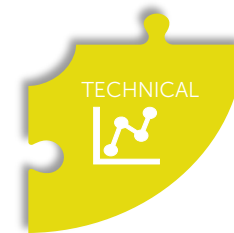
Source: Bloomberg (CPI: Consumer prices, PCE: Personal Consumption Expenditures, PPI: Producer Prices)

Earnings revisions strongest in over 30 years outside of recession recoveries



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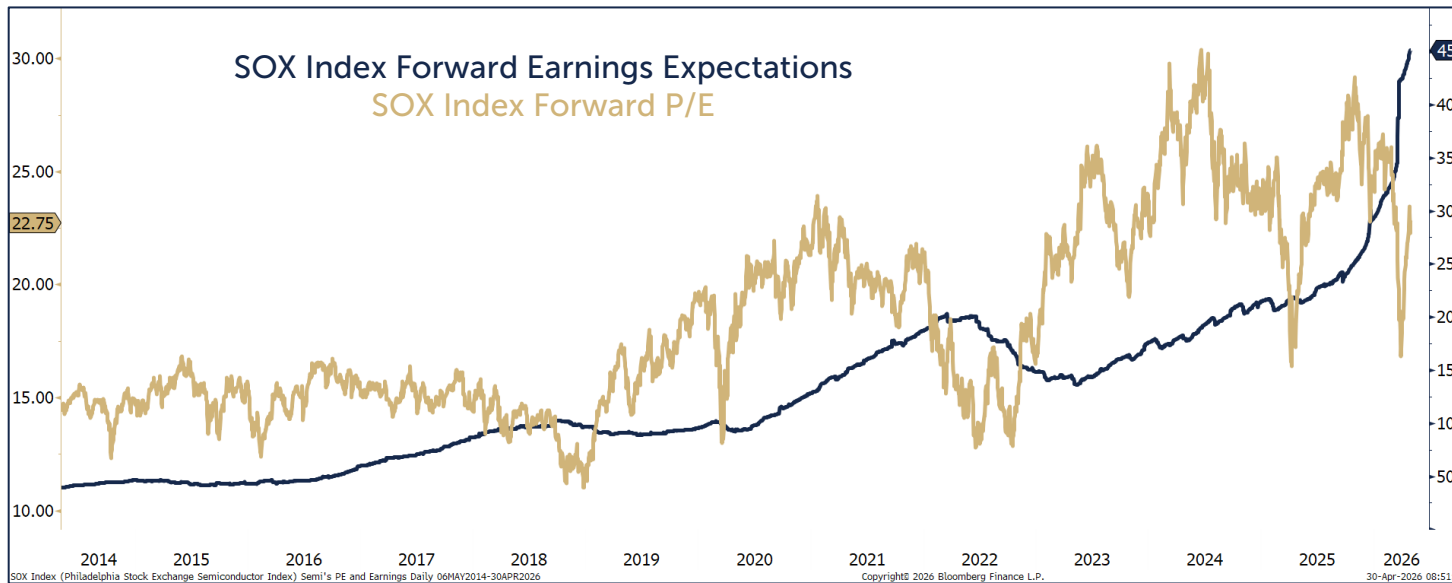


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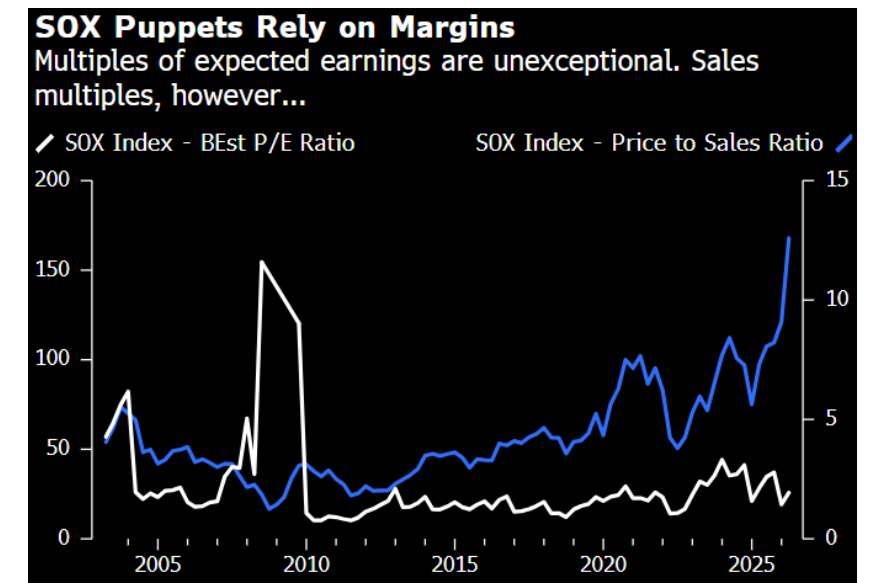
Semiconductors: Surging on AI demand and expectations of booming profitability



Philadelphia Semiconductor Index (SOX) – Earnings multiples typically contract in latter stages of earnings growth cycles

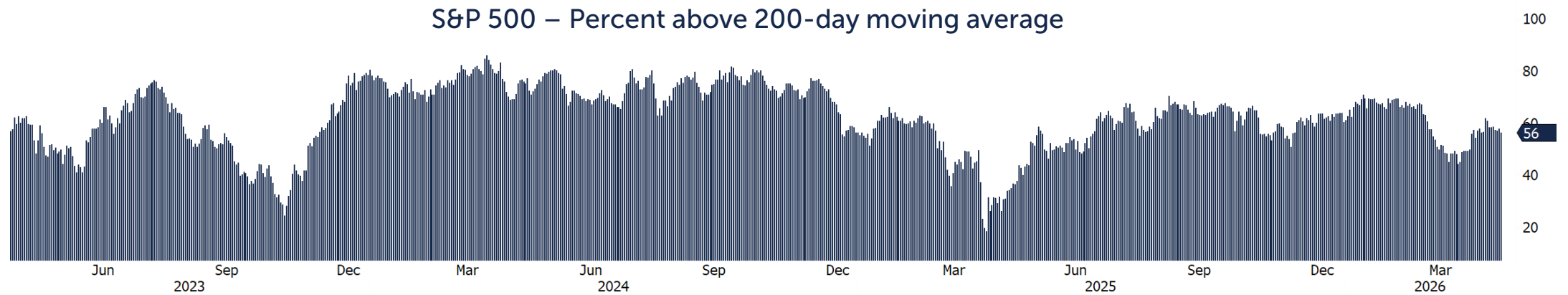
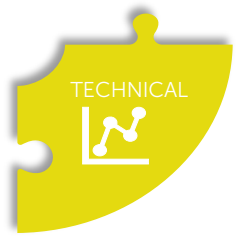


Forward P/E multiples don't look so extreme, but trailing P/S extraordinary



Sources: Bloomberg data and John Authers article "A Silicon Rally to Knock Your SOX Off" dated 4/27/2026.

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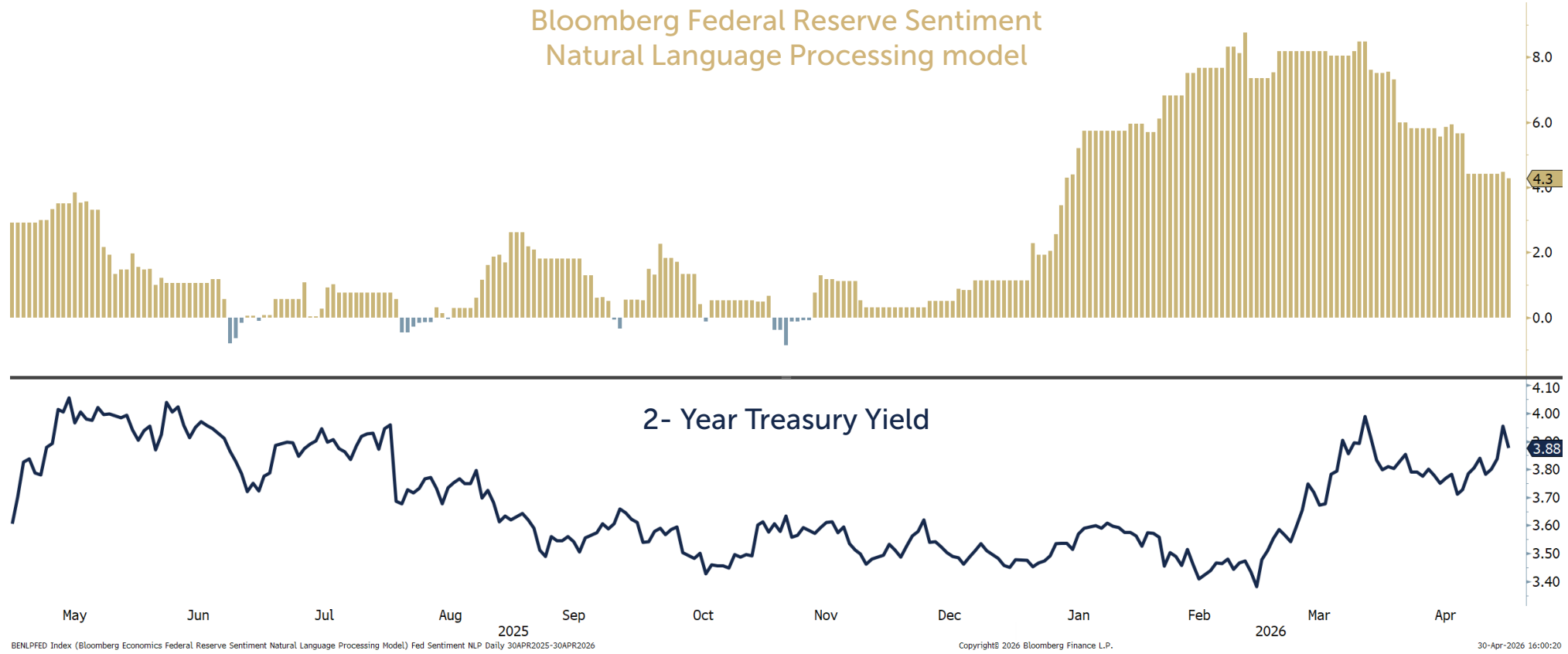
SPX Index (S&P 500 INDEX) % above 200day MA Daily 09APR2023-30APR2026

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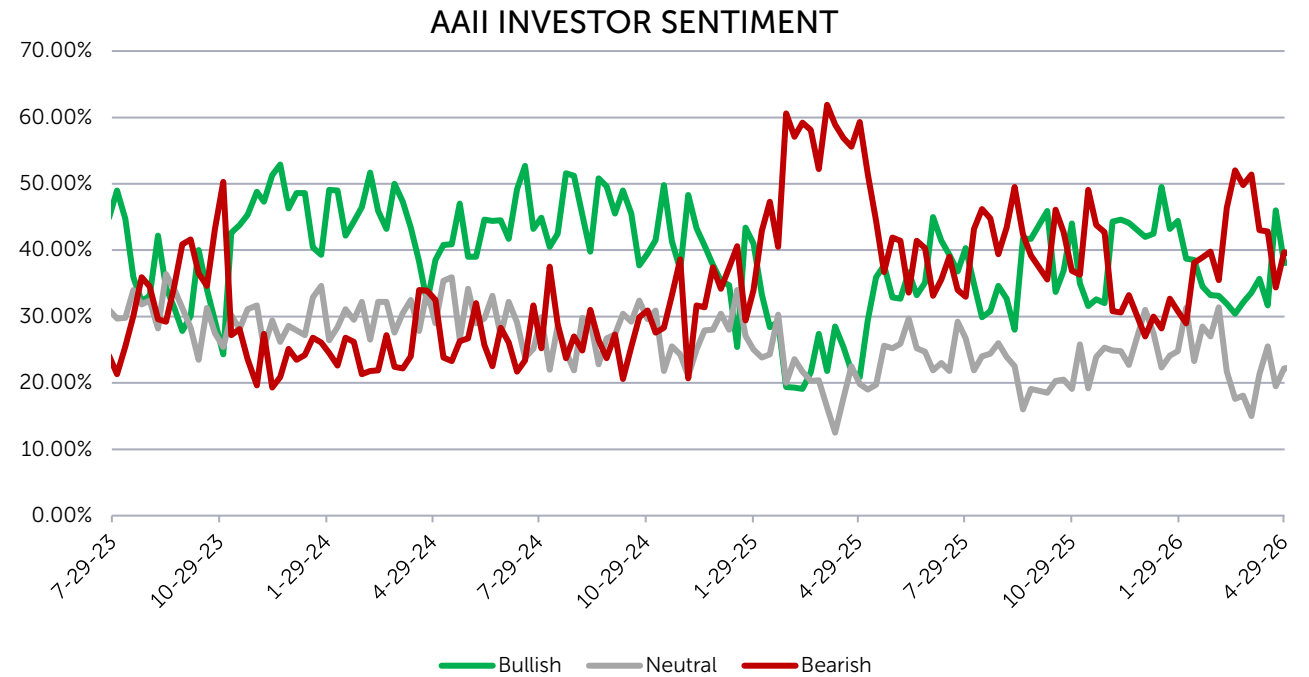
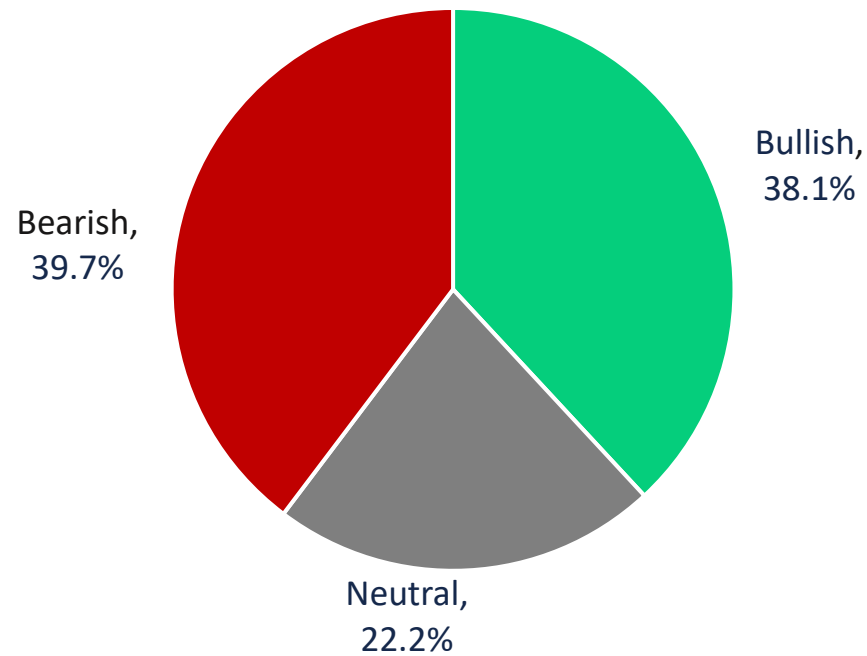


Source: Bloomberg

AII investor sentiment has turned positive despite geopolitical uncertainty



AII Sentiment Survey
4/29/2026

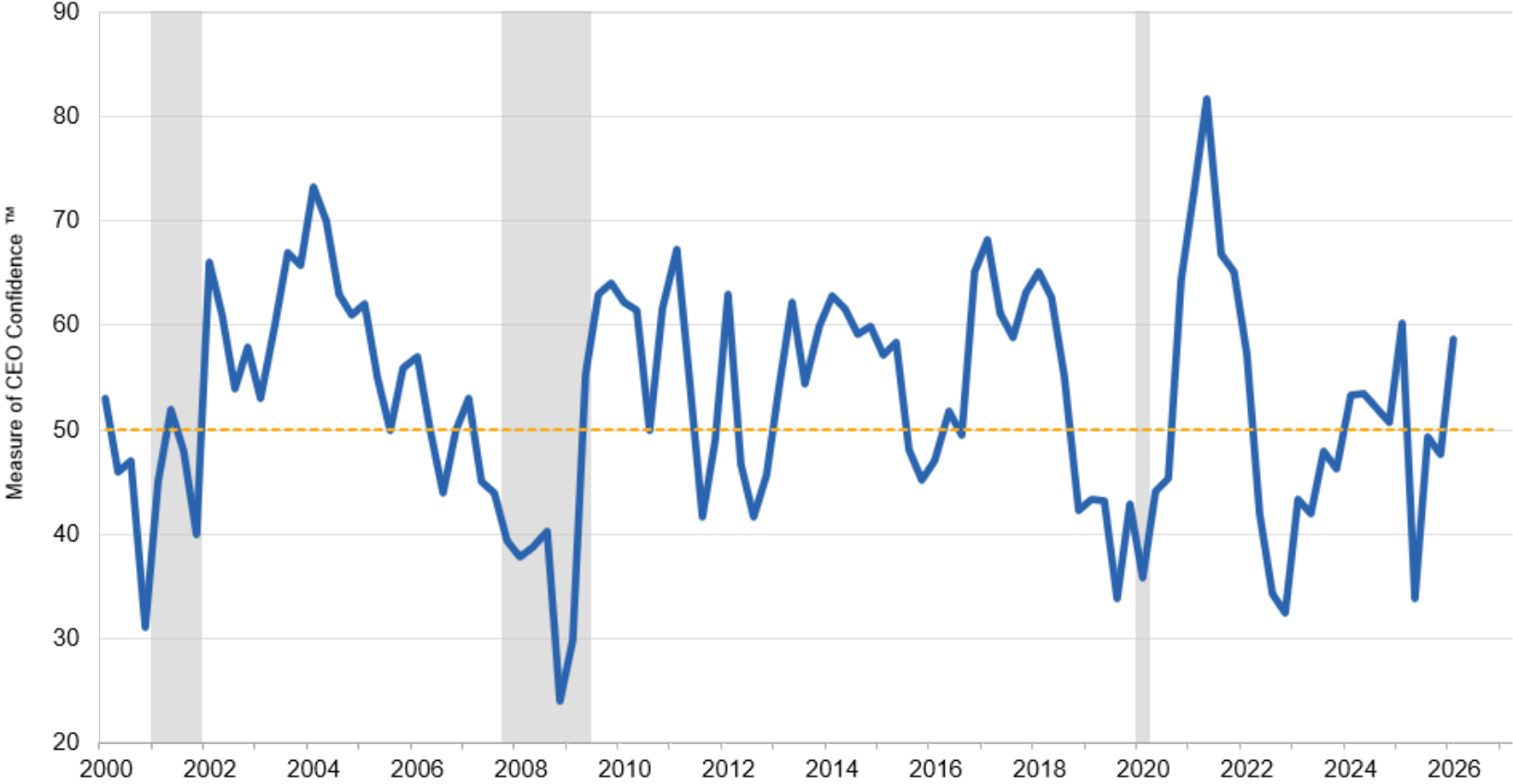


Source: AII Sentiment Survey

CEOs looked past the Iran war as confidence recovered in Q1



CEO Confidence surged in Q1 '26 to the highest level since Q1 '25



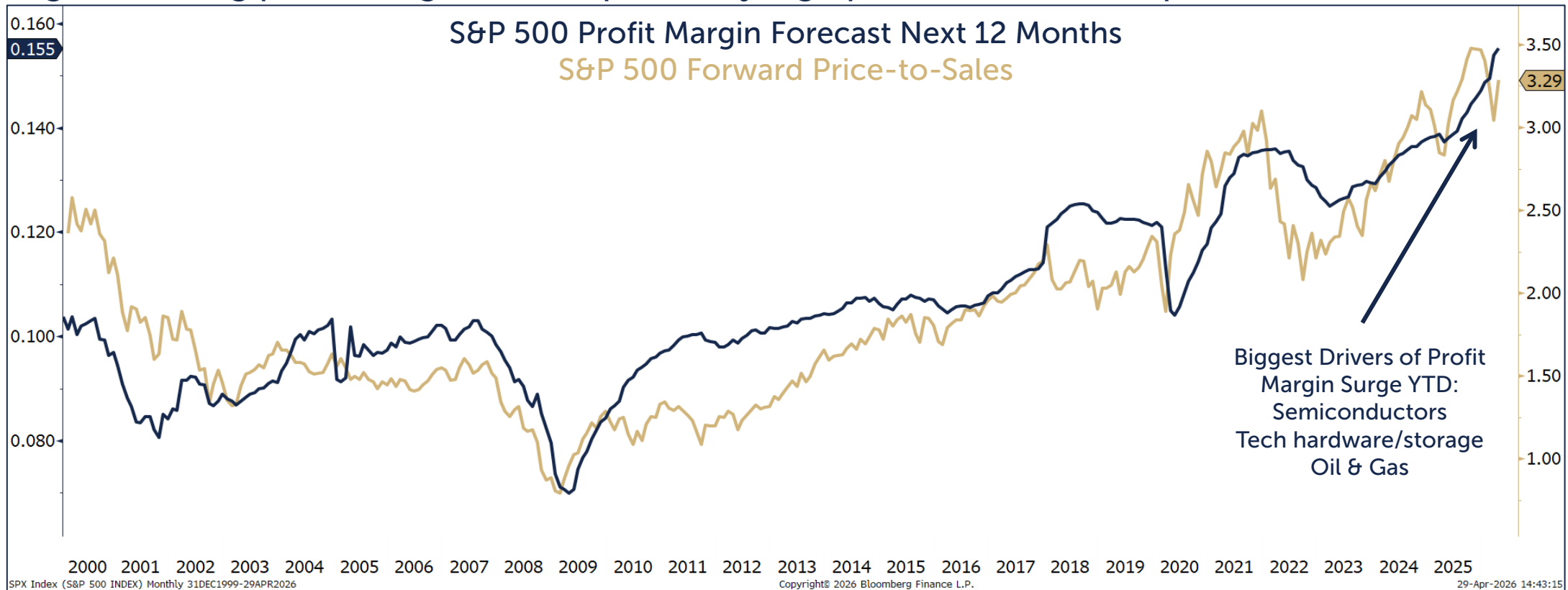
Note: Shaded areas indicate periods of recession.
Sources: The Conference Board; The Business Council; NBER

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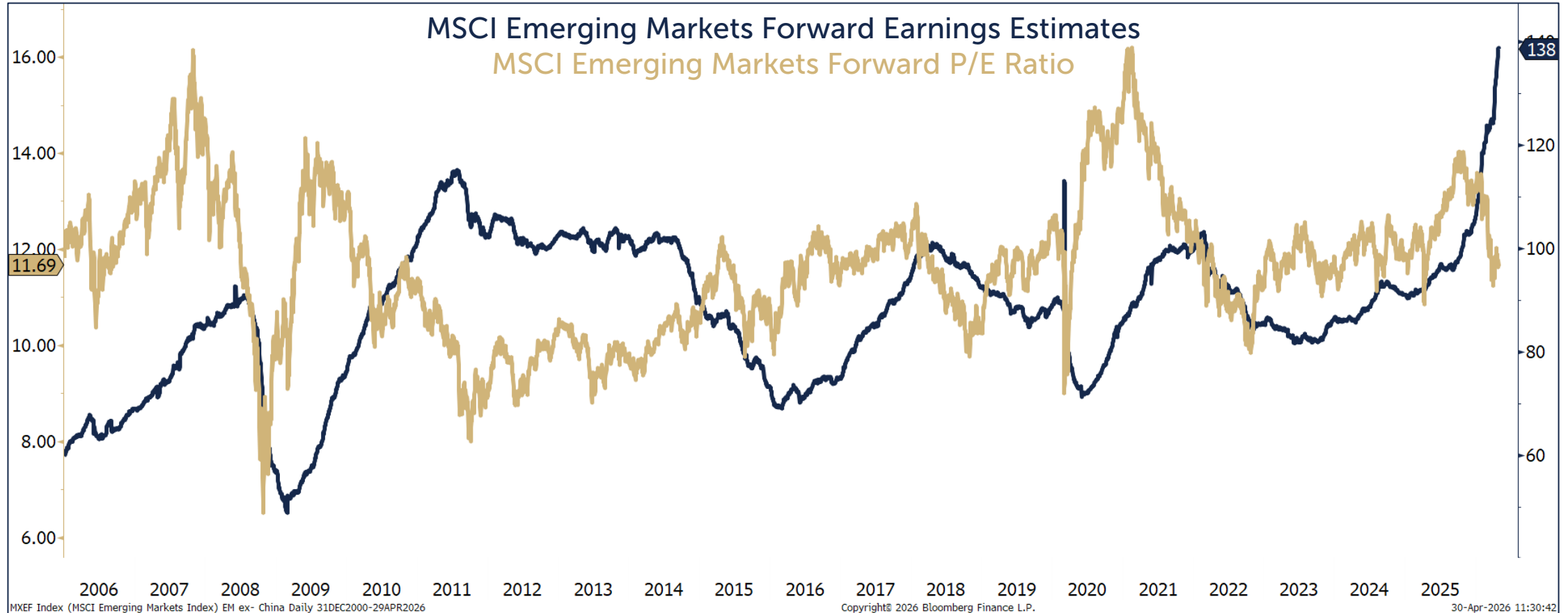


High and rising profit margins accompanied by high price-to-sales multiples



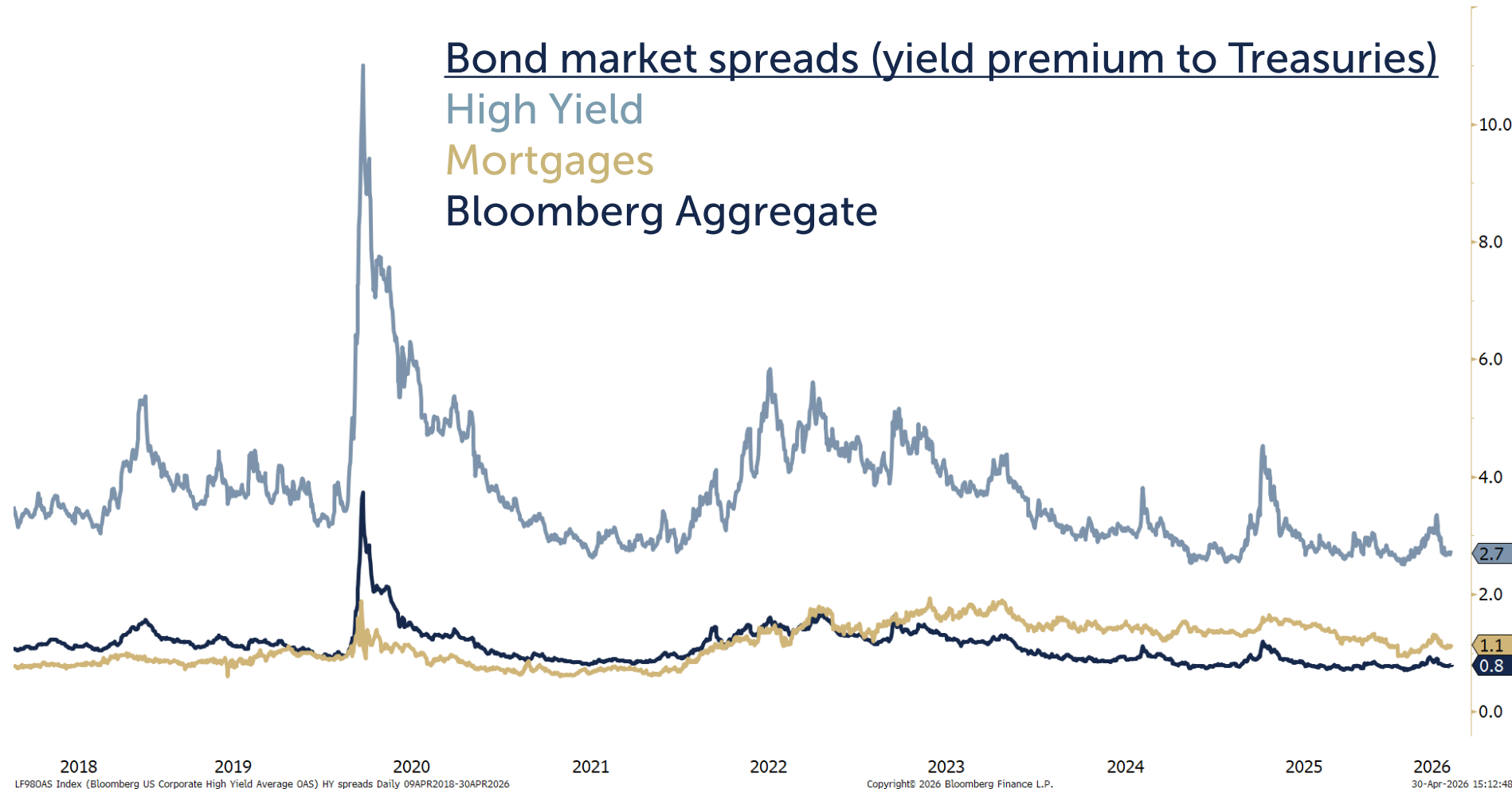
Sources: Bloomberg data. Bloomberg article from John Authers citing SocGen research, "Hate to Suggest Partying Like It's 1999, But..." dated 4/28/2026.

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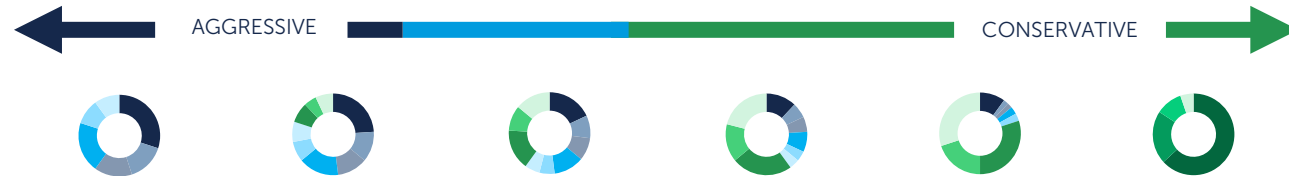
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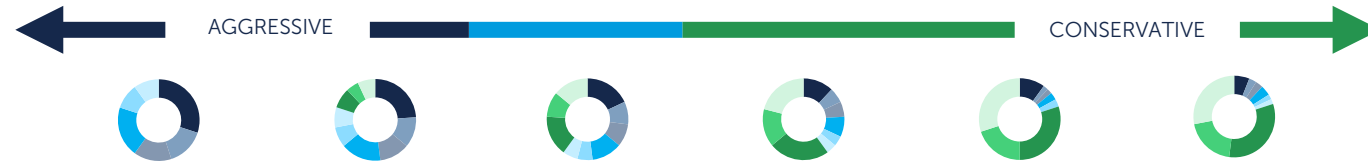
Asset Allocation – Strategic



	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Equity	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
● US Large Cap	35.0%	28.0%	21.0%	15.0%	6.0%	-
● US SMID Cap	30.5%	24.4%	18.3%	12.2%	6.0%	-
● Developed Markets	28.5%	22.8%	17.1%	10.4%	8.0%	-
● Emerging Markets	6.0%	4.8%	3.6%	2.4%	0.0%	-
Fixed Income	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
● Core Bonds	-	12.0%	24.0%	36.0%	48.0%	60.0%
● Securitized Bonds	-	5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	20.0%	25.0%
● Corporate Bonds	-	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%	8.0%	10.0%
● High Yield Bonds	-	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	4.0%	5.0%

Source: OneAscent Investment Solutions. Represents target allocations as of 4/29/2026 and may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Asset Allocation – ETF Only Models



	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Equity	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%	0%
● US Large Cap	45.0%	36.0%	27.0%	18.0%	10.0%	-
● US SMID Cap	23.0%	18.4%	13.8%	9.2%	4.0%	-
● Developed Markets	25.0%	20.0%	15.0%	10.0%	6.0%	-
● Emerging Markets	7.0%	5.6%	4.2%	2.8%	0.0%	-
Fixed Income	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
● Core Bonds	-	14.0%	28.0%	42.0%	56.0%	70.0%
● Government Bonds	-	4.0%	8.0%	12.0%	16.0%	20.0%
● Securitized Bonds	-	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%	8.0%	10.0%

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Long-Term Investing Principles



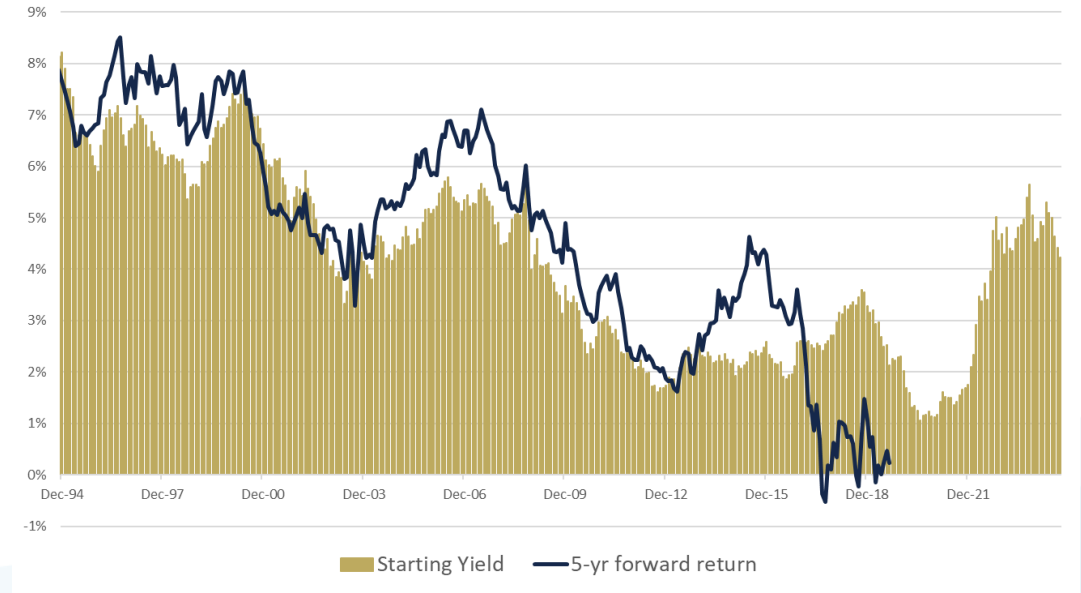
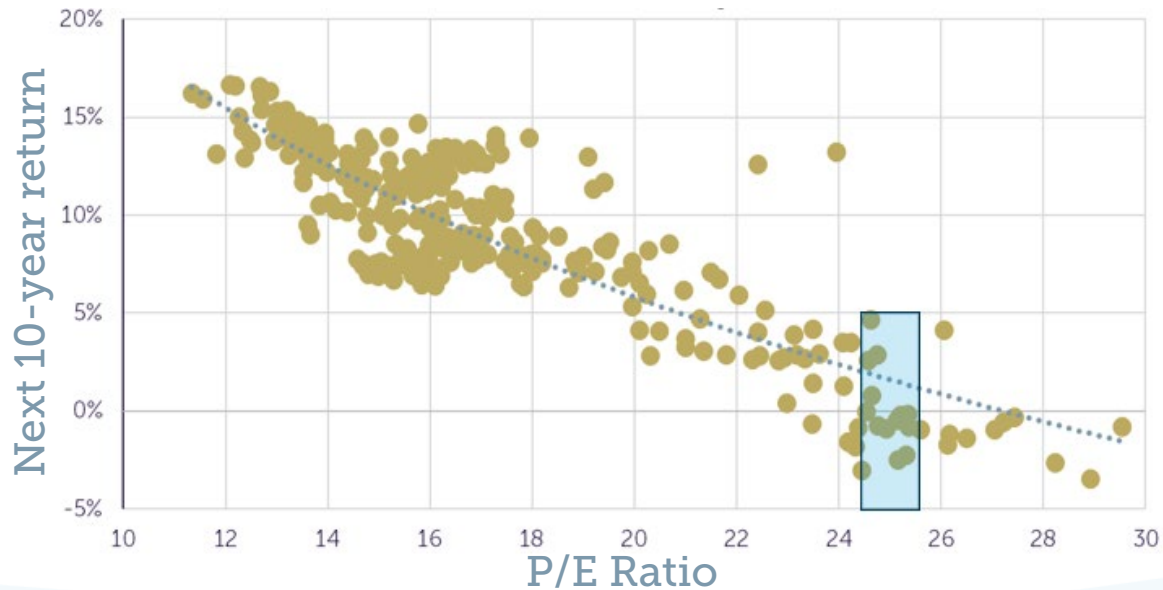
Common behavior pitfalls of investing

Behavioral pitfalls	A potential antidote
Investing subjectively	In a digitally connected world, we face an endless barrage of headlines, notifications, and opinions when it comes to investments. Without proper context, the numbers and charts can create whatever narrative we want to hear. A sober assessment of data, as well as our own natural behavioral biases, can reduce subjectivity in our investment decisions.
Acting on gut feelings	Emotional decision making is an investor’s worst enemy because it often contradicts sound judgement. When it comes to investing, we must vigilantly guard ourselves from motivations of fear and greed. Having a system in place that eliminates these all too common tendencies provides a better opportunity to achieve our financial goals .
Panic selling	Investor sentiment is a primary indicator of short-term market performance and it’s no secret that our “feelings” towards portfolios can change daily. This behavioral aspect of investing creates opportunities for rational investors to capitalize when inefficiencies exist within the market.
Underestimating the risks	The financial world defines risk in terms of volatility, but its most common metric (standard deviation) treats upside and downside movements equally. The ultimate risk to an investor is loss of principal, and our aim as investors should be to identify and limit the downside elements of volatility when possible.
Trading impulsively	Investors with a plan and the ability to stick to it have a higher probability of achieving their goals than those who respond emotionally to the events of the day. Sticking to a plan requires a longer-term perspective and a process for executing regardless of the circumstances or market environment.

Valuations and long-term returns

Studies show that purchase valuation is an important driver of portfolio returns. High stock market valuations tend to correlate to lower forward stock returns. Another way to say this is that higher earnings yields – the inverse of the price/earnings ratio - tend to correlate to higher stock returns. Higher bond yields also correlate to higher forward returns. Another important aspect to returns is the change in valuation, or yield, over the investor horizon. In the chart on the right, 5-year forward returns starting in 2017 and 2018 are poor in part because ending yields – in 2022 and 2023, were so much higher than starting yields.

Starting valuations matter. The OneAscent investment process is anchored on this principal.



High trailing PE implies below average S&P 500 returns

Higher bond yields suggest strong forward returns

Source: Bloomberg, OneAscent Investment Solutions, Wikipedia



Diversification between asset classes

The chart below demonstrates how drastically different asset classes can perform over time. This volatility is due to a wide array of factors that affect market pressures. Geopolitical relations, central banking decisions, consuming patterns and intensity, supply chain logistics, social influences, earnings reports, real estate values, technological revolutions, and more play a part in how stocks and bonds rise or fall. Diversifying between multiple asset classes within equity and fixed income allocations may help prevent volatility and keep you on track in the long-run.

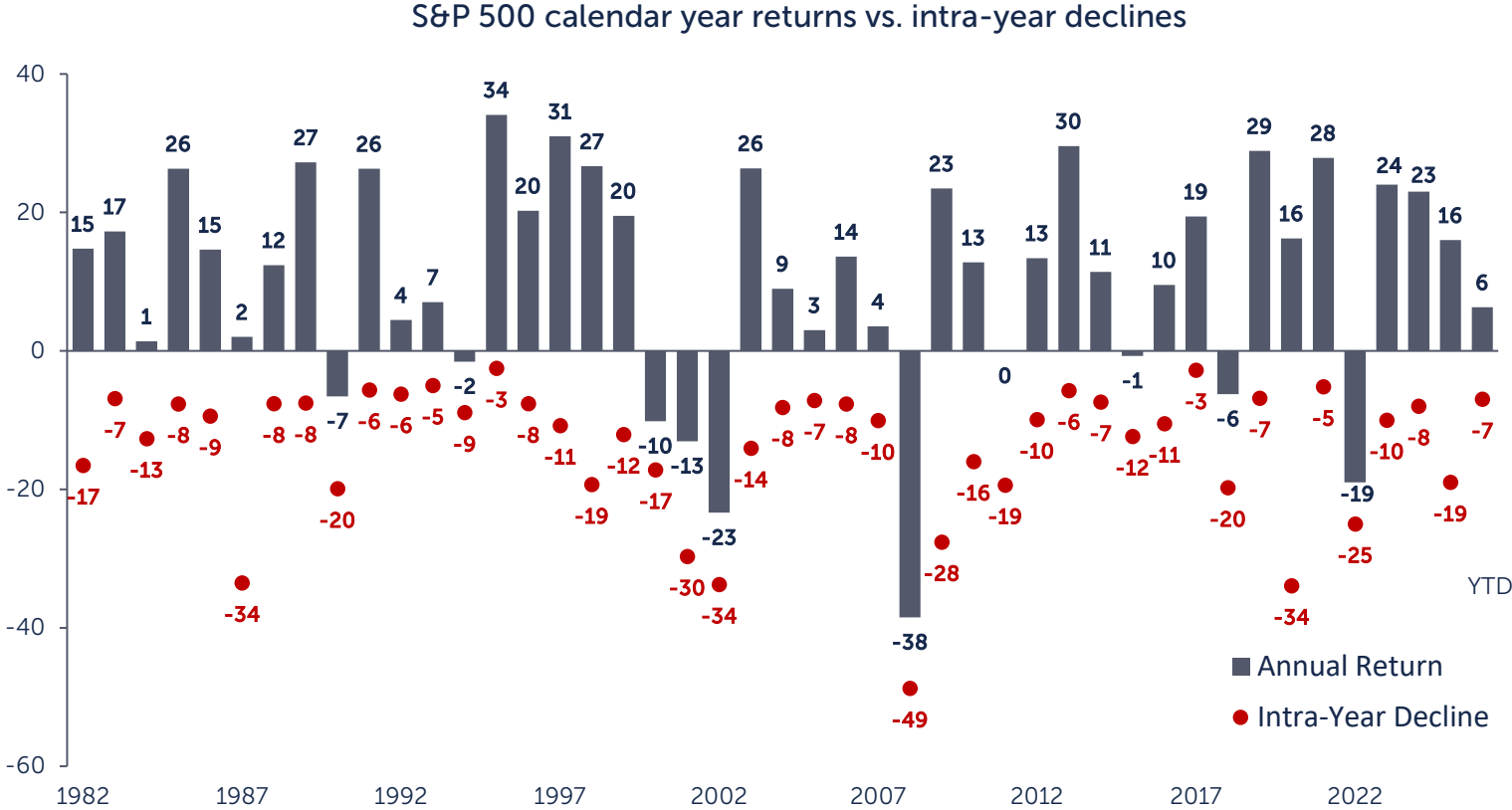
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Avg Annual Return Rank - 20 years ended 2024	Avg Annual Return - 20 - years ended 2024
Emerging Markets 34.3%	REITs 34.2%	Emerging Markets 39.7%	Fixed Income 5.2%	Emerging Markets 78.5%	REITs 27.9%	REITs 8.0%	Emerging Markets 18.6%	Small Cap 38.8%	REITs 30.1%	REITs 3.2%	Small Cap 21.3%	Emerging Markets 37.8%	Cash 1.8%	Large Cap 31.5%	Small Cap 19.9%	REITs 43.2%	Commodity 13.8%	Large Cap 26.3%	Large Cap 25.0%	1	10.3%
Commodity 17.5%	Emerging Markets 32.5%	Developed Equity 11.7%	Cash 1.8%	High Yield 58.2%	Small Cap 26.8%	Fixed Income 7.8%	REITs 18.1%	Large Cap 32.4%	Large Cap 13.7%	Large Cap 1.4%	High Yield 17.1%	Developed Equity 25.7%	Fixed Income 0.0%	REITs 26.0%	Emerging Markets 18.8%	Large Cap 28.7%	Cash 1.5%	Developed Equity 18.9%	Asset Allocation 14.6%	3	7.6%
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REITs 6.7%	Small Cap 18.3%	Fixed Income 7.0%	High Yield -26.2%	REITs 28.0%	Commodity 16.7%	Asset Allocation 4.3%	Small Cap 16.4%	Asset Allocation 18.1%	Fixed Income 6.0%	Asset Allocation 0.5%	Emerging Markets 11.7%	Small Cap 14.6%	Asset Allocation -2.8%	Developed Equity 22.8%	Asset Allocation 16.4%	Small Cap 14.8%	Fixed Income -13.0%	Small Cap 16.9%	REITs 8.7%	4	6.7%
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Source: Bloomberg.
 Market Returns reference the following indices: Large Cap – S&P 500, Asset Allocation – Vanguard Balanced Index Fund, Small Cap – Russell 2000, REITs – FTSE NAREIT Index, High Yield – Bloomberg High Yield, Emerging Markets – MSCI Emerging Markets, Cash – Bloomberg 1-3 Month Treasury Index, Developed Equity – MSCI EAFE, Fixed Income – Bloomberg US Aggregate, Commodities – Bloomberg Commodity Index

Annual returns and intra-year declines

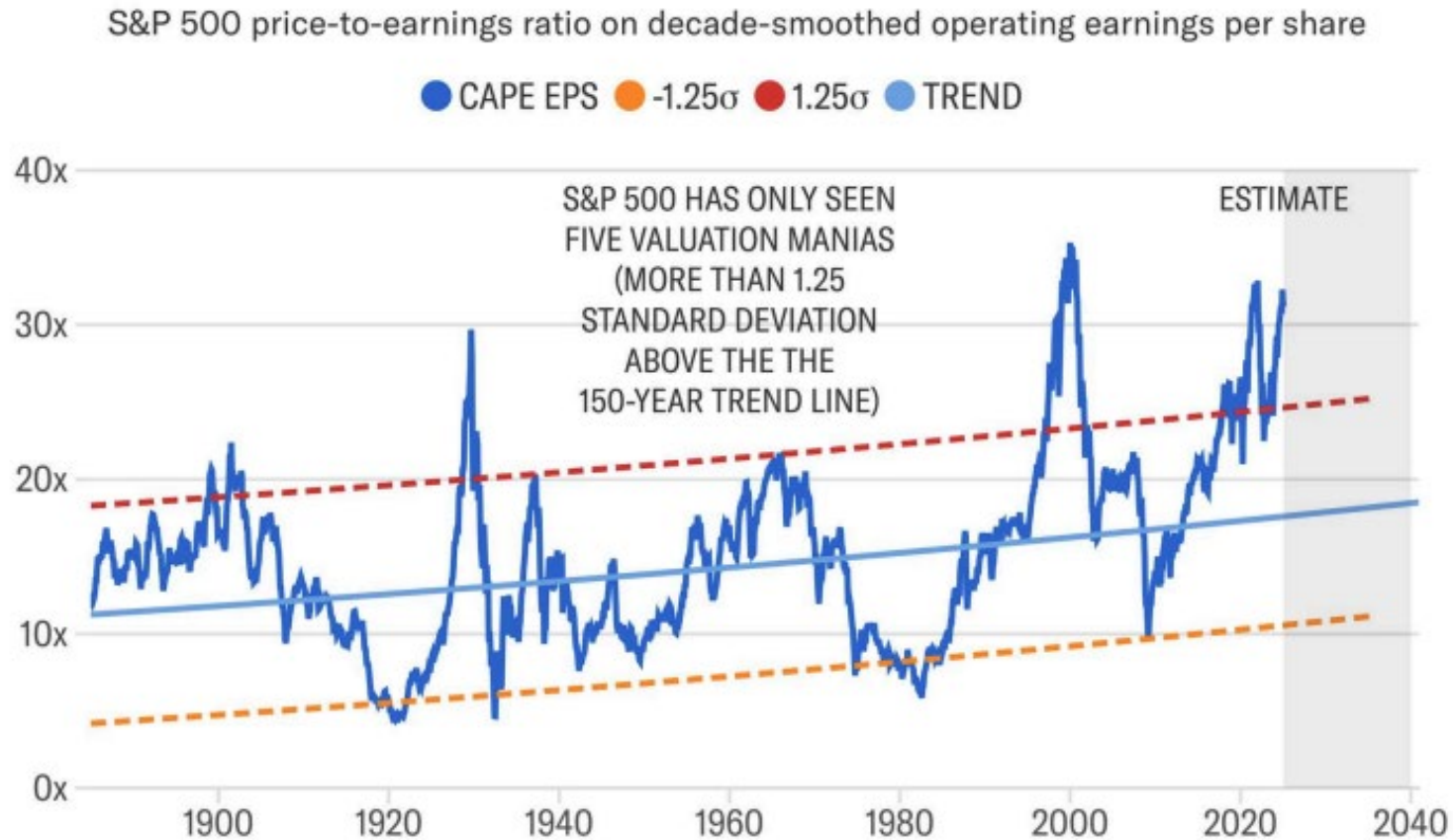
Consistently predicting when stock market declines or rallies will happen, or how long they are going to last, is impossible. Over the past 44 years, the S&P 500 has experienced an average intra-year decline of 14.2% – and still finished in positive territory in 34 of those 44 years.

While no one looks forward to market volatility, intra-year declines are normal and a historical perspective on the frequency and severity of past drops can provide a valuable perspective.



Sources: JP Morgan Asset Management, One Ascent Investment Solutions. Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refer to the largest market drops from a peak to a trough during the year. For illustrative purposes only. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1982 through 2024, over which time period the average annual return was 10.7%. Data as of 4/3/2026.

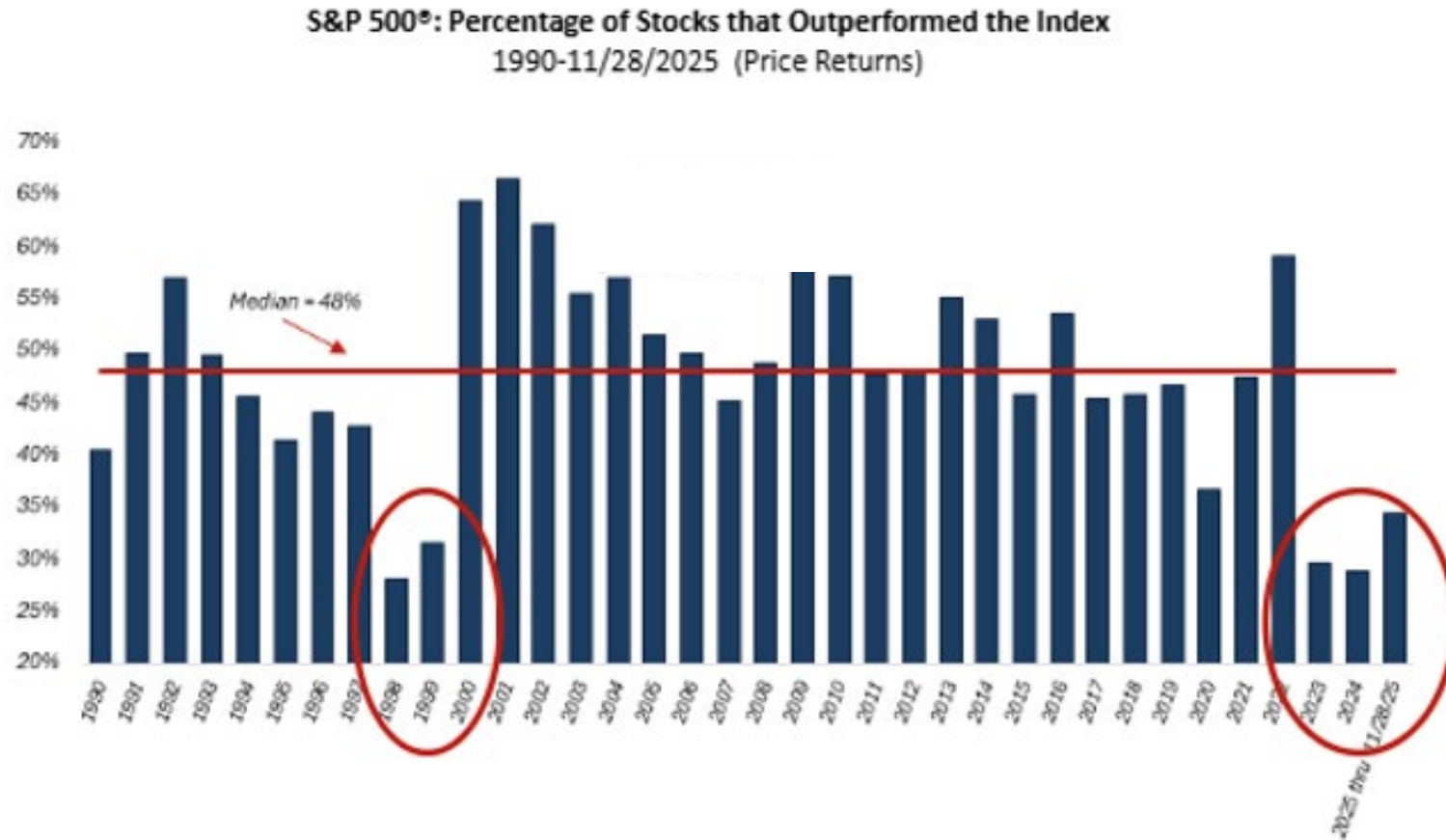
S&P 500 valuation is well above trend



Sources: Bloomberg; Stifel via Barry Bannister; Yahoo! Finance.

Note: CAPE is the Cyclically Adjusted Price to Earnings ratio adopted from Robert Shiller.

Concentrated performance is not normal - in fact, it is quite infrequent

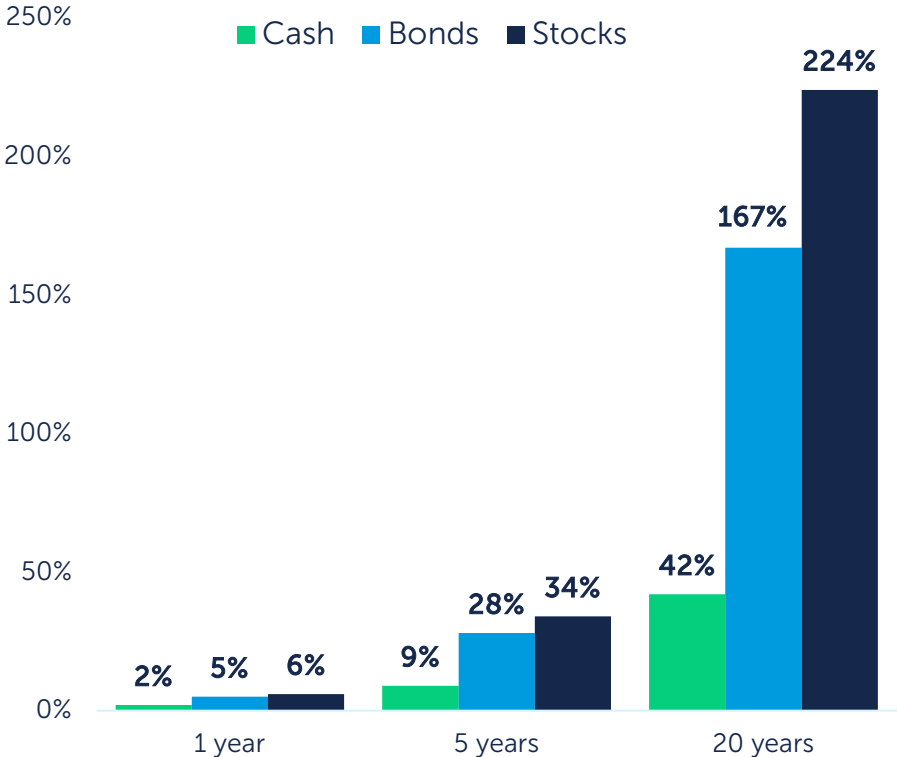


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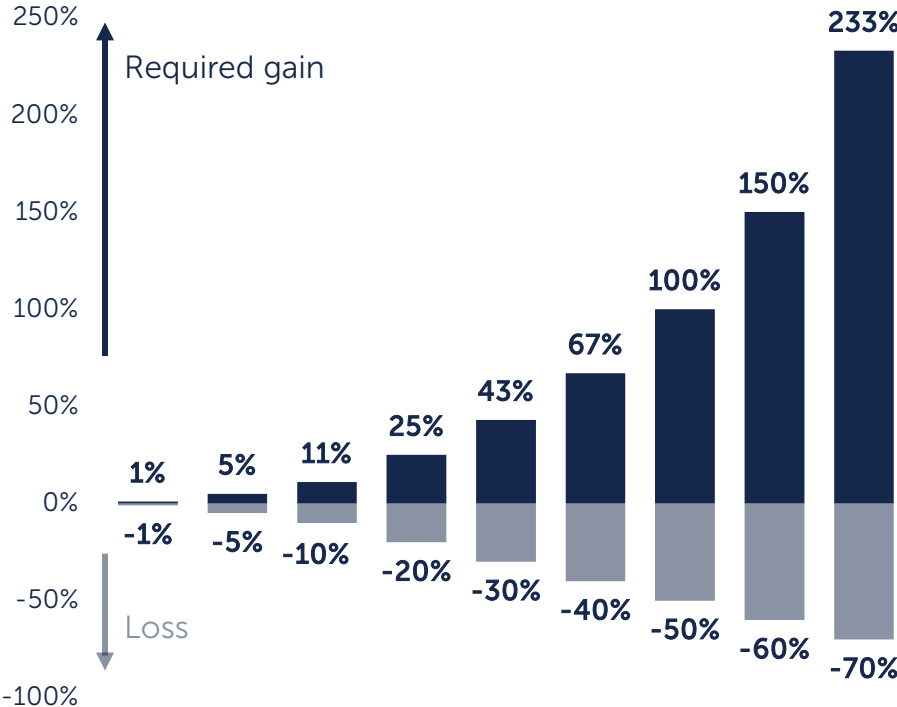
Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors January 2026, Webinar presentation.

Staying invested and limiting losses

The power of compounding
Cumulative return by holding period



Gain required to fully recover from a loss
Loss and subsequent gain necessary for full recovery of value



Sources: J.P. Morgan Asset Management – *Guide to the Markets*, BLS, FactSet, Standard & Poor’s. Cumulative returns are calculated using historical data. Stock returns are based on the S&P 500, bond returns are based on the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index and cash returns are based on 3-month U.S. Treasury bills. 1-year returns are 20-year average annualized return from 12/31/99 – 12/31/19 for each asset class. 5- and 20-year returns are cumulative over that time period based on the annualized return. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

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