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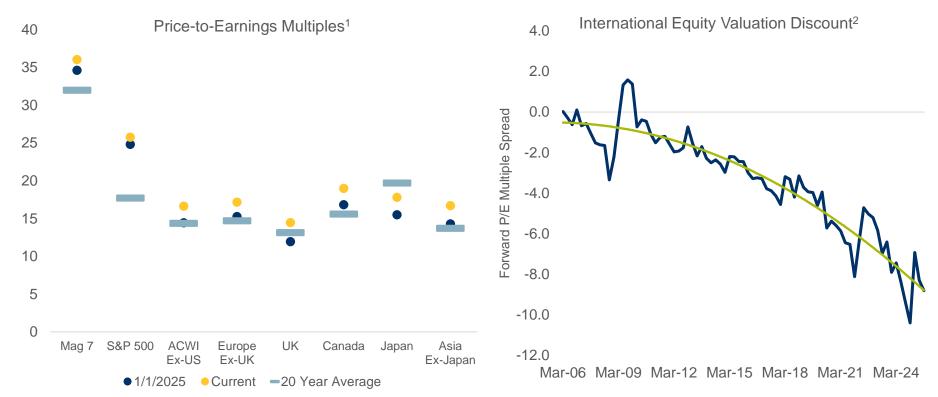




# Significant Valuation Premium in U.S. Equity Markets

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- Global market valuations are historically attractive, despite outperformance versus the U.S.
- The valuation discount for non-U.S. relative to U.S. markets remains historically high.



As of December 4, 2025. ¹Price-to-Earnings multiples shown in U.S. dollar terms. ²The valuation discount is the Price-to-Earnings multiple difference between the S&P 500 and the MSCI ACWI ex U.S., which is a free-float adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets excluding the United States. Diversification may not protect against market risk or loss. Source: Bloomberg, Rochdale Research.



# U.S. vs. International: Sector Skew and Valuation Gap

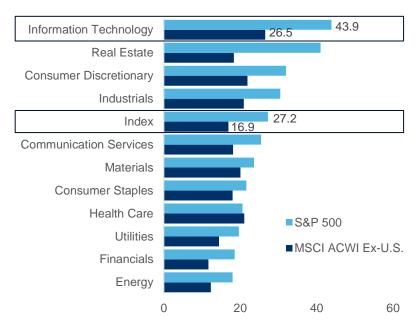
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- The U.S. market remains dominated by higher-multiple tech and communication stocks, while international indexes lean more toward financials, industrials, and commodities.
- Even after adjusting for sector composition, international equities trade at a meaningful discount to the U.S., offering
  more attractive relative P/E multiples and potential catch-up upside.

U.S. vs. Global Sector Weights "Sector Skew"



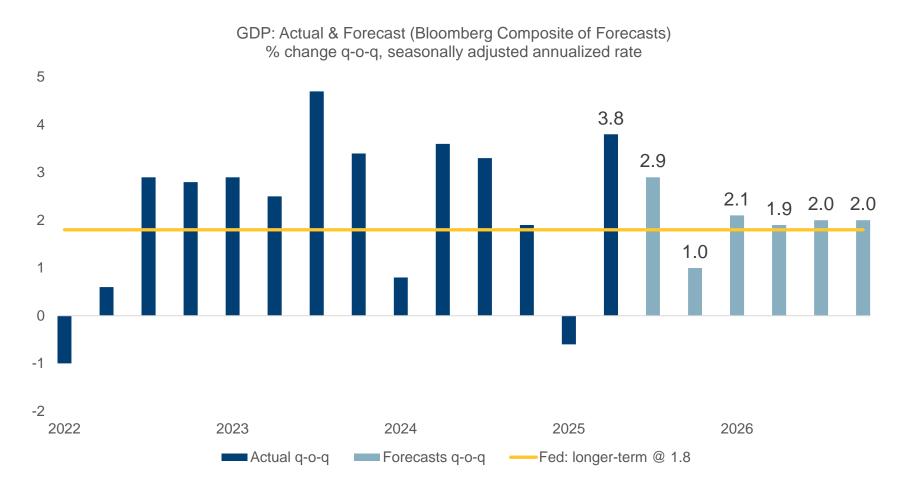
Sector Level Price-to-Earnings Ratios "Valuation Gap"



Trailing 12 Month Price to Earnings Multiple

Source: Bloomberg as of December 4, 2025





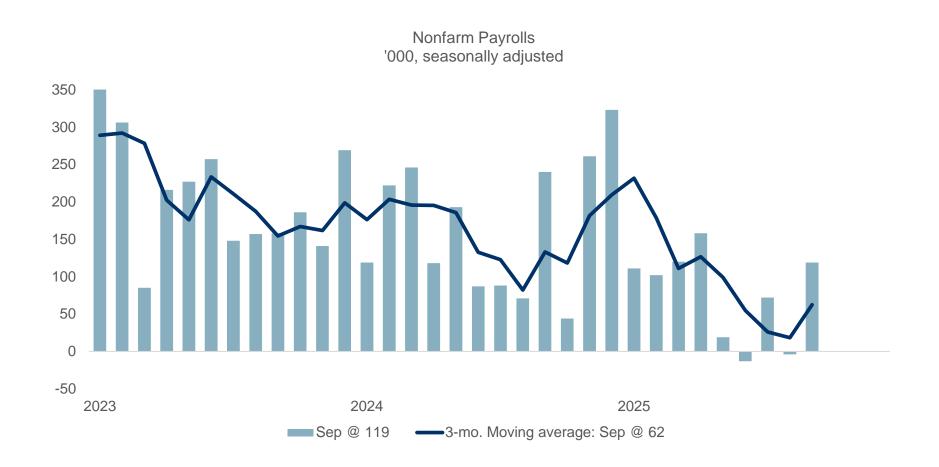
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Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bloomberg Composite of economic Forecasts Information is subject to change and is not a guarantee of future results.



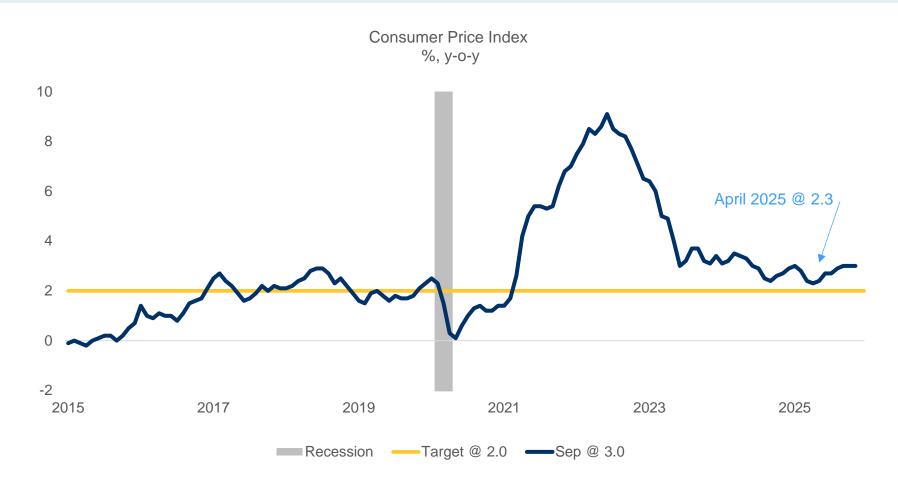
### Labor: Nonfarm Payrolls

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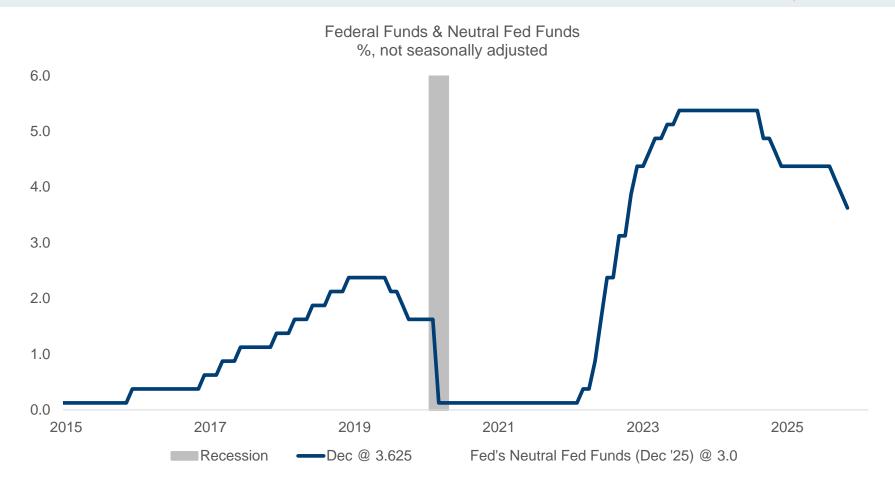


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#### The Fed: Federal Funds Rate

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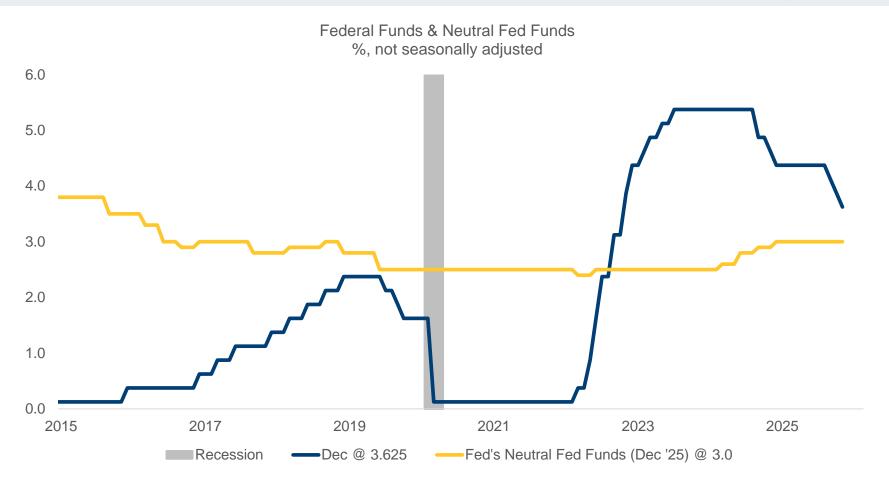


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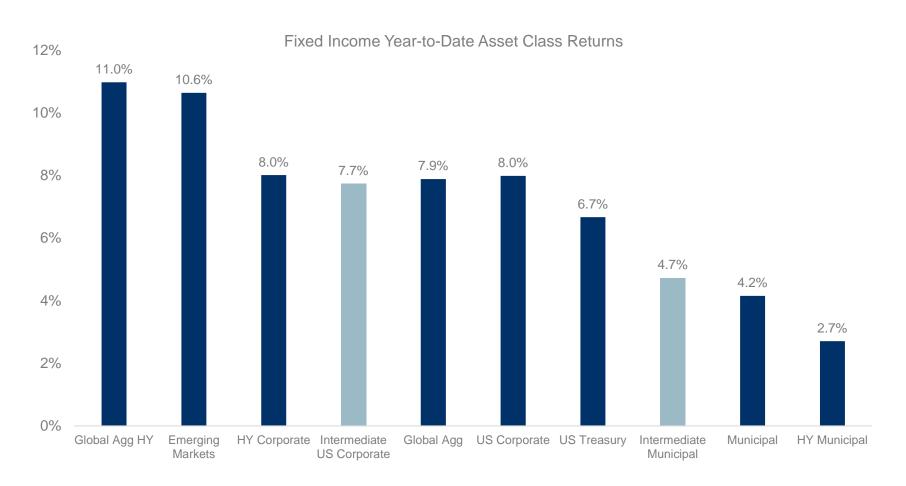
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#### Fixed Income Delivers Broad Gains in 2025

Attractive yields and income accrual have bolstered returns across global fixed income.

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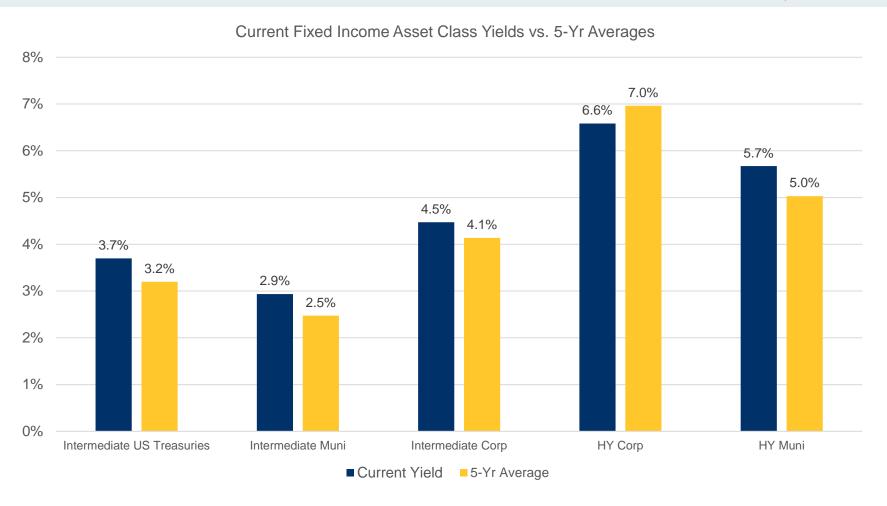
Source: Bloomberg HY Global Aggregate Index, Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index, Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index, Bloomberg US Corporate Index, Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index, Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Bond Index, Bloomberg US Treasury Index, Bloomberg Intermediate Municipal Index, Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index, Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index as of 11/30/2025.



## Fixed Income Yields Above Multi-Year Averages

We expect high absolute yields on a historical basis to continue to provide opportunities into 2026

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Source:Bloomberg Municipal Bond: High Yield (non-Investment Grade) TR Index, Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index, Bloomberg Municipal Bond Inter-Short 1-10Y TR Index, Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Total Return Index, Bloomberg US Intermediate Treasury TR Index as of 12/8/2025. There is no guarantee that investment objectives will be met.



#### **Index Definitions**

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500) is a market capitalization-weighted index of 500 common stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry group representation to represent U.S. equity performance.

The MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) is a global stock index that encompasses nearly 3,000 companies from 23 developed countries and 25 emerging markets.

Bloomberg HY Global Aggregate Index: A key benchmark for the global junk bond market, tracking investment-grade debt from developed & emerging markets (US, Europe, EM) with ratings below Ba1/BB+. It's a multi-currency index reflecting global corporate risk appetite, combining US, European, and Emerging Market high-yield bonds, distinct from the Investment Grade Bloomberg Global Aggregate (Global Agg).

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index: The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index is the premier benchmark for global investment-grade, fixed-rate debt, measuring performance across 24 developed and emerging market currencies, encompassing government, corporate, and securitized bonds.

Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index: The Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate Index tracks fixed and floating-rate debt from Emerging Markets (EM) issuers, denominated in U.S. dollars, covering sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate bonds, providing a broad benchmark for hard currency EM debt performance.

Bloomberg US Corporate Index: The Bloomberg US Corporate Index is a benchmark tracking the U.S. investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market, including bonds from U.S. and non-U.S. issuers in industrial, utility, and financial sectors, with at least one year to maturity.

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index: The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index tracks the U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate corporate bond market for non-investment grade ("junk") bonds, including various types like callable, putable, and 144A securities, requiring ratings below Ba1/BB+/BB+ from major agencies, with minimum outstanding face value and excluding emerging market issuers to measure this riskier segment of the credit market.

Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Bond Index: The Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Corporate Bond Index tracks investment-grade, fixed-rate, U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds from U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, specifically those with maturities between 1 year and just under 10 years (1 to 9.999 years).

#### Index Definitions cont...

Bloomberg US Treasury Index: The Bloomberg US Treasury Index is a benchmark tracking U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal US government debt with at least one year to maturity, excluding bills (short-term) and STRIPS (zero-coupon), providing a key measure of the investment-grade Treasury market for performance tracking and risk management.

Bloomberg Intermediate Municipal Index: The Bloomberg Intermediate Municipal Index tracks the U.S. investment-grade, tax-exempt bond market for securities with maturities typically between 1 to 10 years (or 1 to 15 years depending on the specific sub-index), serving as a benchmark for high-quality, shorter-to-intermediate duration municipal debt like general obligations and revenue bonds, excluding taxable issues.

Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index: The Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index (often the U.S. version) is a key benchmark measuring the performance of the U.S. tax-exempt bond market, covering investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated bonds like general obligations, revenue bonds, and insured issues, acting as a broad gauge for this long-term, fixed-income sector, and including reinvestment of income.

Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index: The Bloomberg Municipal High Index is a measure of the U.S. municipal tax-exempt non-investment grade bond market.

Bloomberg Municipal Bond Inter-Short 1-10Y TR Index, The Bloomberg Municipal Short/Intermediate Index is a measure of the U.S. municipal tax-exempt investment grade bond market.

Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Total Return Index: The Bloomberg Intermediate Corporate Total Return Index tracks the performance of investment-grade, fixed-rate, U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds with maturities between 1 and 10 years, including issues from U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial firms, measuring total returns from price changes and coupon payments.

Bloomberg US Intermediate Treasury TR Index: The Bloomberg US Intermediate Treasury TR Index (Total Return) tracks the performance of investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate U.S. Treasury bonds with maturities between one year and less than ten years, representing the intermediate segment of the Treasury market, focusing purely on government debt for a benchmark of risk-free assets.

Bloomberg Municipal Bond: High Yield (non-Investment Grade) TR Index: The Bloomberg Municipal Bond: High Yield (non-Investment Grade) TR Index (often just the "High Yield Muni Index") tracks the performance (Total Return, or TR) of U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, tax-exempt municipal bonds rated below investment grade (BB+/Ba1 or lower) from all 50 states and qualifying territories, measuring higher-risk, higher-potential-return bonds like those from nursing homes or development projects, distinct from typical investment-grade munis.

#### Index Definitions cont...

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index: The Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index tracks USD-denominated, non-investment-grade, fixed-rate corporate bonds from the U.S., serving as a benchmark for riskier debt, defined by middle ratings of Ba1/BB+/BB+ or lower from major agencies, excluding emerging markets debt, and measuring overall price changes plus reinvested interest.

#### Definitions

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the monthly change in prices paid by U.S. consumers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) calculates the CPI as a weighted average of prices for a basket of goods and services representative of aggregate U.S. consumer spending.

Gross domestic product (GDP) is the total monetary or market value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period.

Muni Bond: A municipal bond is a debt security issued by a state, municipality or county to finance its capital expenditures, including the construction of highways, bridges or schools. These bonds can be thought of as loans that investors make to local governments.

The seven tech titan stocks are a group of high-performing and influential companies in the U.S. stock market: Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, NVIDIA and Tesla.

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