Global Macro Trends

Εμπορικές συμφωνίες: Πρόοδος εν μέσω αβεβαιότητας



Διεθνείς Μακροοικονομικές Τάσεις

- ► Καθώς πλησιάζει η καθοριστική ημερομηνία της 1ης Αυγούστου, η πίεση για τη σύναψη διμερών εμπορικών συμφωνιών με τις ΗΠΑ έχει αυξηθεί. Σύμφωνα με δηλώσεις του Προέδρου των ΗΠΑ, στις περιπτώσεις κρατών με τα οποία δεν θα έχει συνομολογηθεί έως τότε εμπορική συμφωνία, θα εφαρμοστούν «ανταποδοτικοί» δασμοί ύψους μεταξύ 10% και 50%. Μέχρι σήμερα, τέτοιες συμφωνίες έχουν ανακοινωθεί μόνο με το Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο, την Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση, την Ιαπωνία και την Ινδονησία, ενώ με την Κίνα εκκρεμεί εδώ και αρκετό καιρό η ολοκλήρωσή της με την υπογραφή της από τους δύο Προέδρους. Παράλληλα, πηγή έντασης συνιστά το τελευταίο διάστημα ο έντονος προβληματισμός της Ευρωπαϊκής Ένωσης για τις εμπορικές πρακτικές της Κίνας, ιδίως για τις αποστολές στα κράτη-μέλη της κινεζικών προϊόντων εξαιρετικά χαμηλού κόστους και αμφίβολης συμμόρφωσης με τις ευρωπαϊκές προδιαγραφές (όπως μέσω των πλατφορμών Shein, Temu). Τέλος, θετικά επιδρά στην οικονομική δραστηριότητα η σχετική ύφεση στα μέτωπα των εχθροπραξιών στη Μέση Ανατολή και στον πόλεμο Ουκρανίας-Ρωσίας.
- Στις ΗΠΑ, η αναστολή της επιβολής των «ανταποδοτικών» δασμών έως την 1/8 και η -εκτός απροόπτου- εμπορική συμφωνία με την Κίνα συνέβαλαν θετικά στη διατήρηση των, απρόσμενα, αρκετά καλών συνθηκών στην αγορά εργασίας και στη συγκράτηση των πληθωριστικών προσδοκιών. Ως αποτέλεσμα, τα οικονομικά στοιχεία και οι πρόδρομοι δείκτες εμφανίζουν κατά το τελευταίο διάστημα μικρή βελτίωση, ελαφρά μεγαλύτερη των εκτιμήσεων. Σε αυτό το περιβάλλον αβεβαιότητας, η Fed παραμένει διστακτική στην περαιτέρω μείωση του βασικού επιτοκίου της περιμένοντας πρώτα την αποσαφήνιση της δασμολογικής πολιτικής ώστε να εκτιμήσει την επίδρασή της στον πληθωρισμό. Από την άλλη, όμως, έχουν ενταθεί οι κυβερνητικές πιέσεις για να προβεί άμεσα στη μείωση του βασικού επιτοκίου της γεννώντας ανησυχίες για τη δυνατότητά της να λαμβάνει ανεξάρτητα αποφάσεις.
- Στην Ευρωζώνη, η οικονομική δραστηριότητα κατά το Β΄ Τρίμηνο εκτιμάται ότι παρέμεινε περίπου στάσιμη σε σχέση με του Α΄ Τριμήνου. Η περιορισμένη εσωτερική ζήτηση, η αύξηση των δασμών στις εξαγωγές της στις ΗΠΑ, η σημαντική ανατίμηση από την αρχή του χρόνου του ευρώ έναντι του αμερικανικού δολαρίου, η πιθανή ανακατεύθυνση στην ευρωπαϊκή αγορά μέρους των «χαμένων» στις ΗΠΑ εξαγωγών τρίτων χωρών (που εντείνει τον ανταγωνισμό και πιέζει τα περιθώρια κέρδους των ευρωπαϊκών εταιρειών) αποτελούν μερικούς από τους παράγοντες που δρουν ανασταλτικά στην ανάπτυξη. Από την άλλη, οι τέσσερις μειώσεις των βασικών επιτοκίων της ΕΚΤ το 2025, η διαμόρφωση του πληθωρισμού πλησίον του στόχου του 2%, η απόφαση αύξησης των αμυντικών δαπανών σε βάθος χρόνου και το ιστορικά χαμηλό ποσοστό ανεργίας επηρεάζουν θετικά.
- Στην Κίνα, ο ρυθμός ανάπτυξης κατά το Β΄ Τρίμηνο διαμορφώθηκε στο 5,2% σε ετήσια βάση (Α΄ Τρίμ. 25: 5,4%). Συνεπώς, συνολικά στο Α΄ Εξάμηνο ήταν 5,3%, καθιστώντας πιθανότερη την επίτευξη του κυβερνητικού στόχου για ρυθμό ανάπτυξης «περίπου 5%» για το 2025. Ωστόσο, η σχετικά συγκρατημένη εσωτερική ζήτηση παραμένει διατηρώντας τις εξαγωγές σημαντικό παράγοντα της αναπτυξιακής προοπτικής. Οπότε, η σύναψη εμπορικής συμφωνίας με τις ΗΠΑ θα αποτελέσει ιδιαίτερα θετική εξέλιξη.



Global macro trends

- As the crucial date of August 1 is drawing near, pressure to conclude bilateral trade agreements with the United States has intensified. According to the U.S. President, reciprocal tariffs ranging from 10% to 50% will be imposed on countries that have not concluded a bilateral trade agreement with the US by that date. To date, such agreements have been announced only with the United Kingdom, the European Union, Japan, and Indonesia, while the finalization of an agreement with China has been pending for some time, awaiting signatures from both Presidents. At the same time, there has been growing concern within the European Union regarding China's trade practices, particularly the large-scale influx of extremely low-cost Chinese goods into member states, often with questionable compliance to European standards—most notably through platforms such as Shein and Temu. Finally, a relative de-escalation of hostilities in the Middle East and in the Ukraine–Russia conflict is having a positive effect on economic activity.
- In the US, the suspension of "retaliatory" tariffs until August 1st, along with the expected conclusion of a trade agreement with China, have contributed positively to maintaining surprisingly robust labour market conditions and containing inflation expectations. As a result, recent economic data and leading indicators have shown a slight improvement, somewhat exceeding earlier forecasts. In this climate of uncertainty, the Federal Reserve remains cautious about reducing its key interest rates, preferring to wait for clarity regarding tariff policy to accurately assess its impact on inflation. On the other hand, government pressure to proceed with an immediate rate cut has intensified, raising concerns about the Federal Reserve's ability to make independent decisions.
- In the Eurozone, economic activity in the second quarter is estimated to have remained broadly stagnant compared to the first quarter. Factors weighing on growth include subdued domestic demand, increased export tariffs to the United States, the significant appreciation of the euro against the US dollar since the beginning of the year, and the potential redirection of some "lost" exports from third countries to the European market—which intensifies competition and puts pressure on European companies' profit margins. On the other hand, the European Central Bank's four key interest rates cuts this year, inflation near the 2% target, the decision to increase long-term defense spending, and historically low unemployment are all having a positive impact.
- In China, growth for the second quarter stood at 5.2% year-on-year (Q1 2025: 5.4%). Consequently, growth for the first half of the year reached 5.3%, making it more likely that the government will achieve its target of around 5% growth in 2025. Nevertheless, domestic demand remains relatively moderate, leaving exports as a significant driver of growth prospects. Therefore, the conclusion of a trade agreement with the United States would constitute a particularly positive development.



Main Macroeconomic Indicators – Market Consensus

| US | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|------|------|
| | Actual | | | | Estimates | | | | % Y/Y avg | | |
| | 2024 Q2 | 2024 Q3 | 2024 Q4 | 2025 Q1 | 2025 Q2 | 2025 Q3 | 2025 Q4 | 2026 Q1 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| Real GDP Q/Q % SAAR | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.4 | -0.5 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Headline PCE PI % Y/Y | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Core PCE % Y/Y | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Fed Policy Rate (Upper Bound) | 5.50 | 5.00 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.50 | 4.35 | 4.05 | 3.85 | 4.50 | 4.05 | 3.50 |
| EA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Actual | | | | Estimates | | | | % Y/Y avg | | |
| | 2024 Q2 | 2024 Q3 | 2024 Q4 | 2025 Q1 | 2025 Q2 | 2025 Q3 | 2025 Q4 | 2026 Q1 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| Real GDP Q/Q % | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| CPI %Y/Y | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment Rate | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| ECB Policy Rate (Main Refin Rate) | 4.25 | 3.65 | 3.15 | 2.65 | 2.15 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 3.15 | 1.90 | 1.90 |
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| | Emerging Markets | | Brazil | | | China | | India | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|--|
| | Real GDP | Inflation | Real GDP | Inflation | Key Rate | Real GDP | Inflation | Real GDP | Inflation | Key Rate | |
| 2022 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 3.0 | 9.3 | 13.75 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 6.25 | |
| 2023 | 4.4 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 4.6 | 11.75 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 5.7 | 6.50 | |
| 2024e | 4.8 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 12.25 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 9.2 | 5.0 | 6.50 | |
| 2025f | 4.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 5.2 | 14.75 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 5.3 | |
| 2026f | 3.9 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 4.41 | 12.5 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 5.35 | |
| Market Consensus 23.07.2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |



Bird's Eye View

US Economy

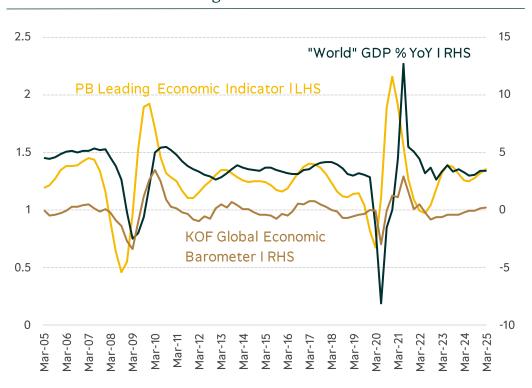
EA Economy

China Economy

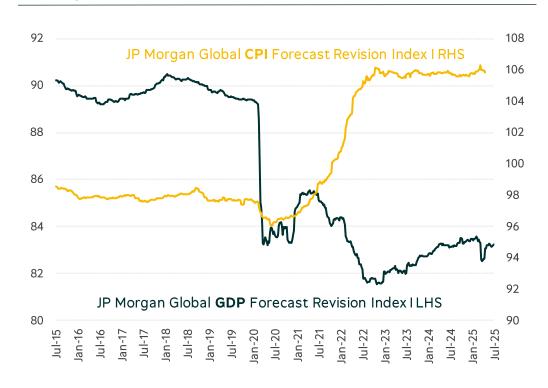


The Global Bird's-Eye View | The de-escalation of the trade war has halted the decline in global GDP forecasts; however, concerns regarding the long-term outlook persist with the deadlines for trade agreements nearing ...

Piraeus Bank "World" Leading Economic Indicator & Economic Growth



JP Morgan Global Forecast Revision Indices

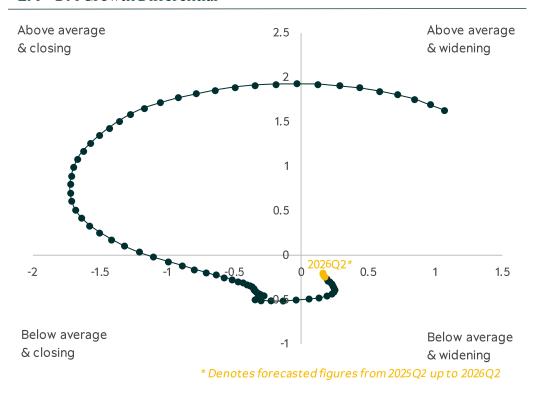


The Global Bird's-Eye View | The growth differential between emerging markets and developed markets is expected to remain at below average levels for 2025

Real GDP Growth % YoY



EM - DM Growth Differential

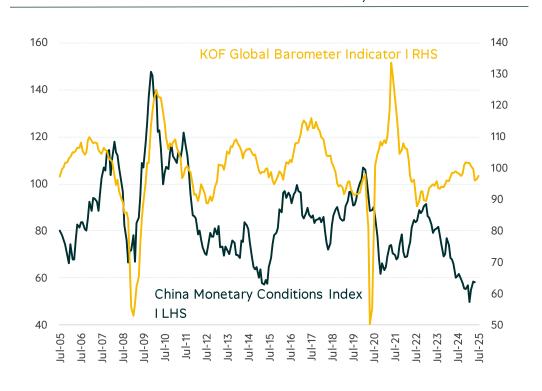


Global Economic Activity | China's exports saw a steady increase in the first half of 2025 (front-running inventory buildup) however, future growth will depend on final tariff rates & trade agreements

BBG World Growth Tracker & China Exports



KOF Global Barometer Indicator & China Monetary Conditions

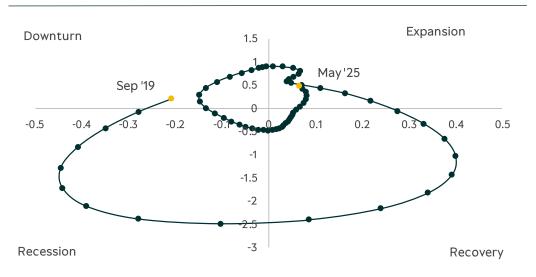




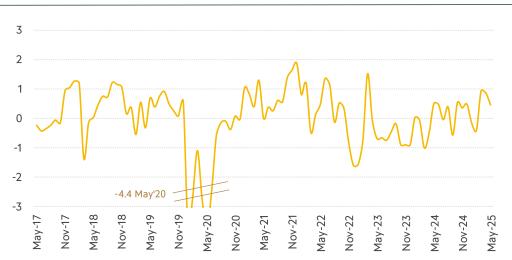
Global Trade | World Trade and EM Exports showed sings of deceleration in May following the front loading of the high reciprocal tariff announcements



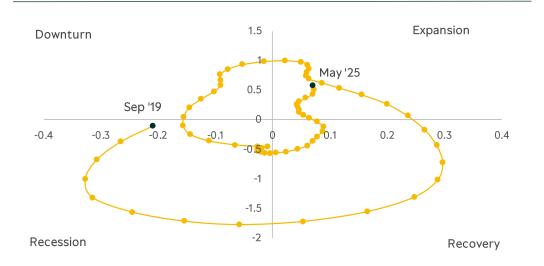
World Trade Tracer



World Exports | EM



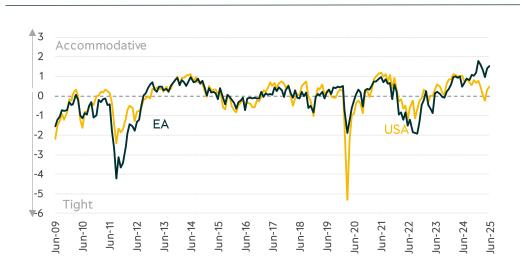
World Exports Tracer | EM



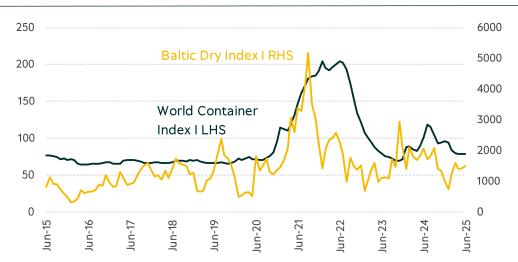


Global Trends | Trade and Economic Policy Uncertainty remain elevated due to the volatile policy landscape, though some decompression is observed. US Financial Conditions continue to be accommodative in June.

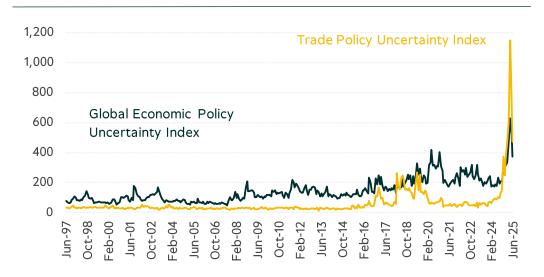
Bloomberg Financial Conditions Indices



World Container and Baltic Dry Indices



Global Economic & Trade Policy Uncertainty (Caldara & Iacoviello)



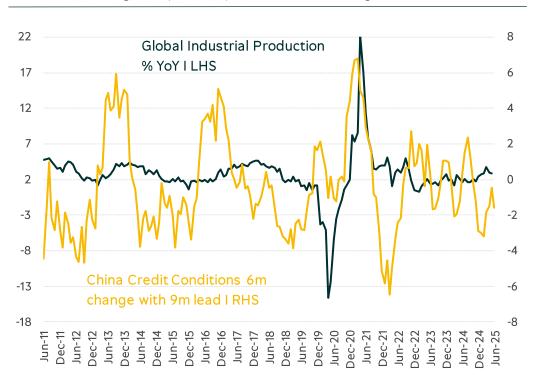
NY Fed | Global Supply Chain Pressure



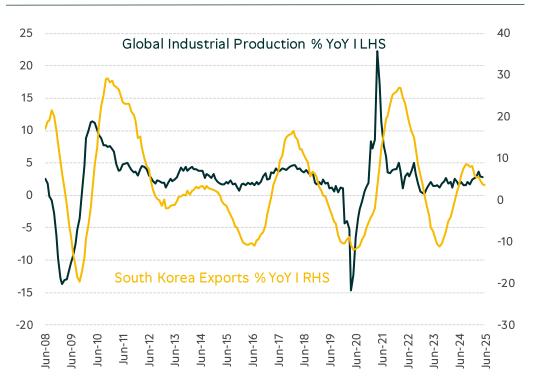


Global Trends | China's credit conditions deteriorated in June, and South Korea's exports indicate a deceleration in global industrial production and growth prospects

China Credit Impulse (9m lead) & Global industrial production

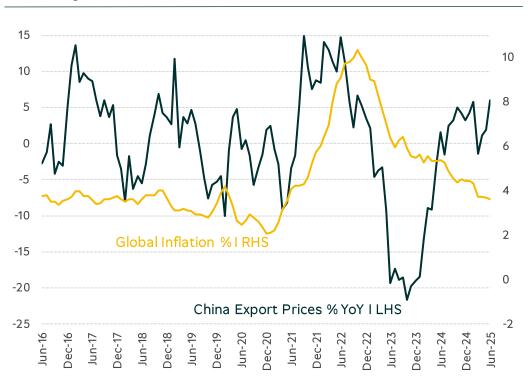


South Korean Exports & Global Industrial Production

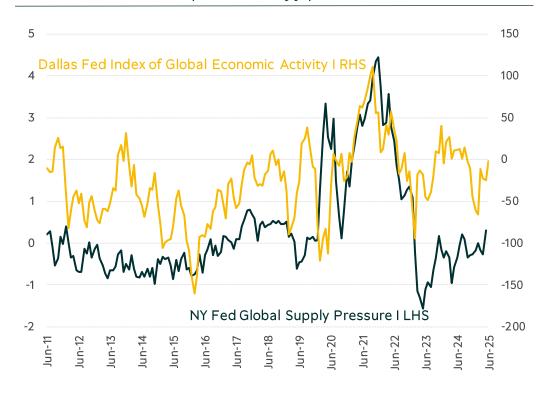


Global Trends | China's export prices picked up significantly in June marking a historical high since June 2022. Global economic activity indicators are giving mixed signals.

China Export Prices & Global Inflation

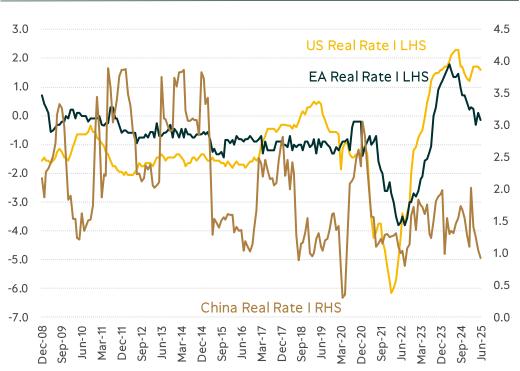


Global Economic Activity vs Global Supply Pressure

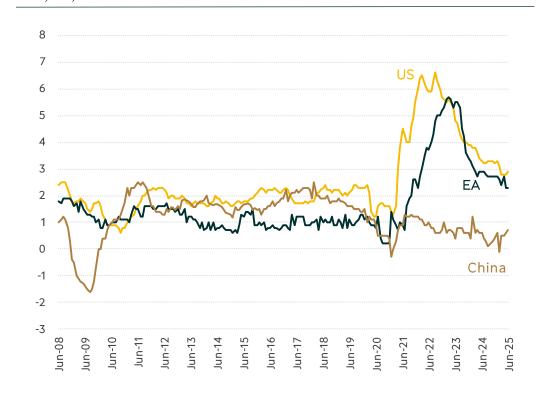


Global Trends | The US real policy rate has remained relatively stable over the past three months; China's has been decreasing while the EA's fluctuated around 0%. China's core CPI at 0.7% in June from 0.6% in May.





US, EA, CN Core Inflation



Bird's Eye View

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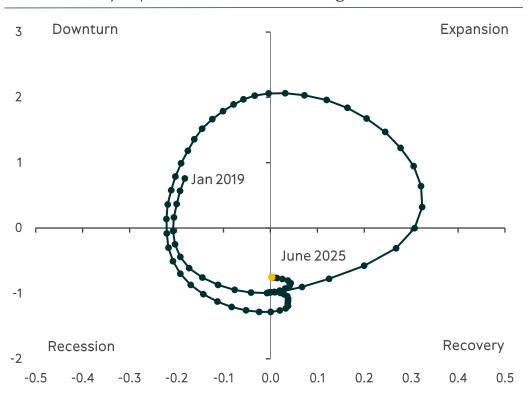
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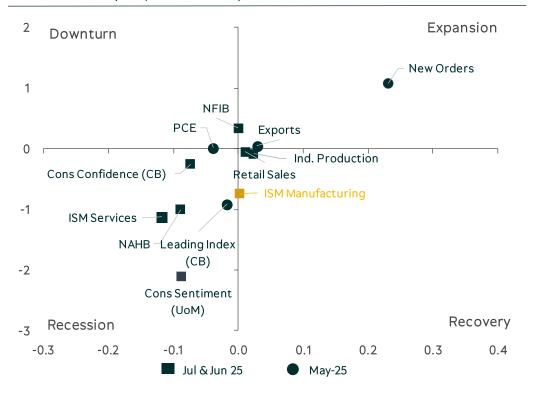


US Business Cycle | Recent economic data and leading indicators have shown a slight improvement, somewhat exceeding earlier forecasts

US Business Cycle | Based on ISM Manufacturing Indicator

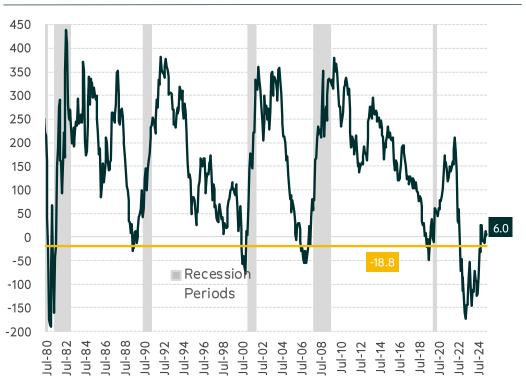


US Business Cycle | Based on Major US Economic Variables

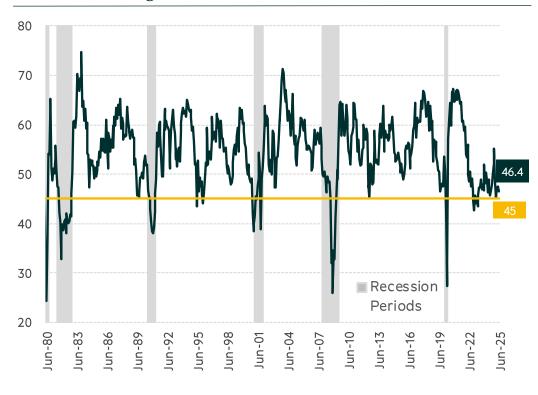


US Recession Indicators | The 10YR3M spread and the ISM New Order Index remain above the threshold levels consistent with recession periods



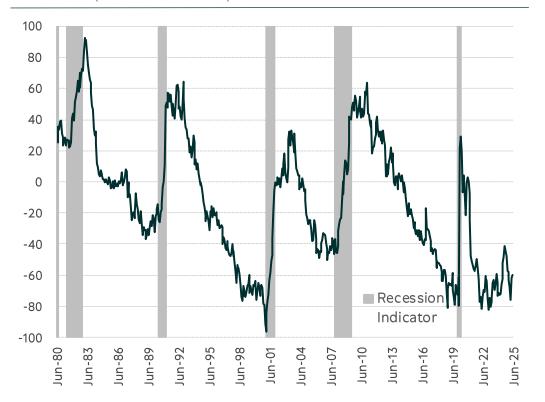


ISM Manufacturing New Order Index

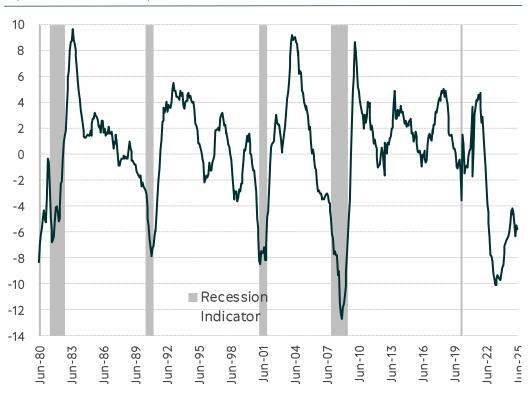


Conference Board Survey | The difference between Consumer Expectations and Current Situation indicators narrowed in June. A slight shift in the opposite direction occurred between the Leading and Coincident indicators

Difference between Consumer Expectations and Current Situation Indicators (Conference Board)

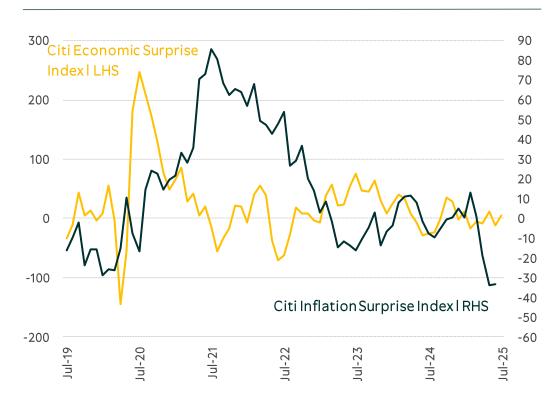


Difference between Leading & Coincident Indicators (Conference Board)

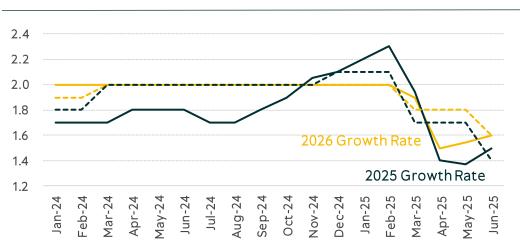


US Macro Expectations | The consensus expects slightly higher growth / lower inflation for 2025 compared to April - May. Economic surprises have turned positive.

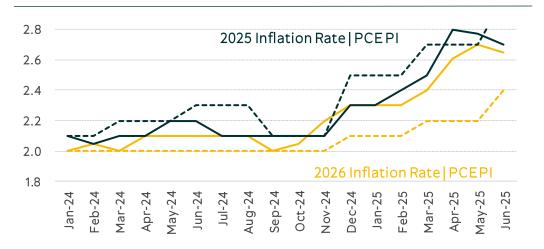
Economic & Inflation Surprises



Growth Rate Expectations*



Inflation Rate Expectations*

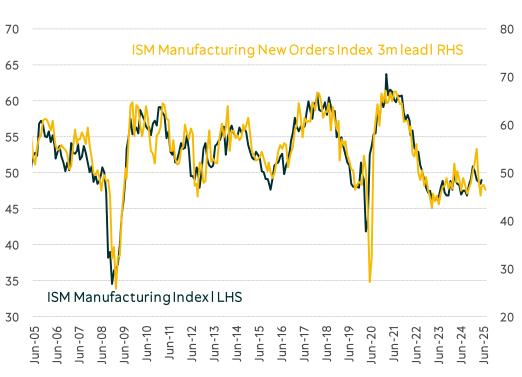


*Solid line: Consensus; Dotted line: Fed projections

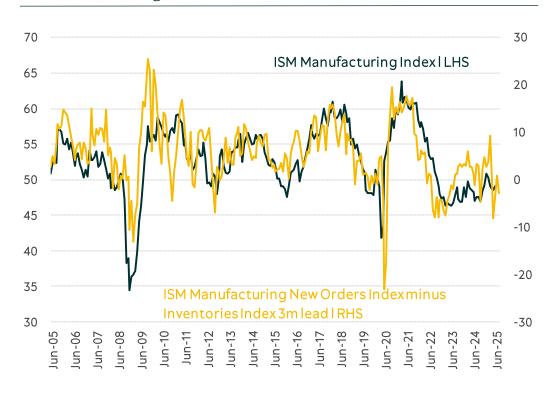


US Leading Indicators | ISM Manufacturing remained below 50 in June for the fourth consecutive month. The New Orders component declined to 46.4 from 47.6.

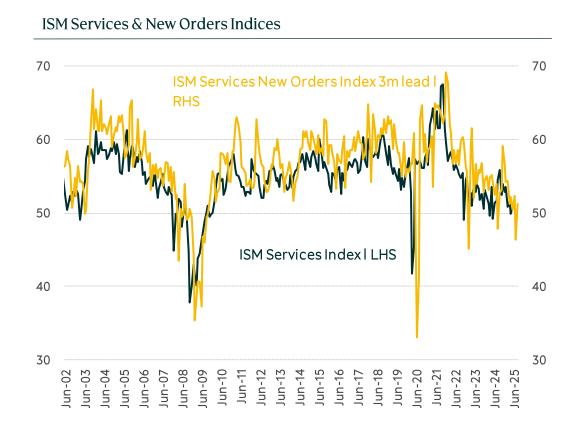
ISM Manufacturing & New Orders Indices

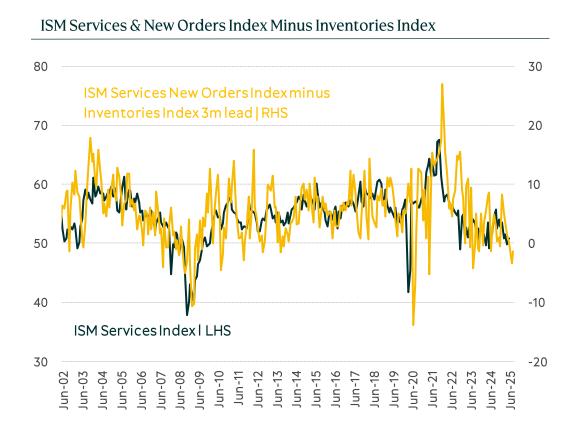


ISM Manufacturing & New Orders Index Minus Inventories Index



US Leading Indicators | ISM Services rose above 50 in June in mainly reflecting an increase in the New Orders component

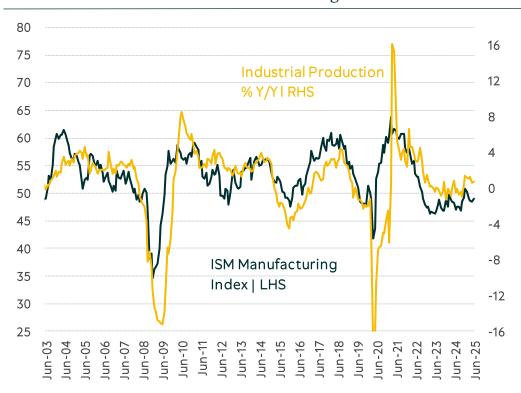




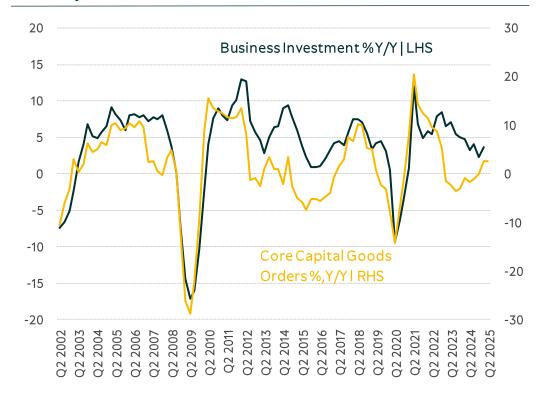


US | Industrial Production accelerated to 0.3% m/m in June reflecting an upswing in the utilities component. Business investments rose in Q1 but capital goods fell in June suggesting a pullback in business spending

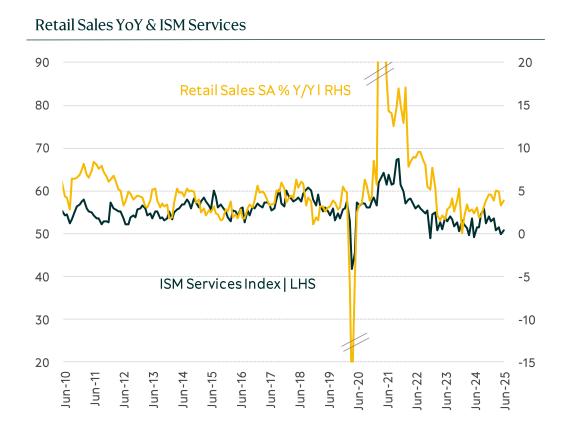
Industrial Production YoY & ISM Manufacturing

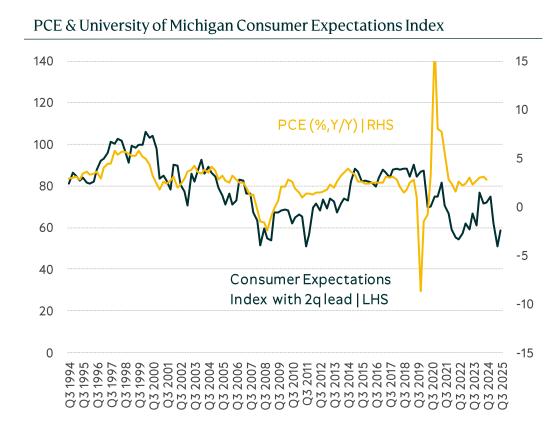


Core Capital Goods Orders & Business Investment



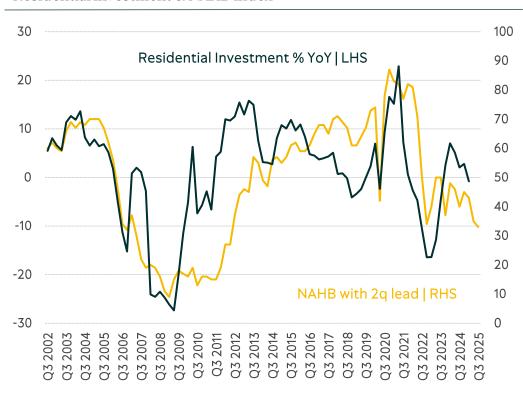
US | The US consumer had been the main "growth driver" so far. Retail sales rebounded in June following May's significant drop. Consumer expectations still point to lower consumption ahead



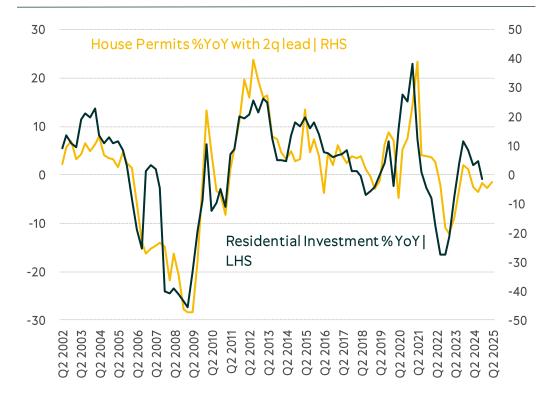


Housing Market | Residential investment declined in Q1. Policy uncertainty is having a negative impact on home builders' expectations

Residential Investment & NAHB Index

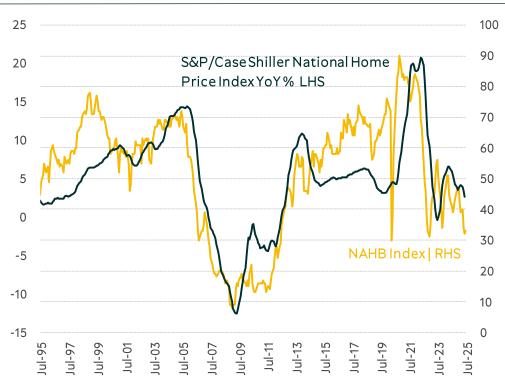


Residential Investment & House Permits

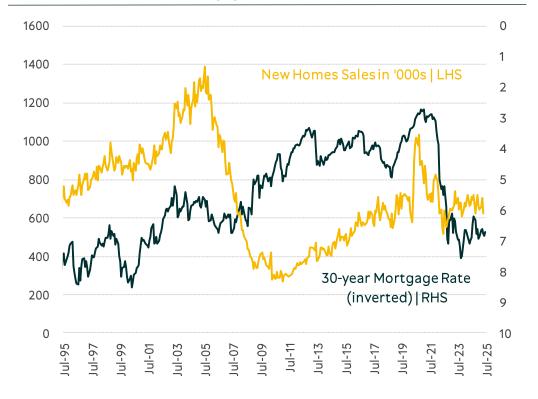


Housing Market | Homebuilder confidence improved only marginally in July amid a small decrease in 30-year mortgage rates.

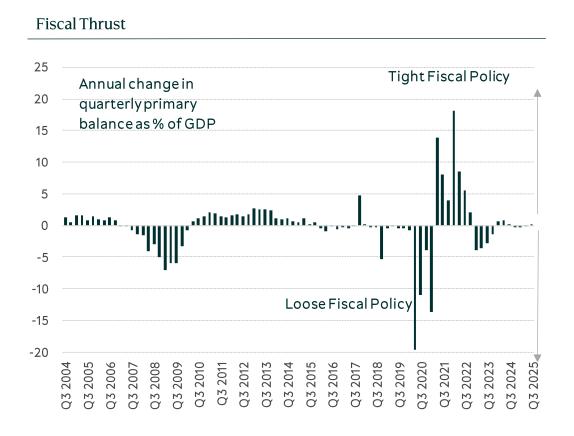




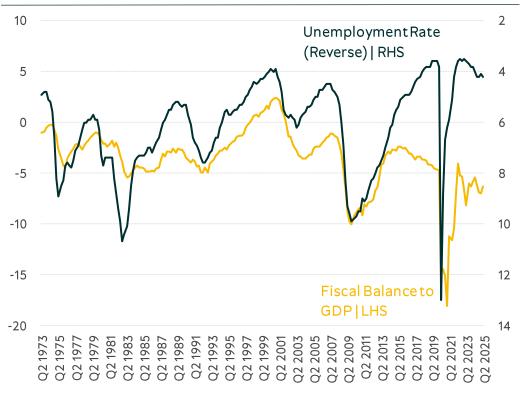
US new home sales and mortgage rates



Fiscal Policy | Still too loose vs unemployment. Fiscal challenges ahead.

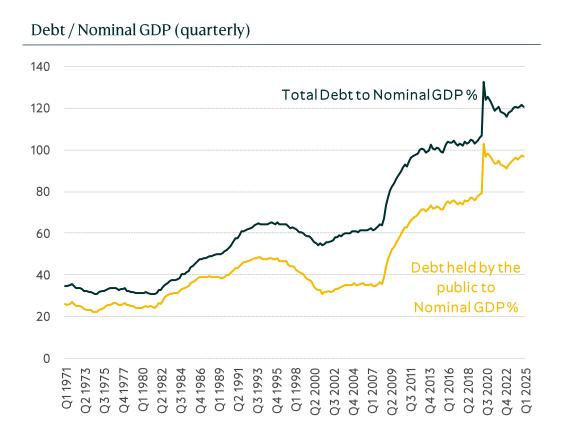


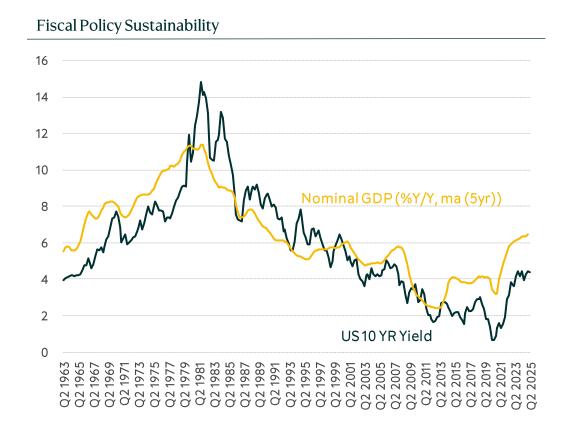
Fiscal Policy vs Unemployment



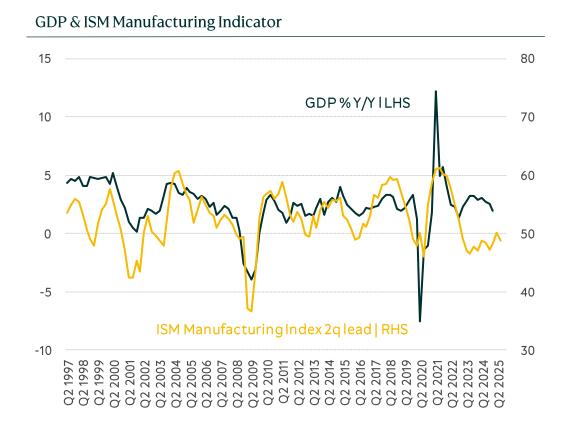


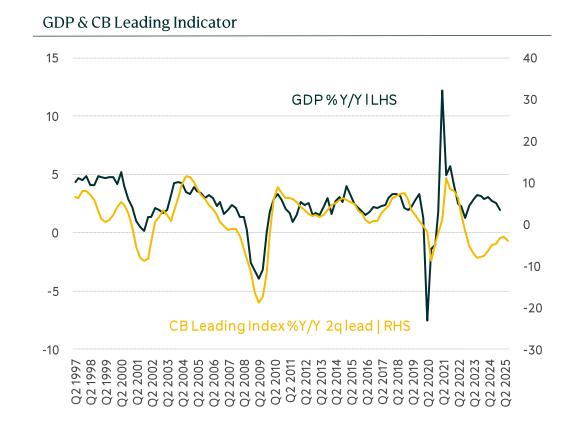
Fiscal Policy | The nominal growth rate is likely to remain at higher levels than the long-term cost of public financing





US GDP Outlook | Leading indicators point to further deceleration in real GDP

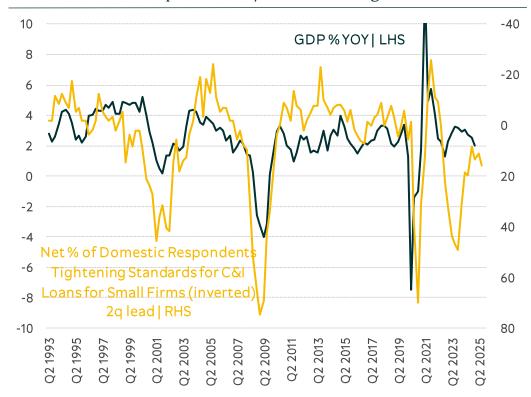




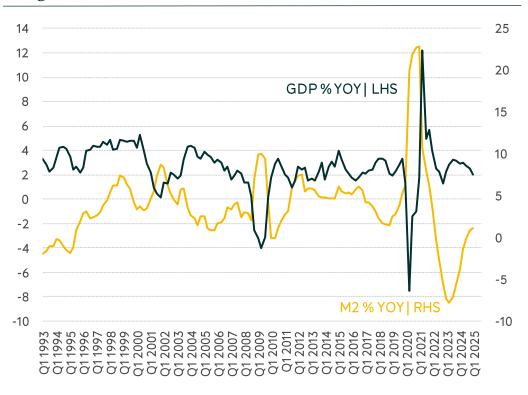


US GDP Outlook | Small increase in Tightening of Lending Standards & further improvement in M2

Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey on Bank Lending Practices

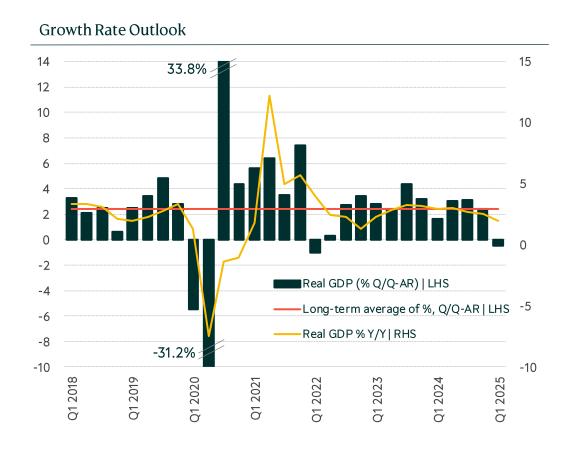


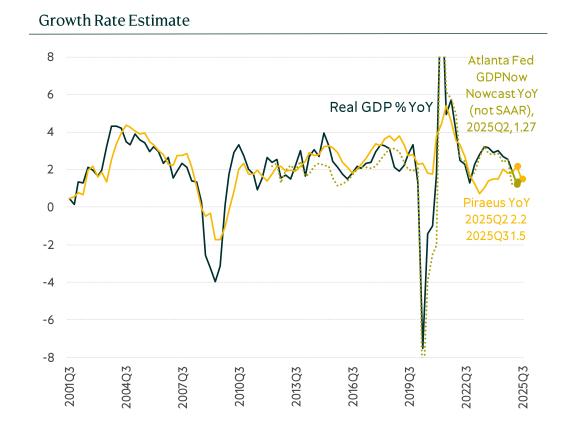
M2 growth vs GDP



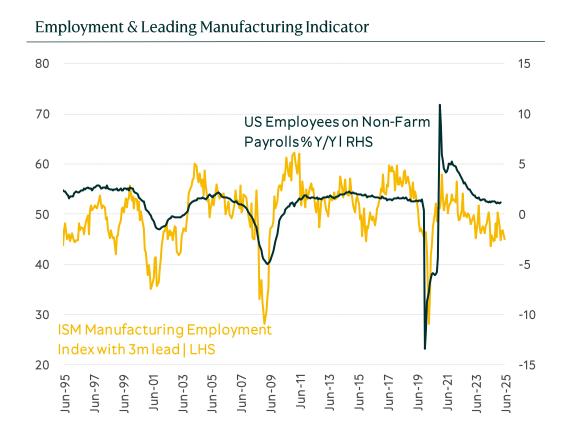


US GDP Outlook | GDP growth is projected to slow down as elevated uncertainty is likely to weigh on growth

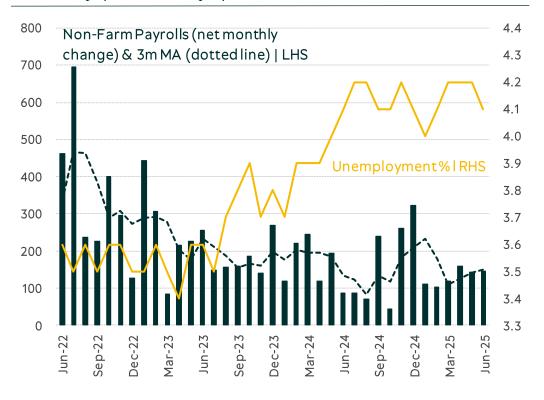




US Labor Market | Non-Farm Payrolls are showing signs of resilience (headline number), but manufacturing employment is under pressure. The ISM Employment Index fell to 45 in June.

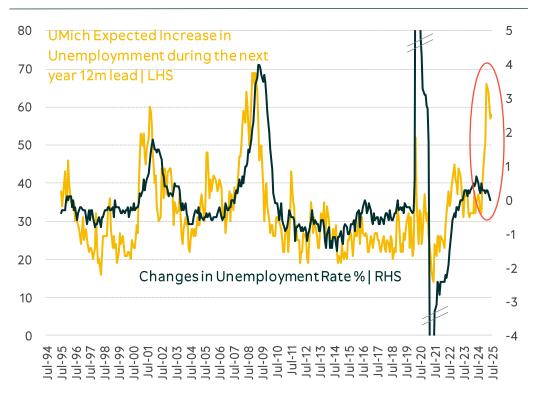


Nonfarm payrolls & Unemployment

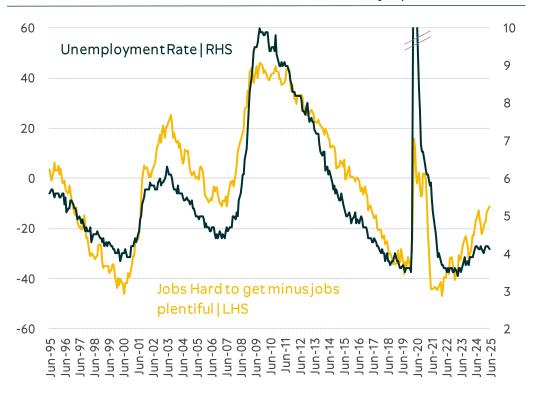


US Labor Market | Unemployment expectations rose marginally in July. The gap between those saying jobs were hard to get and jobs were plentiful narrowed in June.

Unemployment Rate & UMich expected increase in unemployment lyr ahead

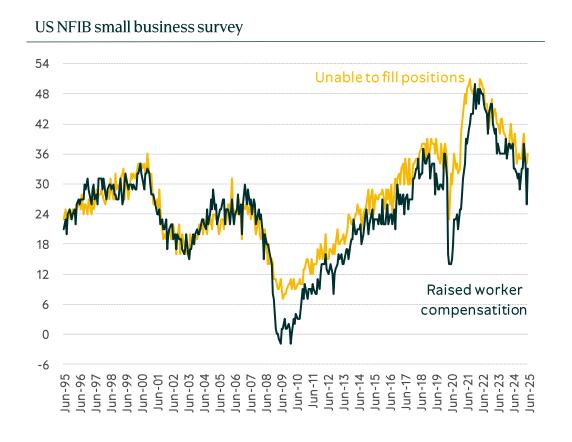


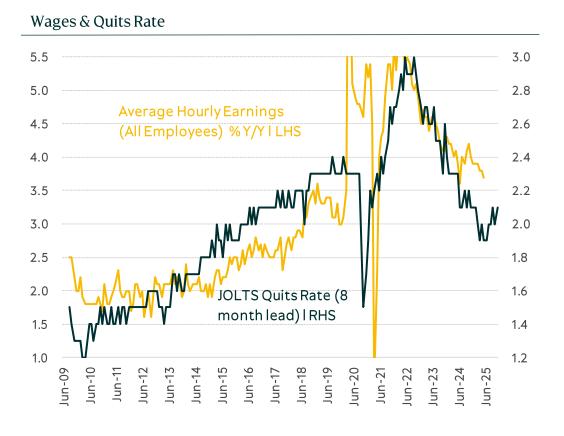
Conference Board Labor market differential & Unemployment rate





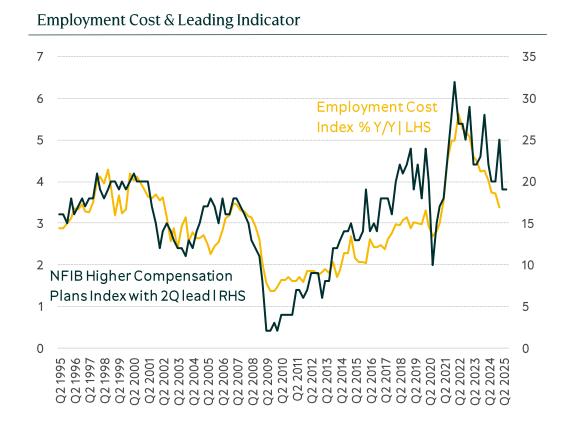
US Labor Market | According to June's NFIB survey a net 33% reported raising compensation, up seven points from May and the largest monthly increase since January 2020. The JOLTS Quits Rate rose marginally in May

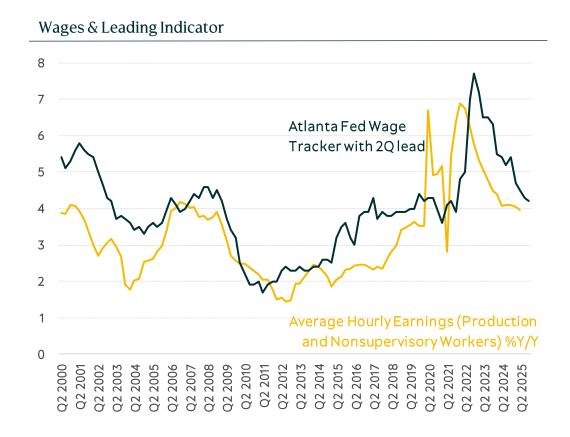






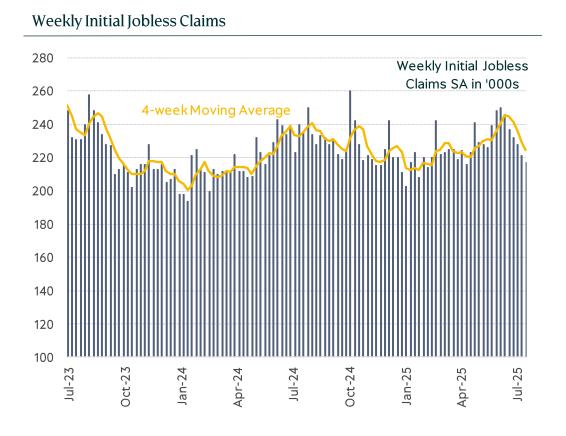
US Wage Tracker | Leading Indicators point to further wage growth deceleration

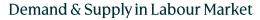


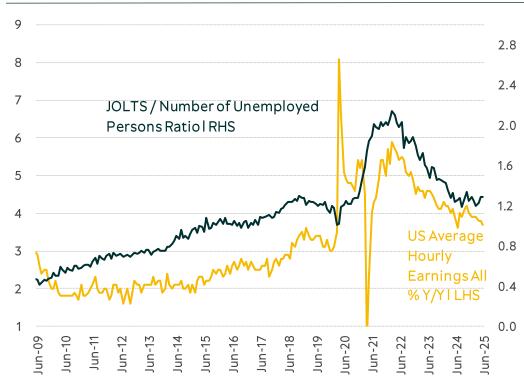




US Labor Market | Weekly Initial Jobless Claims below 4-week average but Continued Claims inch higher



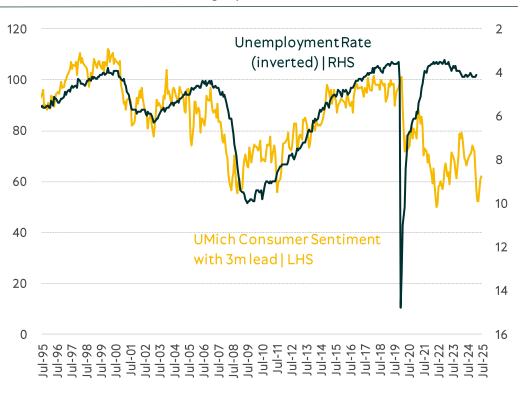




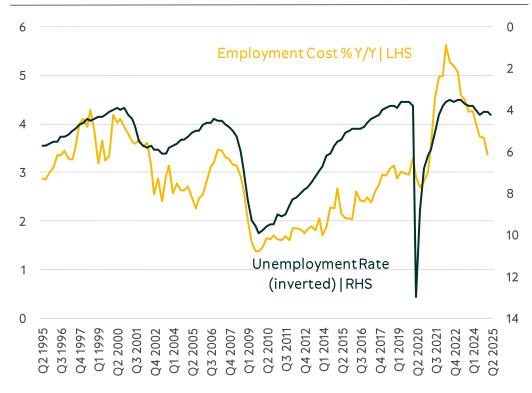


US Labor Market | Consumer sentiment is slowly recovering, and unemployment remains low. Employment costs continue to gradually cool further

Consumer Sentiment & Unemployment Rate

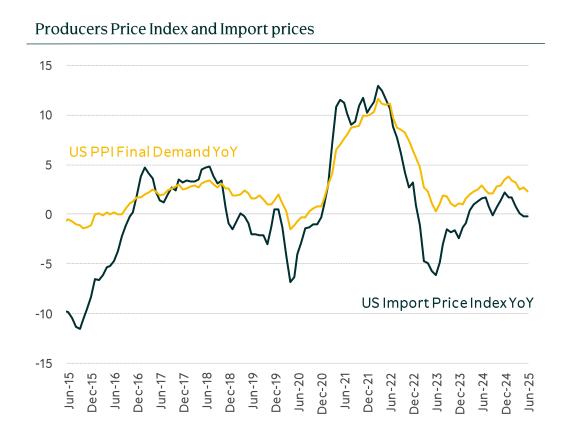


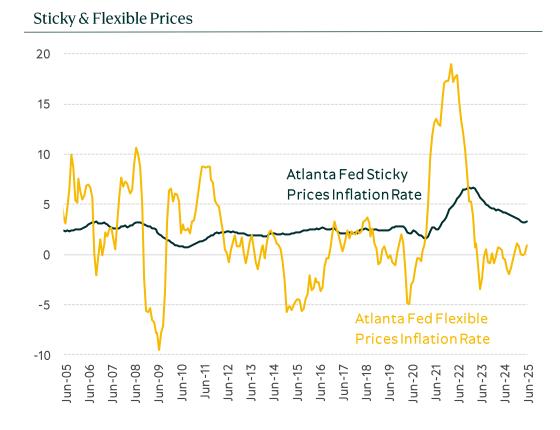
Compensation per Employee & Unemployment Rate





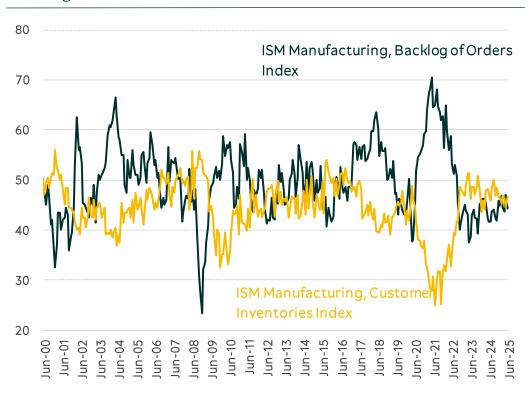
US Alternative Inflation Metrics | Inflation pressures had been limited to the sticky prices segment. Flexible prices ticked up in June, Import prices and Producers prices remained resilient.



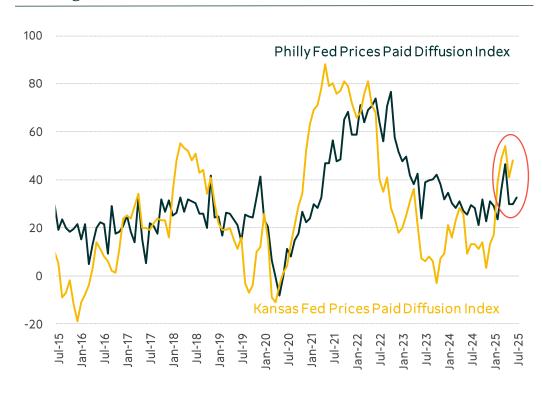


US Supply & Demand Gap | Customer inventories above Backlog of orders in June; mixed price pressures from regional Feds' surveys

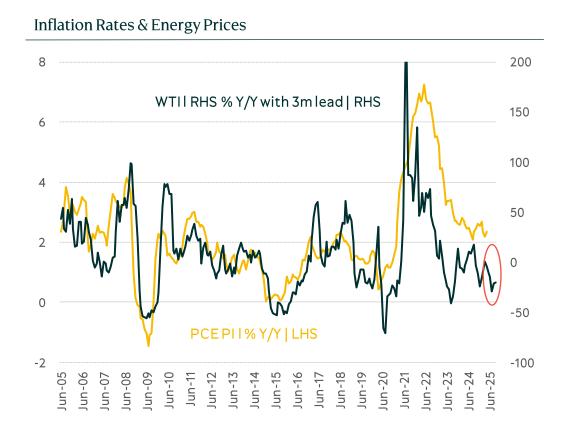
Backlog of Orders & Customer Inventories Relation

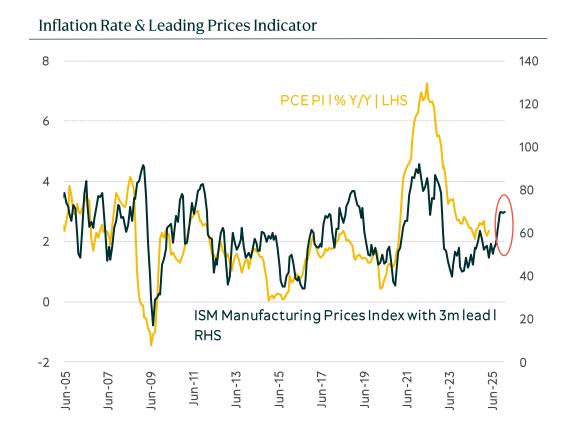


Leading Prices Indicators



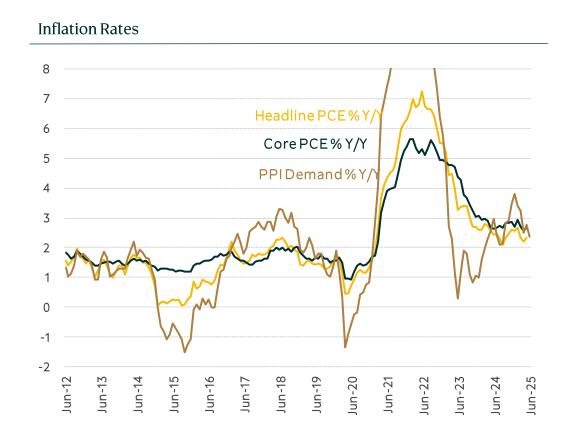
US Inflation & Energy Prices | Leading price indicators are mixed. Energy has been supportive overall. The Manufacturing Price Paid component remains a headwind.

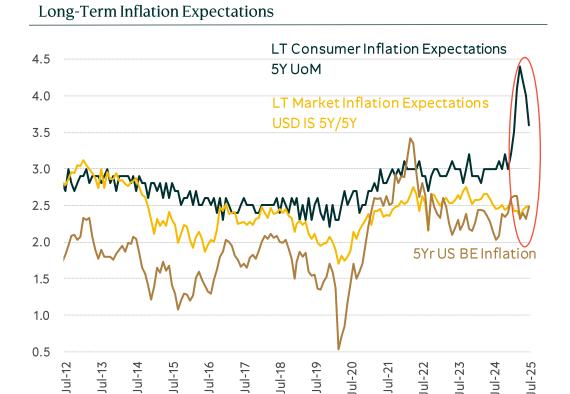






US Headline & Core Inflation | Inflation pressures eased further with the impact from tariffs remaining relatively small. Consumers' long-term view on inflation remains higher than market's (3.6% vs 2.5%)

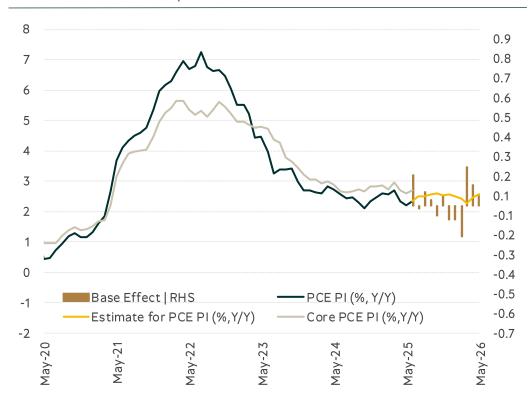




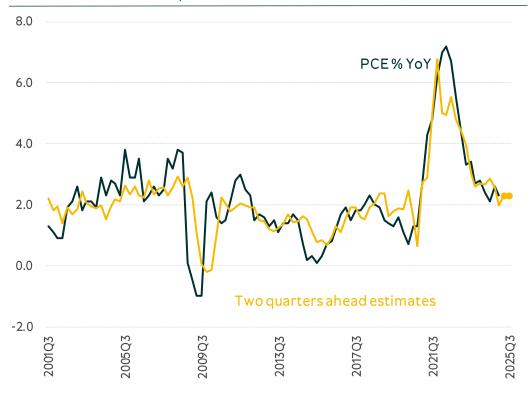


US Inflation Outlook | Unfavorable base effects are likely for June. Both our models still point to inflation above 2.5% for 2025

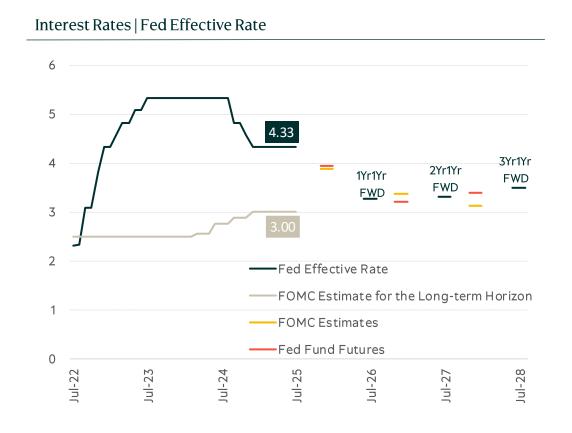


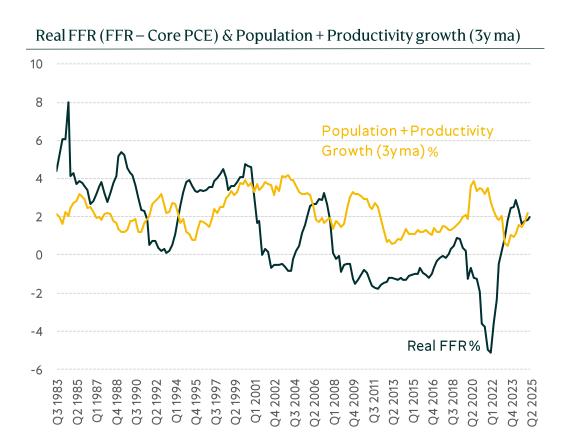


Inflation Rate Forecast | Macro Model

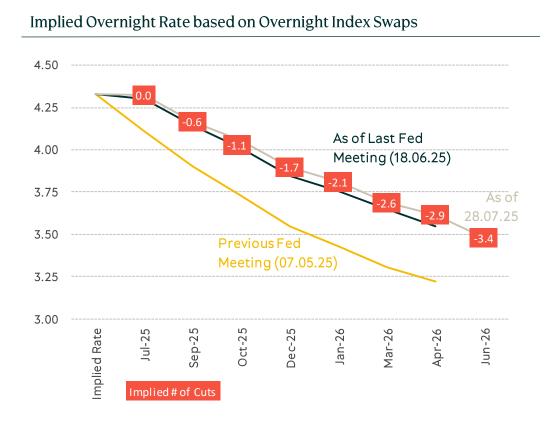


US Interest Rates | Forward rates remain above FOMC's long-term target

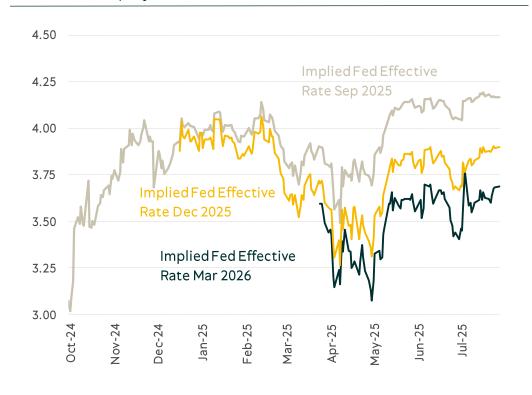




US Interest Rates | A less aggressive rate cut trajectory is anticipated by the markets compared to 2 months ago

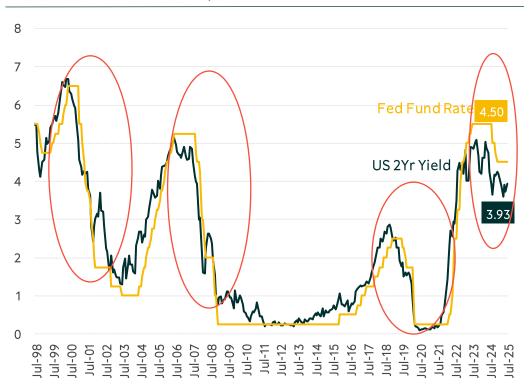


Interest Rates | Implied Fed Effective Rate



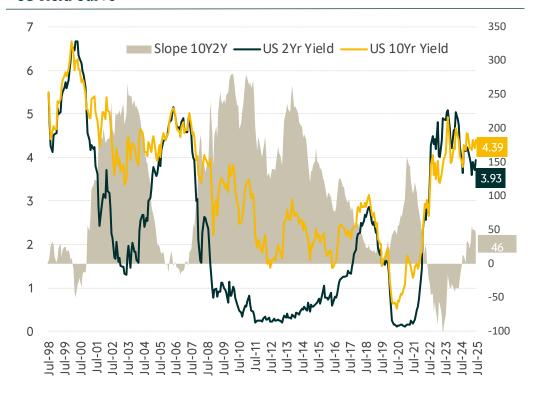
US | In September 2024, the Fed reduced its benchmark interest rate by 50 bps, followed by 25bps cuts in October and in December. On Hold since.

Fed Fund Rate & US Treasury Yield



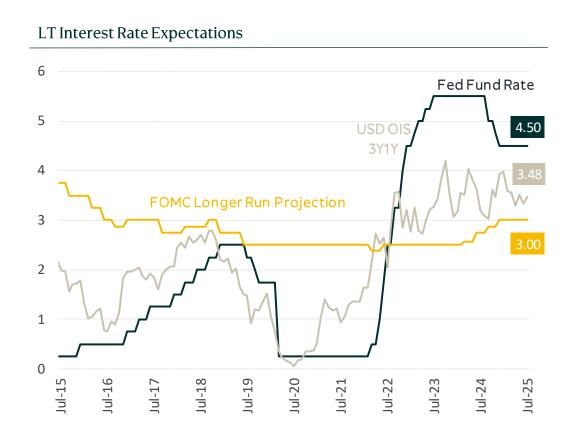
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US Yield Curve



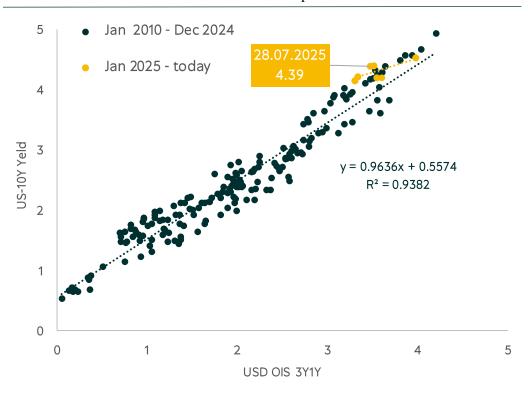


US Long-Term Rates | Short-term rates 4 years in the future remain above target (3%). 10- year rates above "fair" value given the current level of short-term rates.



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US Yield vs Medium-Term Interest Rate Expectations



Bird's Eye View

US Economy

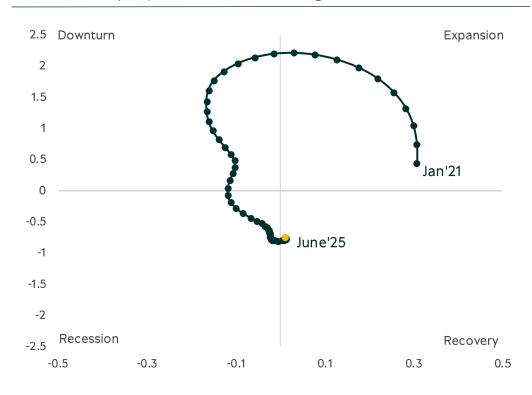
EA Economy

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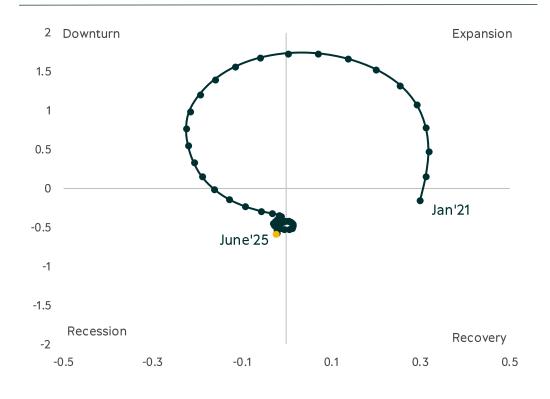


EA Business Cycle Watch | June economic sentiment stayed in the recession quartile, while manufacturing confidence remained in the recovery phase

EA Business Cycle | Based on Manufacturing Confidence Indicator

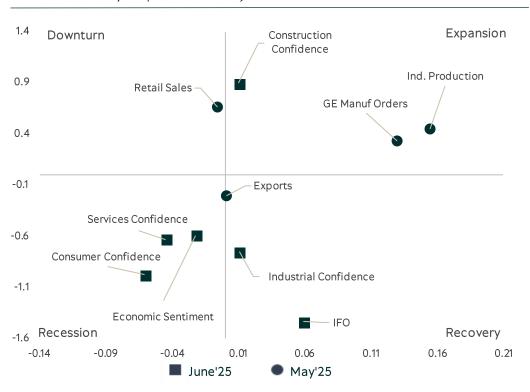


EA Business Cycle | Based on Economic Sentiment Indicator

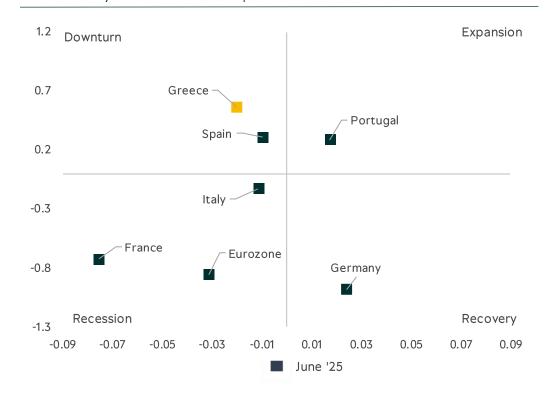


EA Business Cycle | Mixed signals are observed among the major economic variables but also on country level

EA Business Cycle | Based on Major EA Economic Variables

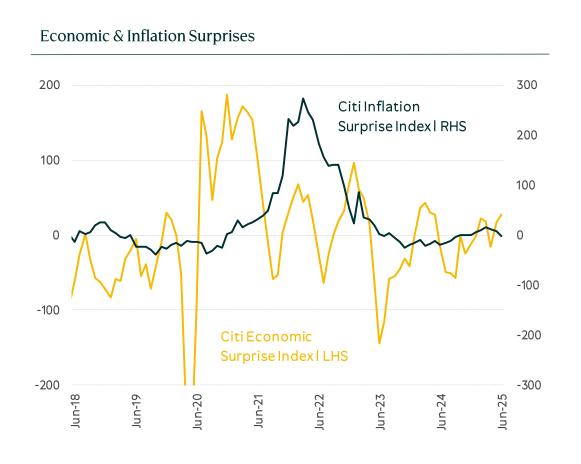


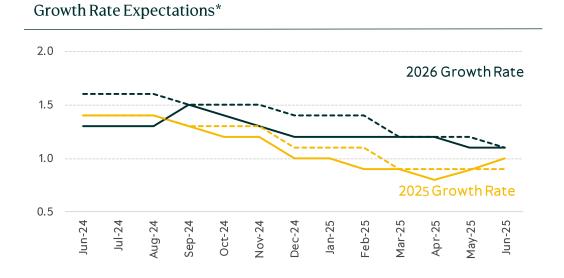
Business Cycle of EA Members | Based on Economic Sentiment Indicator



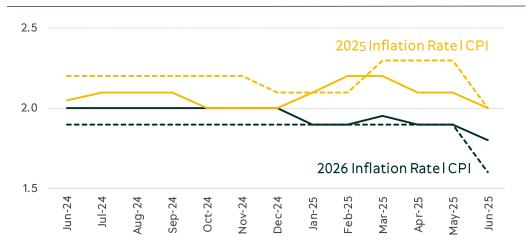


EA Macro Expectations | Economic surprises turned positive in June; however the consensus continues to expect a "traditional" slowdown in the EA.





Inflation Rate Expectations*

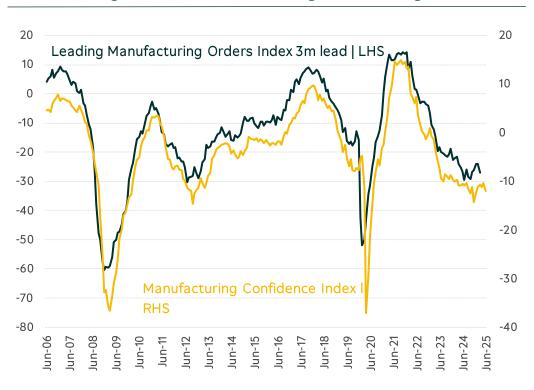


^{*}Solid line: Consensus; Dotted line: ECB projections

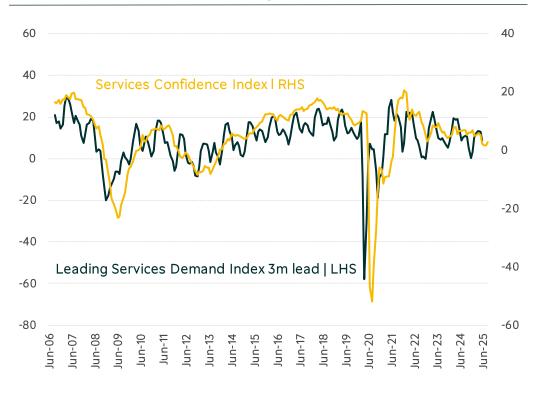


EA Leading Indicators | Manufacturing indicators in marginal downturn in June. Demand on Services shows signs of stabilization.

Manufacturing Confidence Index & Leading Manufacturing Orders



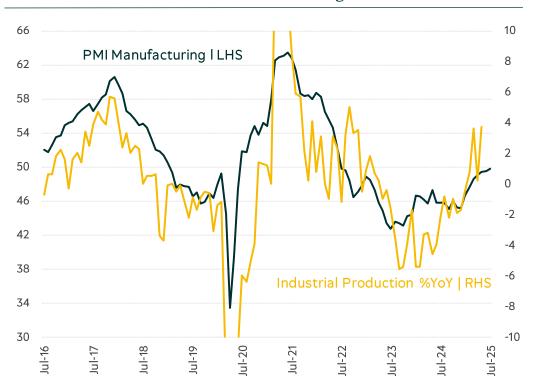
Services Confidence Index & Leading Services Demand Index



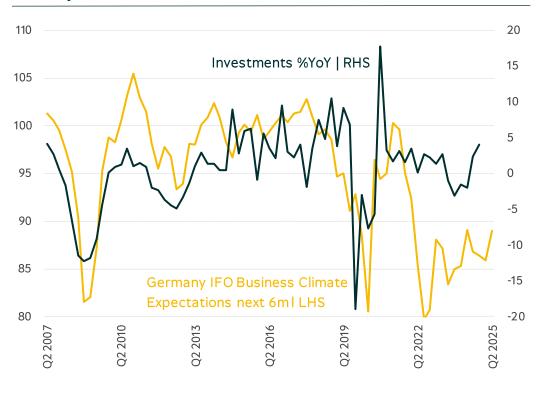


EA Business Conditions | The Manufacturing Leading indicator improved for the 6th consecutive month in June. Investments in Q1 2025 increased 1.9% YoY for the first time after 4 quarters of negative rates.





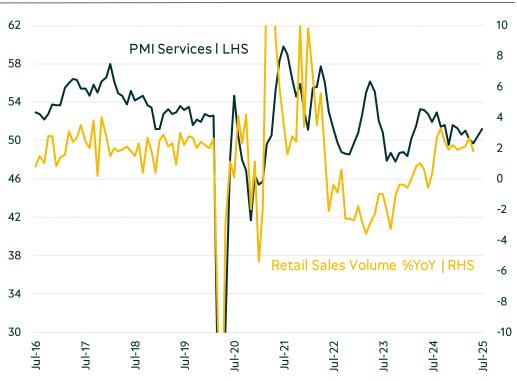
IFO Expectations & Business Investment



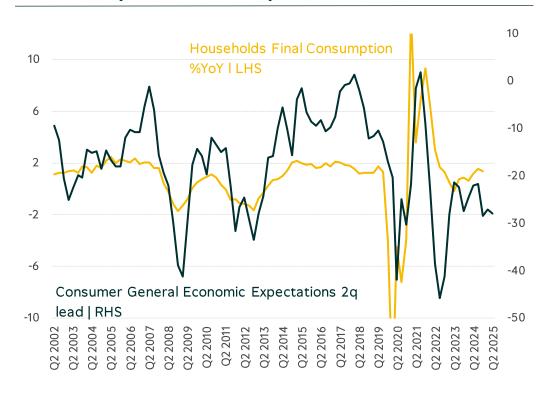


EA Business Conditions | Households' consumption marginally decelerated in Q1 2025. Retail sales growth decelerated in May but remains in positive territory and are a possible tailwind to EA growth

Retail Sales Volume YoY vs PMI Services

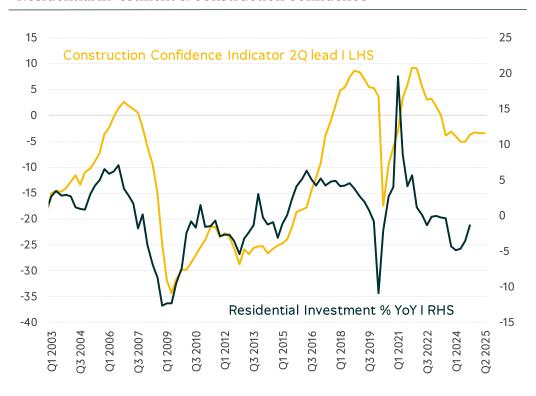


Final Consumption & Consumer Expectations Index

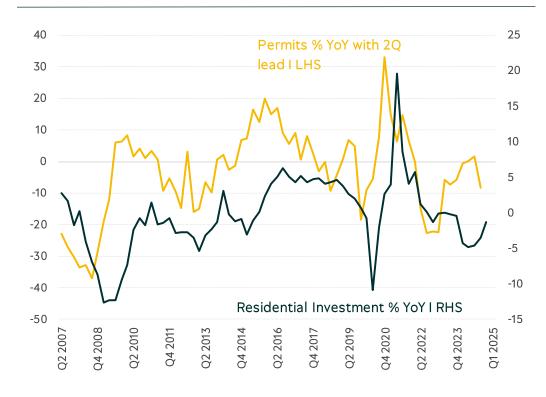


EA Construction | Residential activity gives positive signals as Construction Confidence is on an upward trend. The latest upticks in residential investments provide a glimmer of hope, though permits fell in Q1.

Residential Investment & Construction Confidence

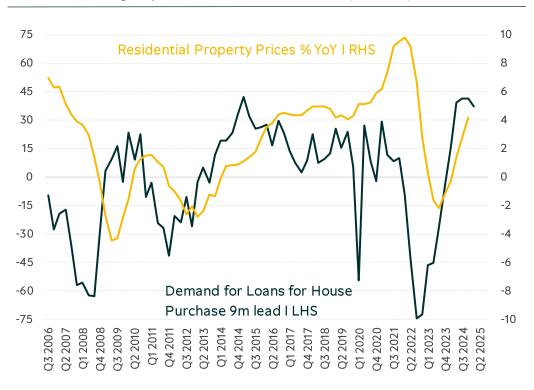


Residential Investment & House Permits

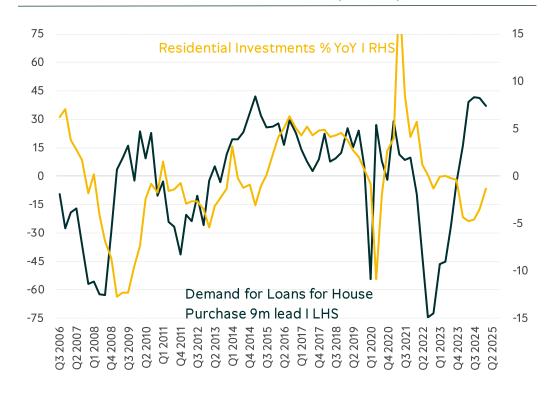


EA Construction | A pick up in investments is expected in the coming months, while demand for loans moderates

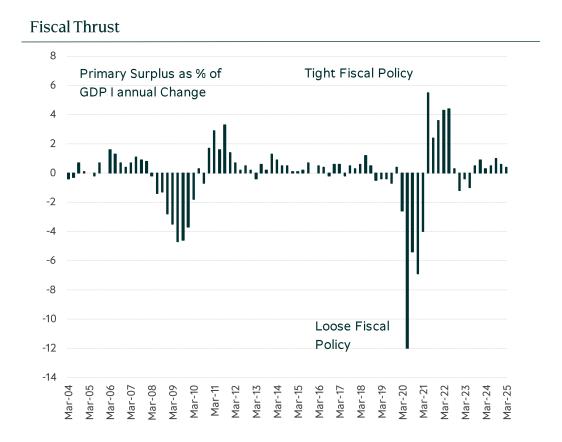
Residential Property Prices & Demand for loans (9m lead)



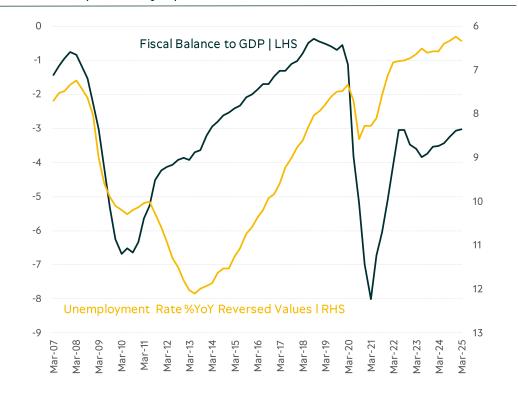
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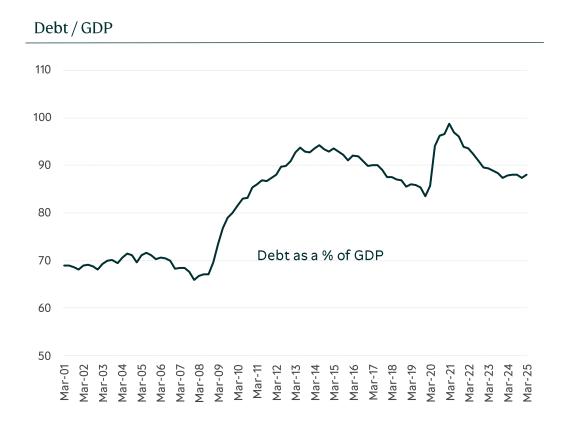
EA Fiscal Policy | Fiscal Deficit remains at low levels while the Unemployment Rate remains at a historic low

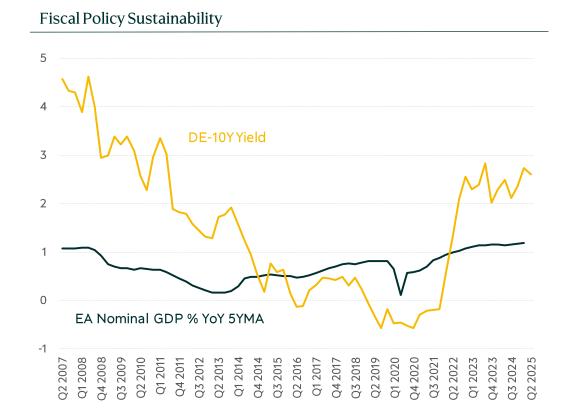


Fiscal Policy & Unemployment Rate



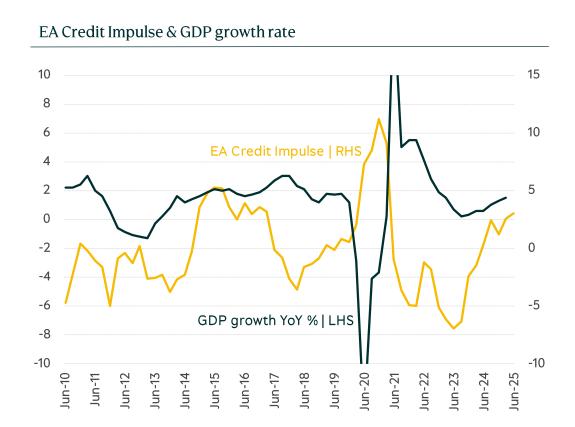
EA Fiscal Policy | Debt levels have moderated after the pandemic



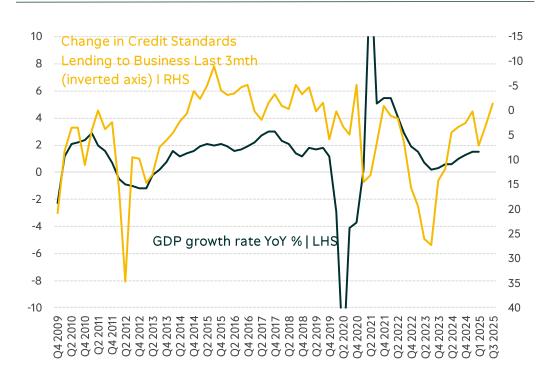




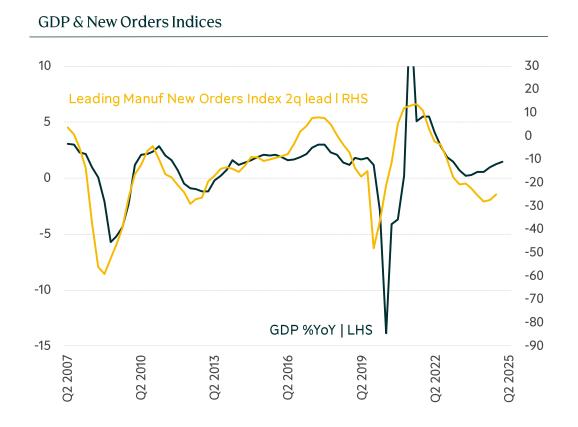
EA GDP Outlook | Credit impulse continues to recover in Q2. There was a small net tightening of credit standards for loans or credit lines to enterprises in the third quarter of 2025

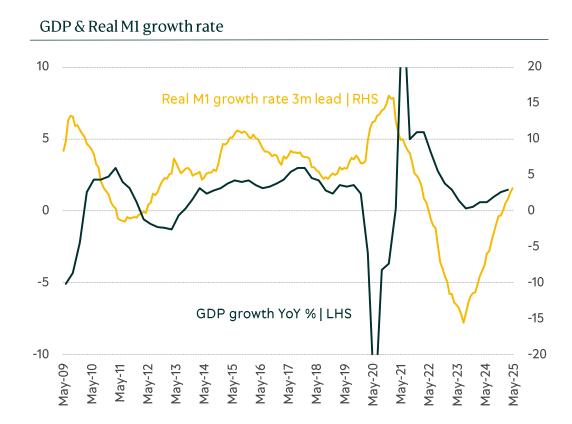


GDP YoY & Bank Lending Standards



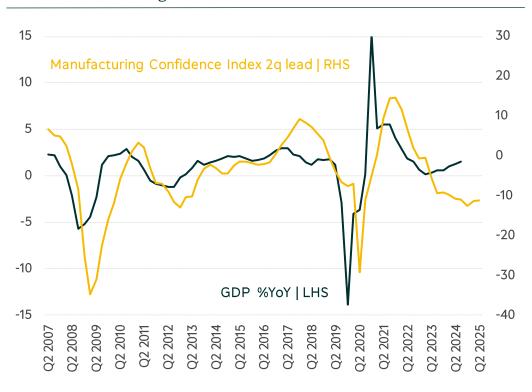
EA | Manufacturing New Orders on upturn in Q2 2025; Real M1 improvement somewhat reduces concerns about the economic outlook



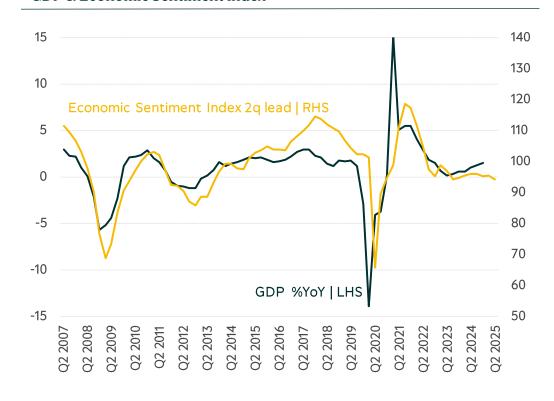


EA GDP Outlook | Economic sentiment points to a marginal slowdown, while manufacturing picked up providing some green shoots

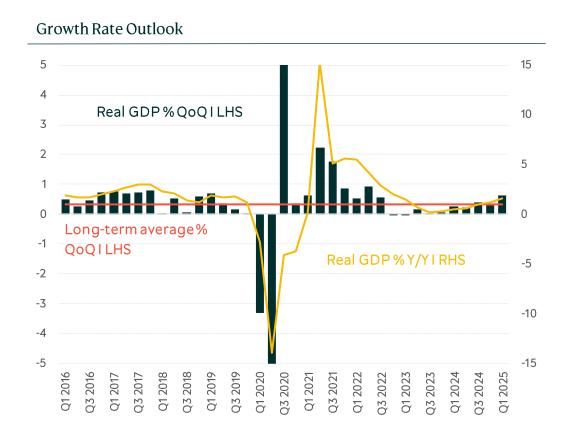
GDP & Manufacturing Confidence Index

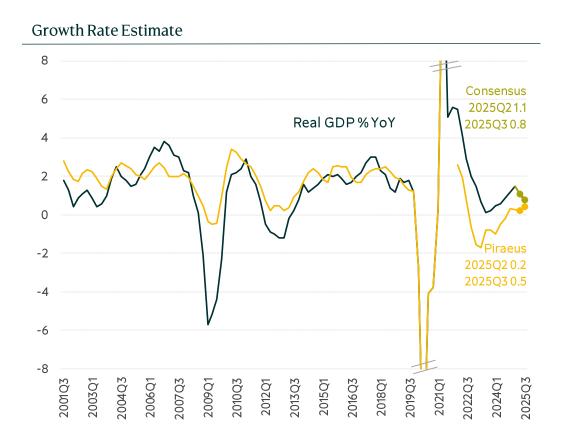


GDP & Economic Sentiment Index



EA GDP Outlook | Real GDP grew by 1.5% year-on-year in Q1 2025 (0.6% quarter-on-quarter) but is projected to grow at a slower rate

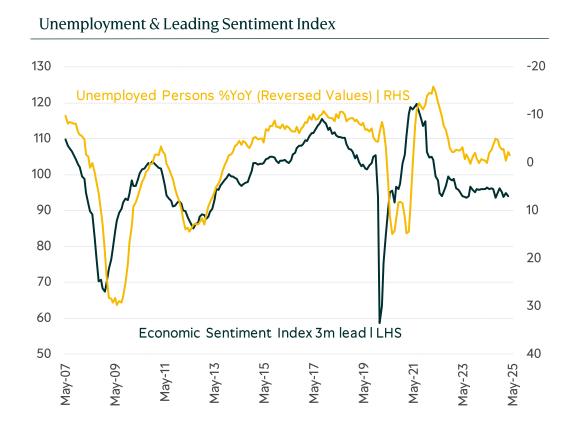


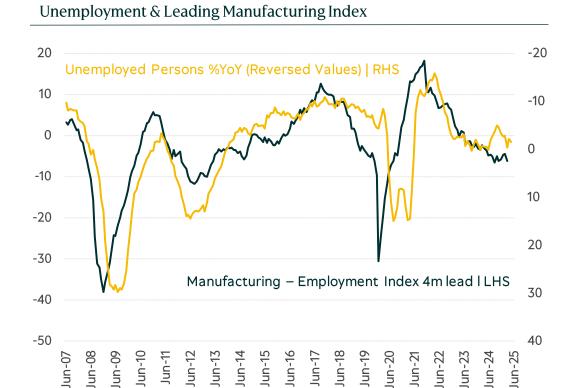


Note: Covid-19 period (Q4 2019 - Q2 2021) is excluded from the estimation

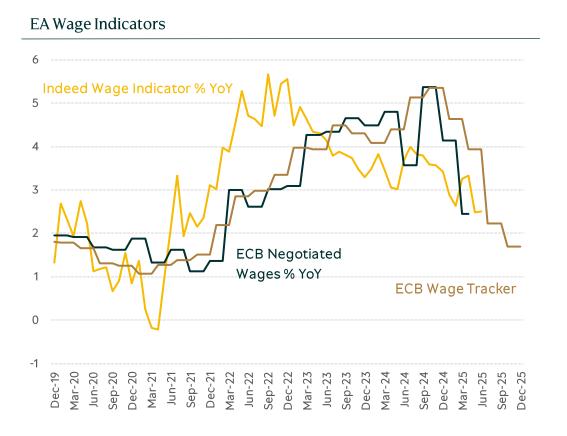


EA Labour Market | Labour market is still in good shape with some deterioration in the Manufacturing sector. Consumers' pessimism on unemployment expectations has risen.

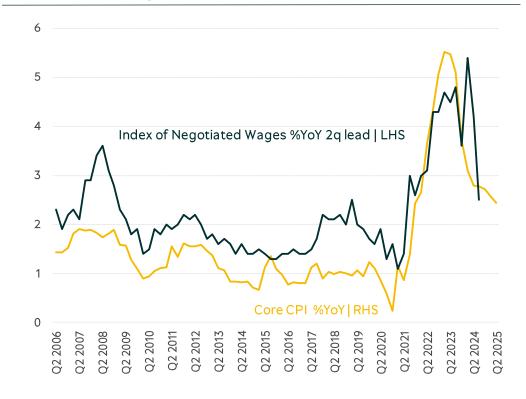




EA Wage Tracker | ECB's Wage Tracker point to sharp wages slowdown in 2025

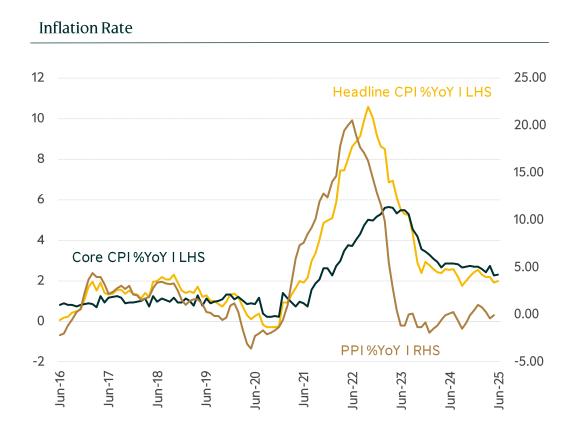


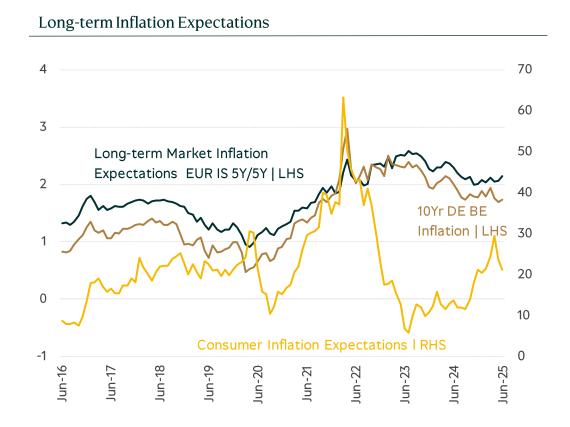
Core Inflation & Wages



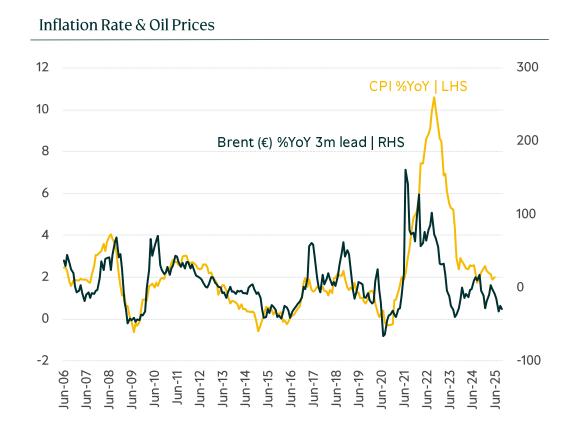


EA Inflation Pressures | Headline CPI accelerated to 2.0% (from 1.9%) in June and Core CPI remained stable at 2.3%. Consumer inflation expectations are declining.

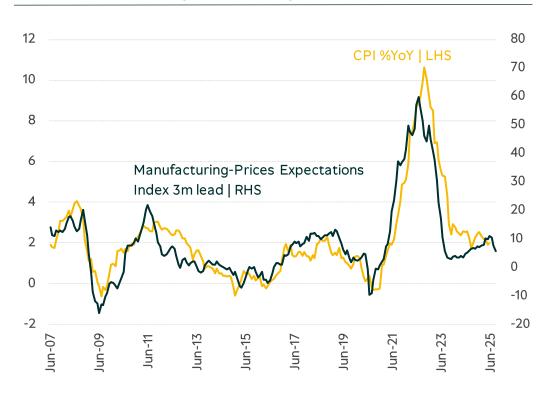




EA Inflation & Energy Prices | Manufacturing Prices Expectations do not exert pressures on prices, and the possibility of higher Brent prices due to a prolonged conflict in the Middle East diminishes



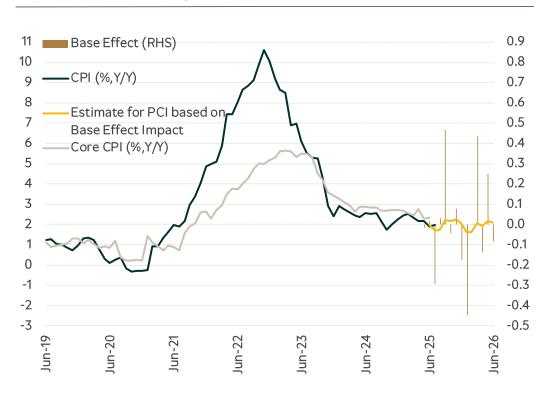
Inflation Rate & Leading Manufacturing Prices Index



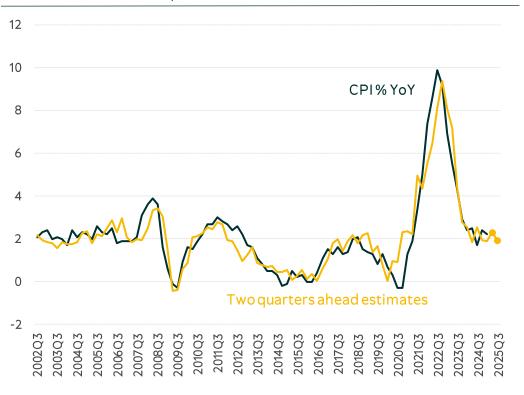


EA Inflation Outlook | The 2% target is expected to be achieved for the year

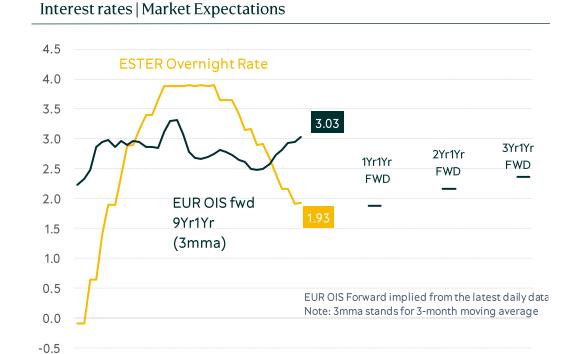
Inflation Rate Forecast | Statistical Model



Inflation Rate Forecast | Macro Model



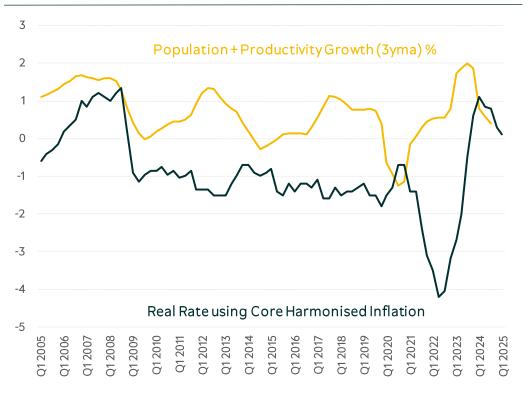
EA Short-Term Rates | Longer term forward rates suggest higher levels of interest rates



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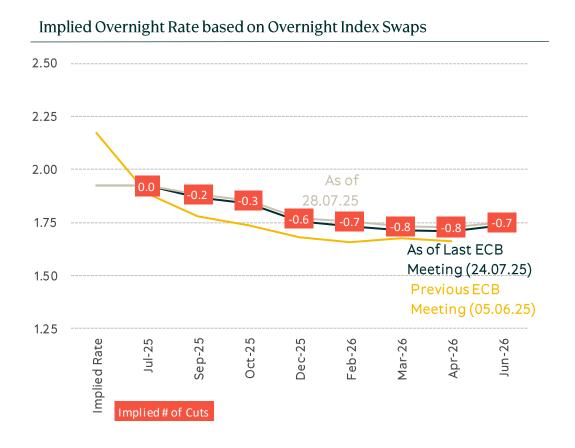
Real Depo Rate (Depo - Core CPI) & Population + Productivity growth (3y ma)



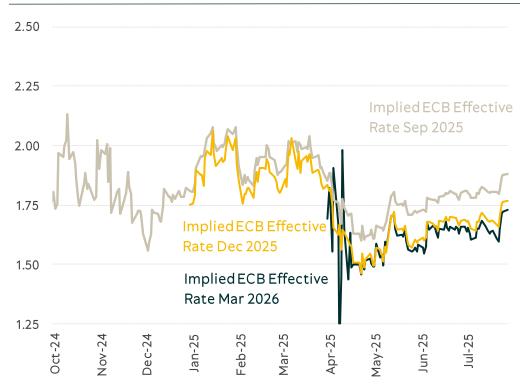
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EA Short-Term Rates | Markets anticipate less than one cut this year

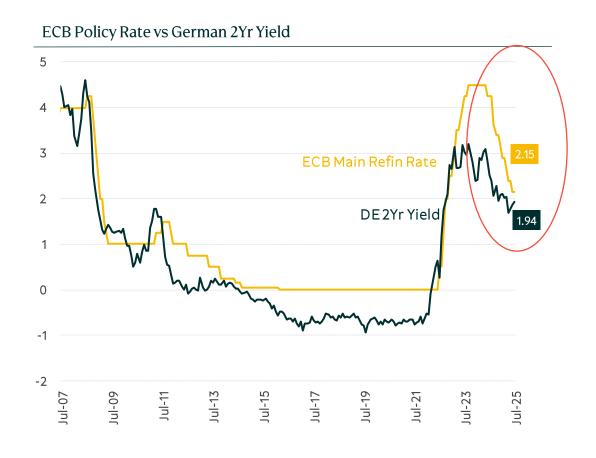


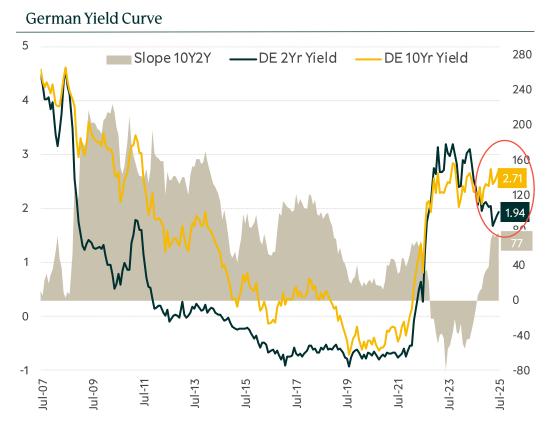
Interest Rates | Implied ECB Effective Rate





EA Rates | After four straight cuts earlier in the year, the ECB kept its key interest rates unchanged in July. German 10Y2Y spread turned positive at the end of Q3 2024 and has steepened since.



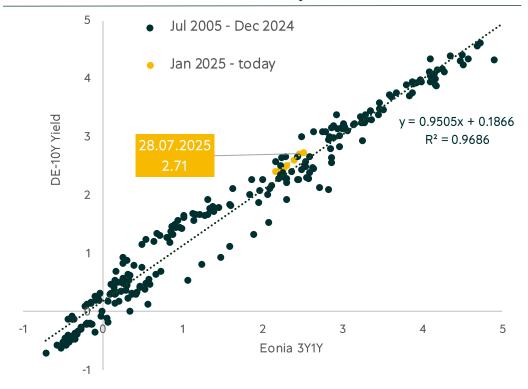




EA Long-Term Rates | Given the current level of short-term rates, long-term bonds are close to "fair value"



DE Yield vs Medium-term Interest Rate Expectations



Bird's Eye View

US Economy

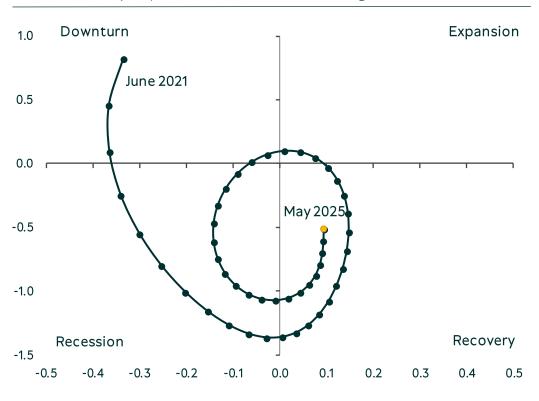
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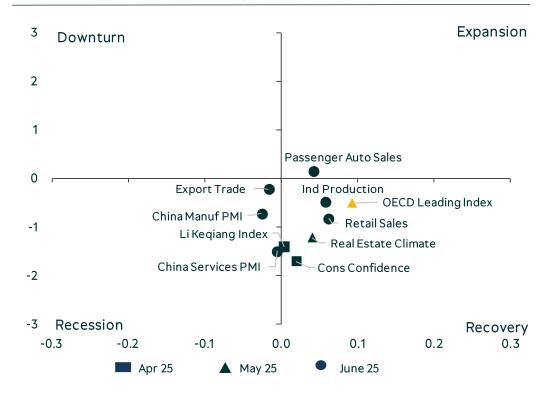


Chinese Business Cycle | Most economic variables are in the recovery phase

CN Business Cycle | Based on China OECD Leading Indicator



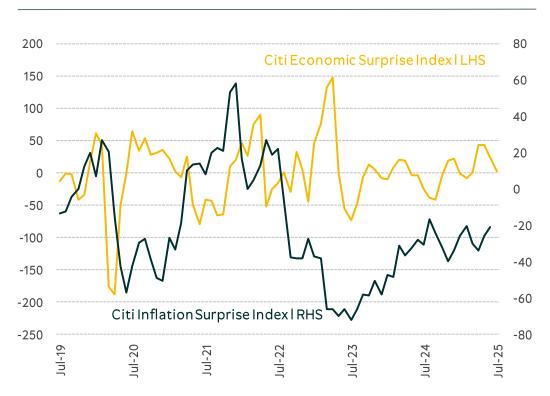
CN Business Cycle | Based on Major CN Economic Variables



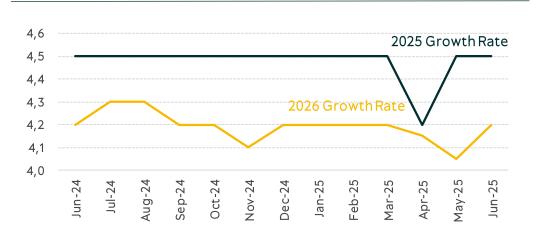


Chinese Macro Expectations | Sub 5% growth expectations for 2025

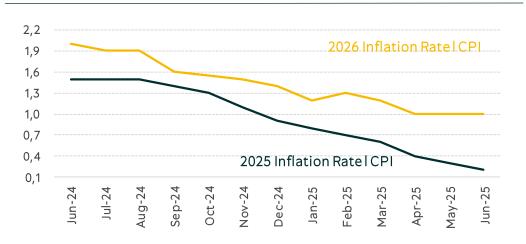
Economic & Inflation Surprises



Growth Rate Expectations (Consensus)

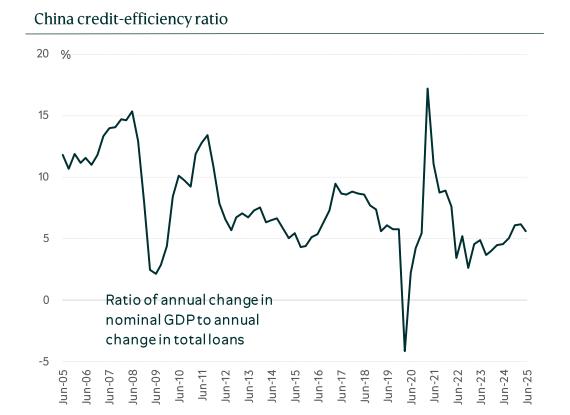


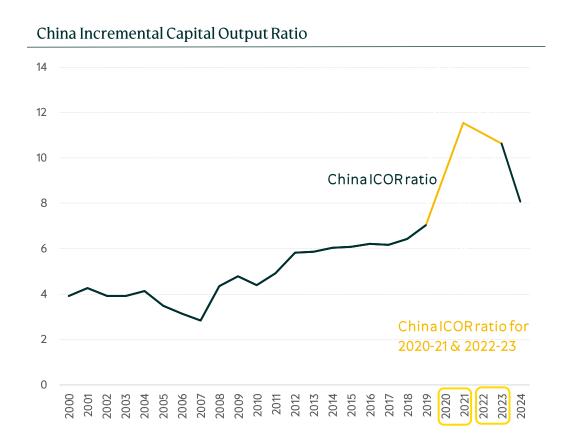
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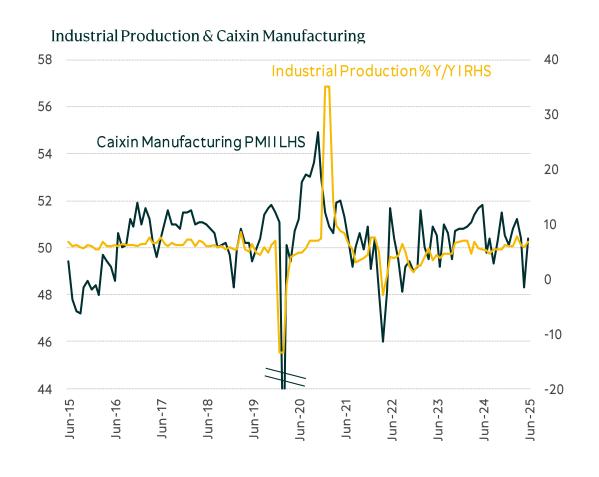
Chinese Investment Capacity | There is a need for more efficient capital allocation

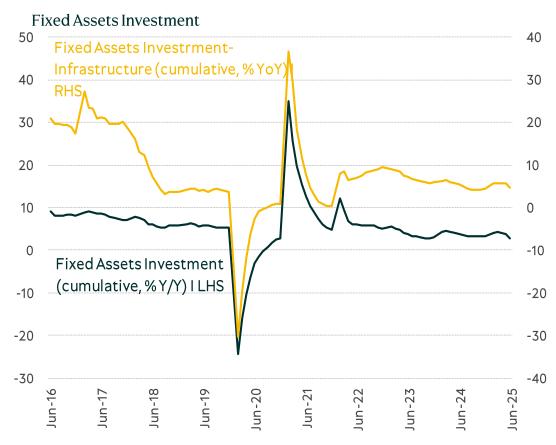






CN | Caixin Manufacturing PMI increased to 50.4 in June positively affected by the trade truce.

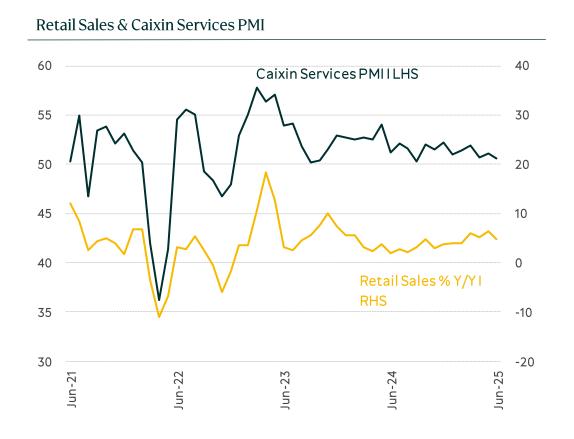


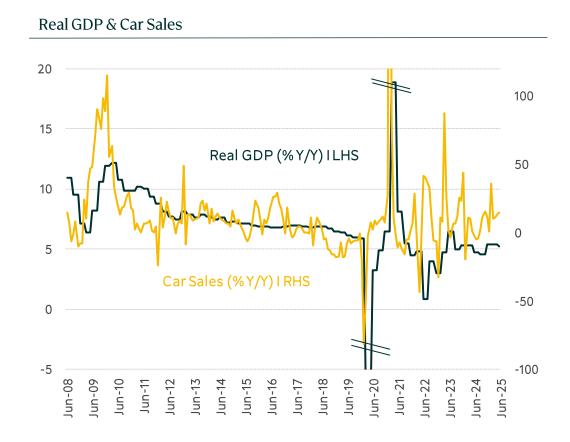




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CN | Retail Sales and Caixin Services PMI were below expectations in May

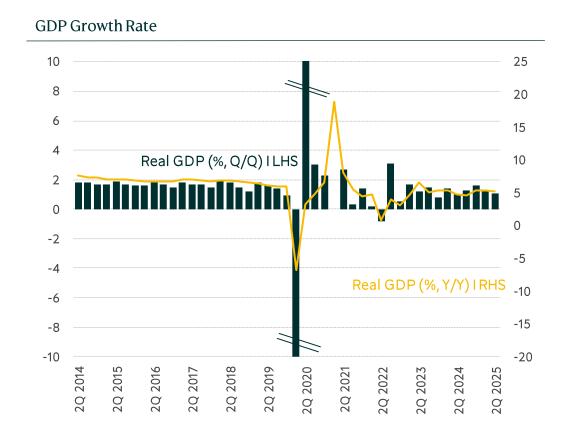




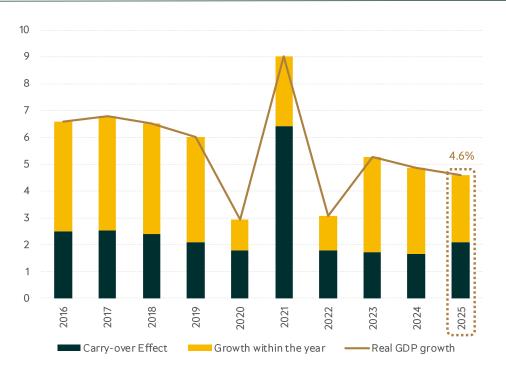
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CN GDP Outlook | Achieving the official target of around 5% for 2025 could prove challenging if the current environment of heightened uncertainty—particularly due to U.S. tariffs—persists or intensifies



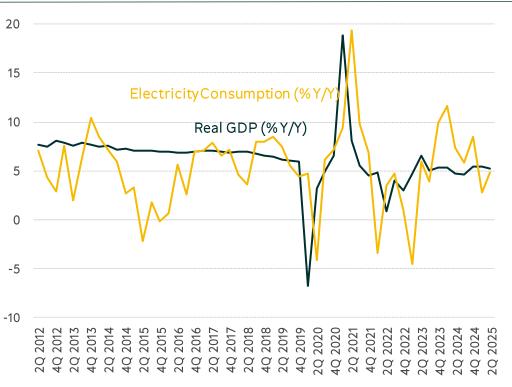




CN GDP | Electricity consumption and OECD's Leading Indicator are trending upwards

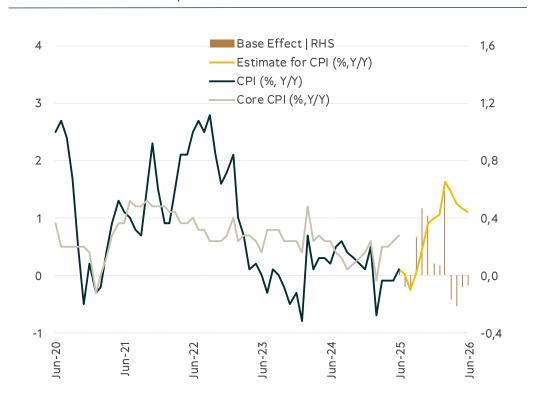




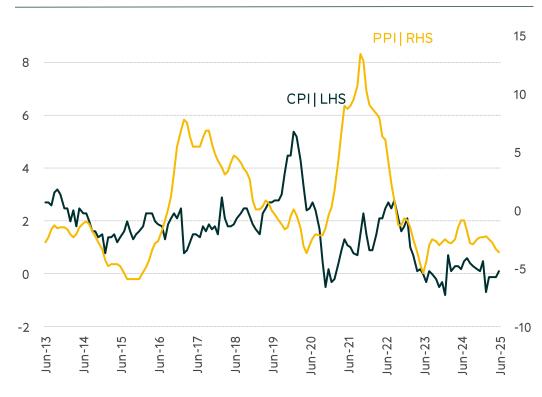


CN Inflation Outlook | Base effects are pointing to higher inflation in the next 12 months

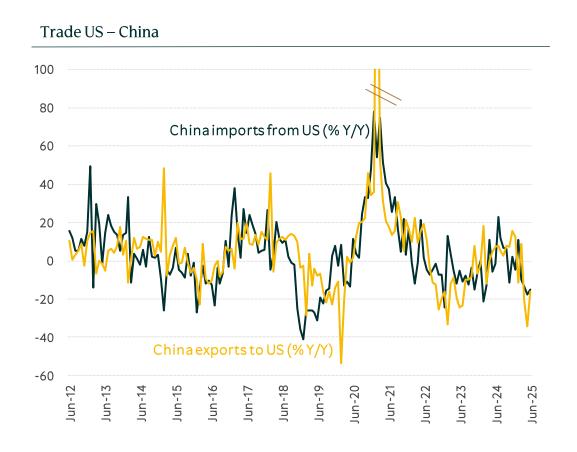
Inflation Rate Forecast | Statistical Model



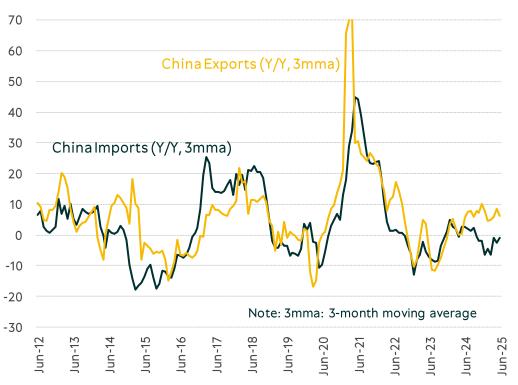
CPI & PPI



CN Trade | The trade agreement with USA will limit trade losses



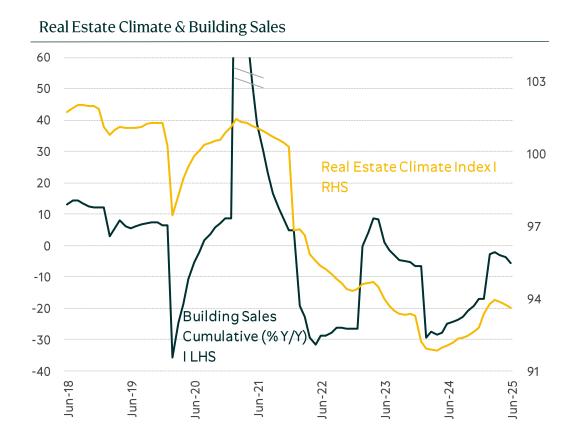




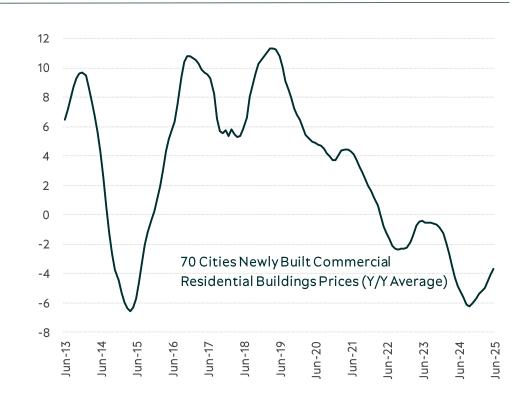


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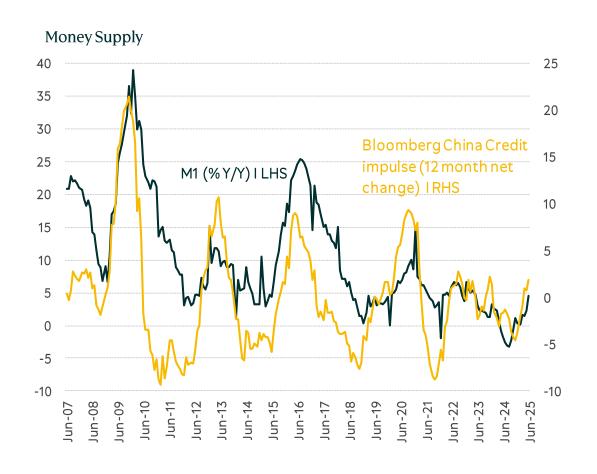
CN Real Estate | Some deterioration in Building sales and Real Estate climate. Prices still very subdued

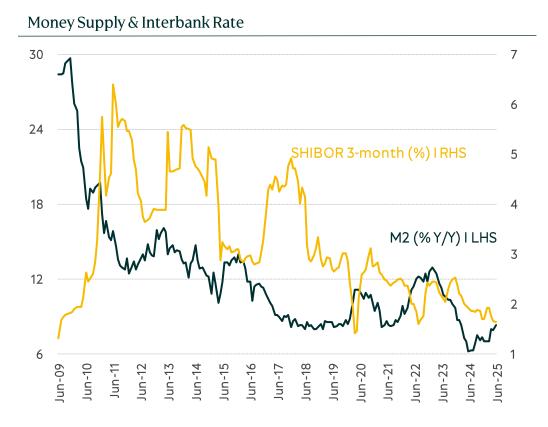


Newly Residential Buildings Prices



CN Money Supply | M1 and M2 are offering more growth support than before

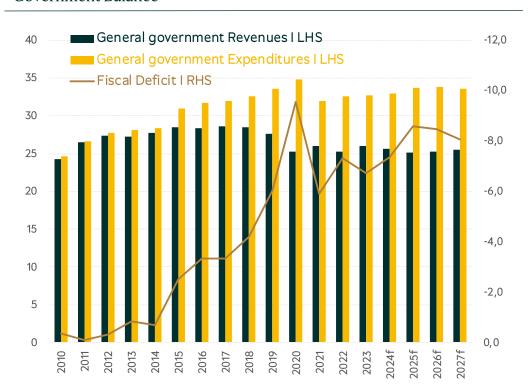




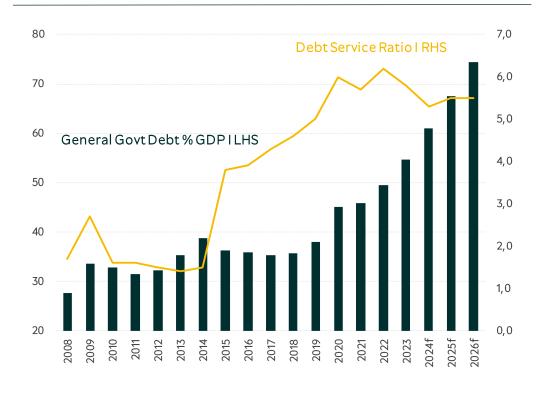


CN Fiscal | Expansionary Fiscal policy is expected to continue

Government Balance



General Government Debt & Debt Service Ratio



Debt Service Ratio = (Interest + Current-year repayment of principal) / Current-account receipts



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