A review of UK and European markets

REFLECTIONS

Q325 REVIEW

Welcome to Reflections, a quarterly review of UK and European markets produced in collaboration with OTC markets.

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Europe's moment:
Why investors are diversifying from US growth to UK and European value

Defence spending, valuations, monetary easing and dollar weakness create a compelling entry point.

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CONTENT OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A more uncertain world continues diversification to value and yield

The October 2025 IMF outlook report highlighted that risks continue to be tilted to the downside, with prolonged uncertainty, more protectionism and labour supply shocks affecting the growth outlook. With this uncertainty comes a greater desire to build in a margin of safety. The relative attractions of European and UK stocks and their yields suggest that we will see continued diversification away from the US and into Europe and the UK.

Europe has attracted investors more than the UK

Uncertainty ahead of the November 2025 UK budget and higher UK inflation rates have meant that investors have favoured European stocks. The September Bank of America fund manager survey saw the UK underweight move from 2% to 20%, making it one of the most ‘unloved’ markets. The Q125 German fiscal trade continued to be played out and growth recoveries in Spain and Italy have attracted more capital to these regions.

Could we see a rotation back into the UK post budget?

Our 9 October 2025 note on UK equities highlighted three reasons we may see the UK warrant more attention: (1) the Q125 German fiscal trade is moving out of a honeymoon phase, making the UK look relatively more attractive, (2) as with previous budgets, once delivered we often see a relief rally, and (3) the UK250 domestic companies have lagged the UK100, and look more attractive and insulated from US dollar weakness.

WHY NOW ?

US market concerns are mounting

- The S&P 500 is trading at elevated valuations (~22x forward P/E) versus historical averages.
- Concentration risk: the magnificent 7 tech stocks account for a disproportionate share of S&P 500 gains.
- US growth forecasts for 2026 are being trimmed, as fiscal stimulus fades and consumer spending moderates.
- Trade tensions and policy uncertainty under the second Trump administration are creating volatility.
- Corporate earnings growth expectations may be overoptimistic given valuation levels and recent capex spend.

Dollar weakness is expected to persist

- Capital outflows from US assets are accelerating in 2025.
- Twin deficits (fiscal and current account) are weighing on dollar sentiment.
- Historical pattern: dollar weakness typically benefits non-US equity returns for US-based investors.
- Euro and pound strength are already evident: +13.8% and +9.7% respectively year-to-date versus the dollar.

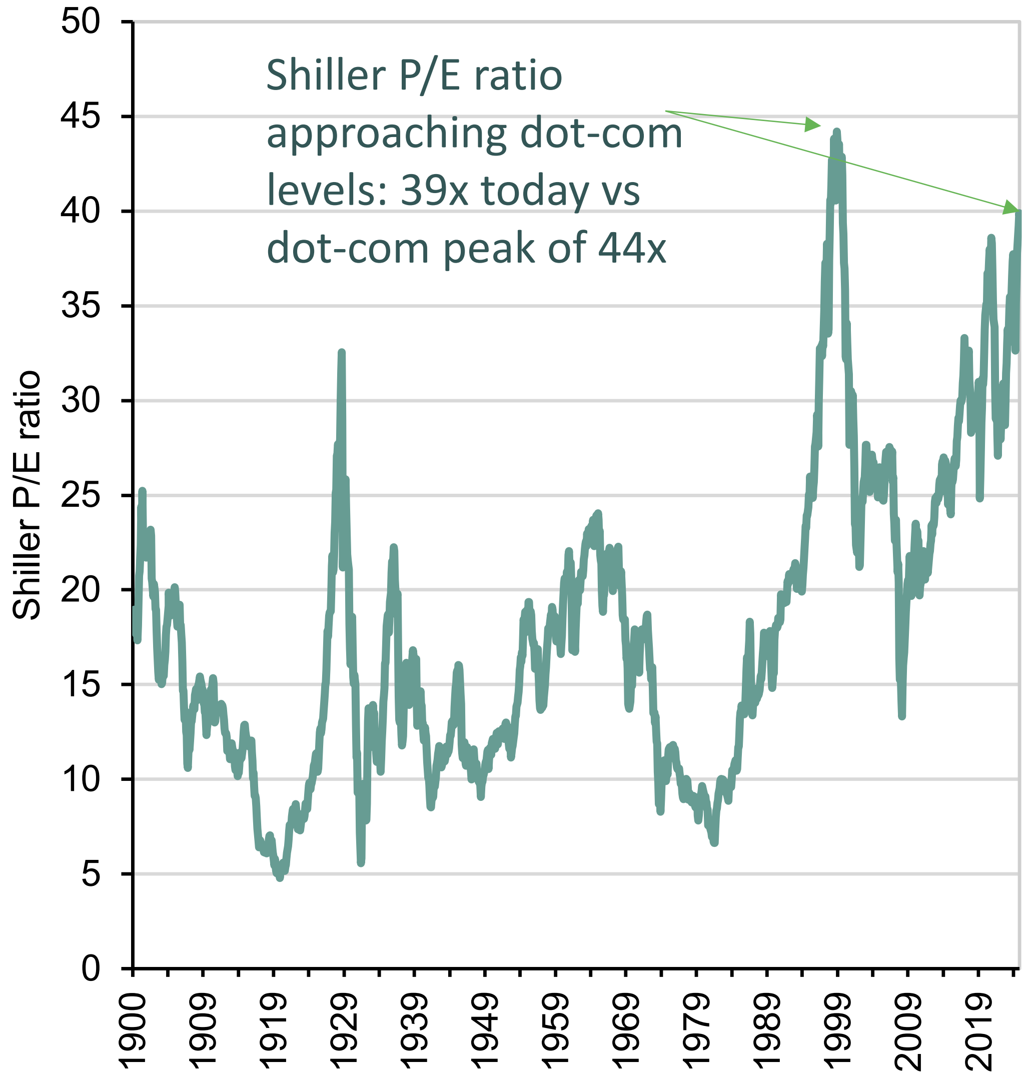
European fundamentals are improving

- GDP growth forecasts for 2026 point to a rebound (the IMF forecasts eurozone growth of 1.1%, UK 1.3%, Germany 0.9% and France 0.9%).
- Inflation is normalising faster than expected (eurozone 2.0% vs UK 3.4%).
- Manufacturing PMIs are stabilising and improving (eurozone 49.5, showing sequential strength).
- Fiscal stimulus is arriving: Germany's €500bn infrastructure package is unlocking growth.

THE VALUATION OPPORTUNITY

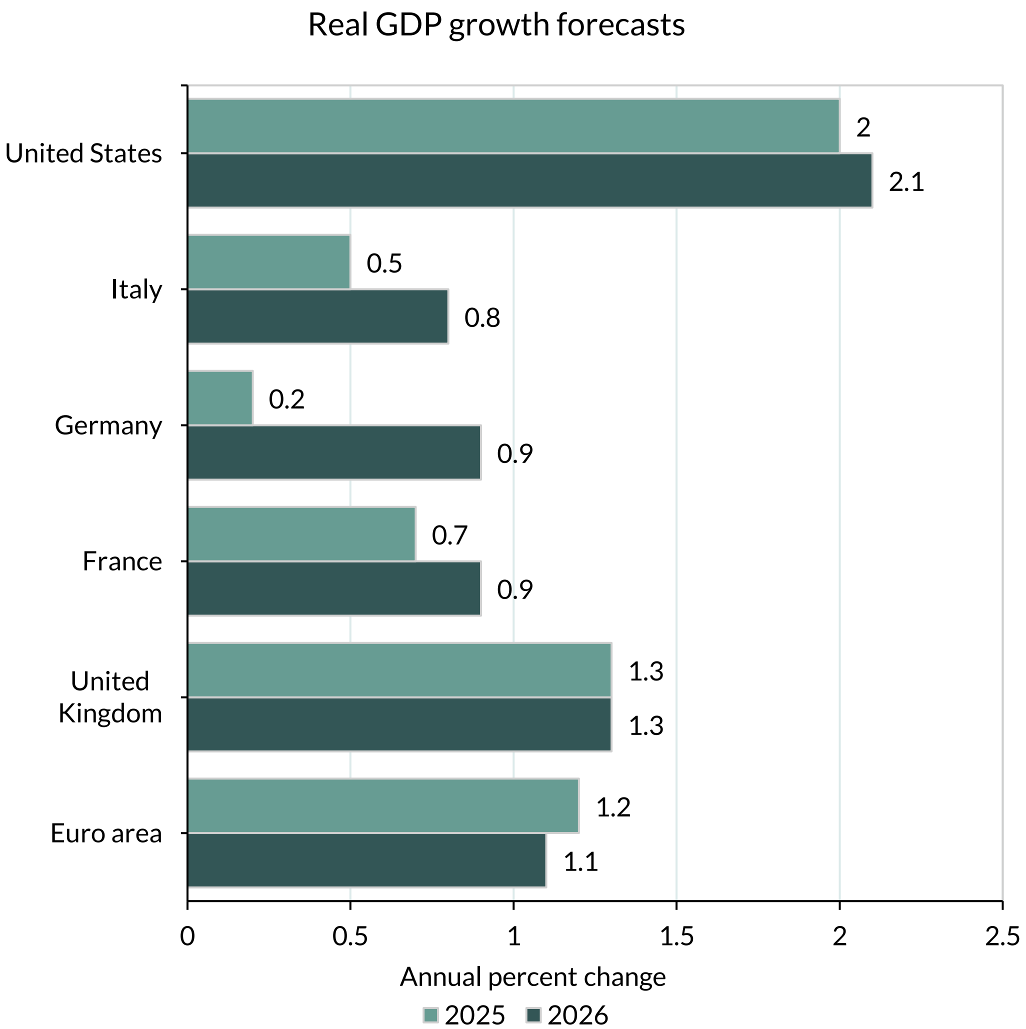
VALUATION DIFFERENTIAL

- A valuation differential between US and European stocks has been a consistent feature over the last two decades. However, US valuations when compared to cyclically adjusted measures such as the CAPE ratio and against median valuation gap measures, coupled with a more uncertain economic outlook, are driving diversification in value and yield stocks in Europe and the UK as investors look to build a greater margin of safety.
- While US, European and UK indices have kept up with each other in terms of performance, the drivers of this performance have been very different. US returns have been led by large-cap technology related names, while European and UK returns have been in smaller-cap (certainly by US standards) companies within more defensive sectors.



MACRO DATA REVIEW

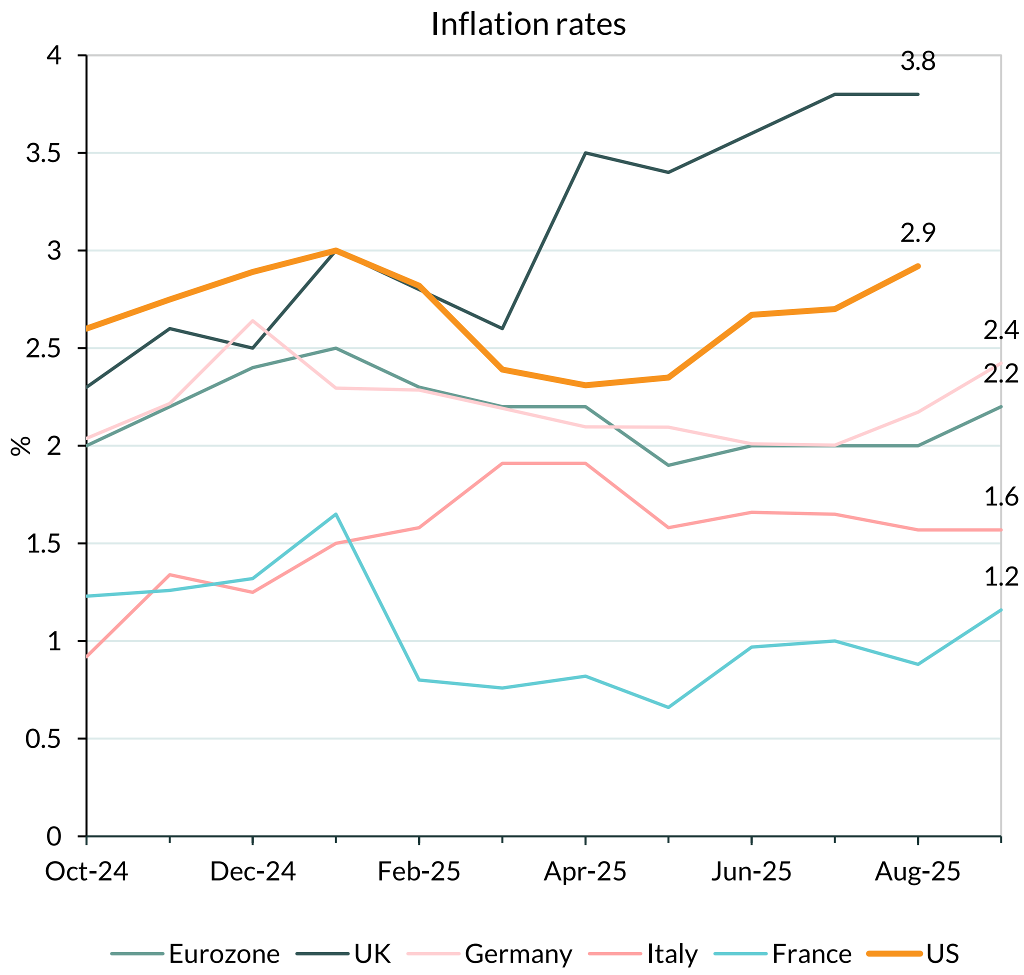
GDP: HARD LANDING AVOIDED



Source: IMF

- In Q125, as tariffs were announced, there was concern that the world economy was heading towards a hard landing. However, the October 2025 IMF Quarterly Outlook report raised GDP growth forecasts, citing a more muted impact from tariffs than originally feared.
- The October 2025 IMF forecasts show upward revisions for US GDP in both 2025 and 2026, with 2026 now expected to grow 1%, reversing the prior 1% drop from 2025.
- Within Europe, the IMF expects Germany and Italy to show relatively weak growth in 2025 but to improve in 2026. The UK maintains consistent growth, and while the euro area experienced a 4% uplift in the October 2025 forecast, in 2026 growth is expected to dip slightly.

INFLATION: REMAINS STICKY



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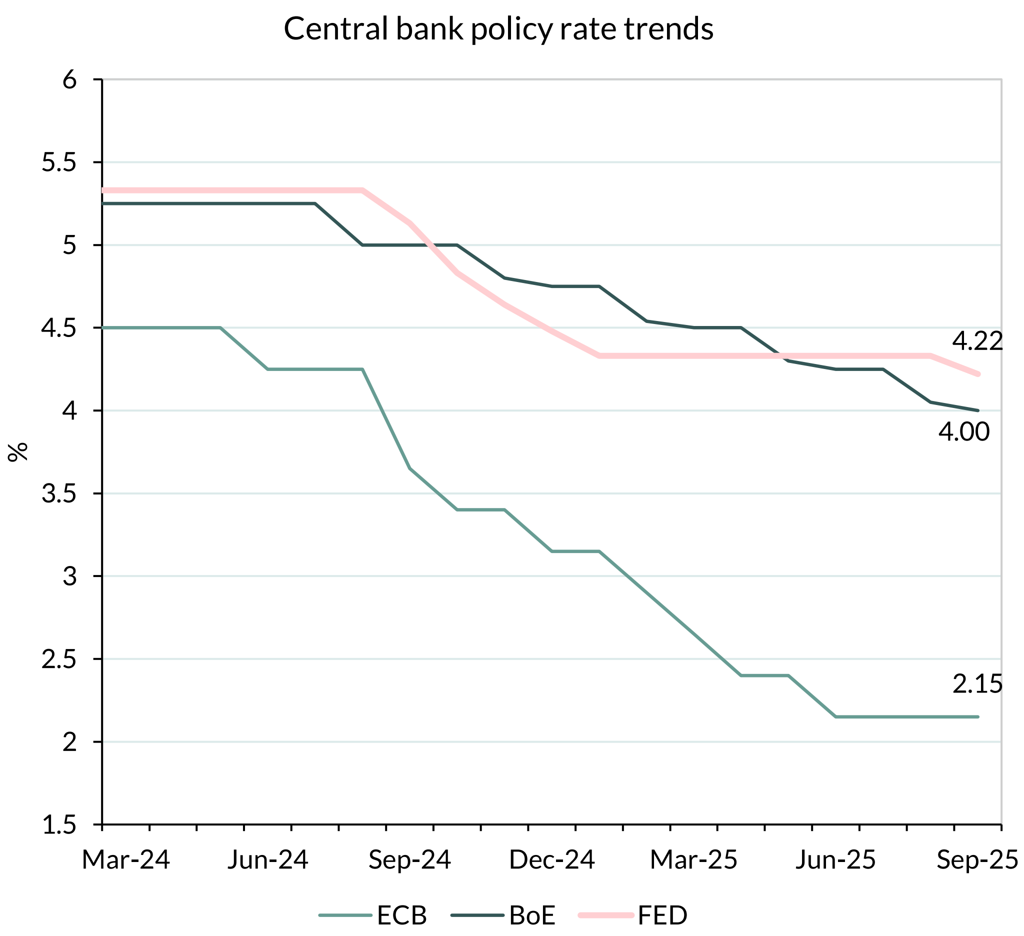
- UK inflation is stickier and significantly above the 2% target due to structural pressures. The BoE expects to reach the 2% target by end-2026 as energy prices and wage growth ease.
- After a brief moderation, US inflation is picking up again due to resilient consumer demand and tight labour conditions.
- The eurozone is close to its 2% inflation target and normalising faster than expected. Lower oil prices and a stronger euro are expected to drive inflation down in 2026.
- European divergence creates opportunities: Germany is facing unexpected price pressures from wage growth, while France and Italy benefit from energy subsidies and weaker domestic demand. This divergence complicates ECB policy but creates selective investment opportunities.

CENTRAL BANKS EASE



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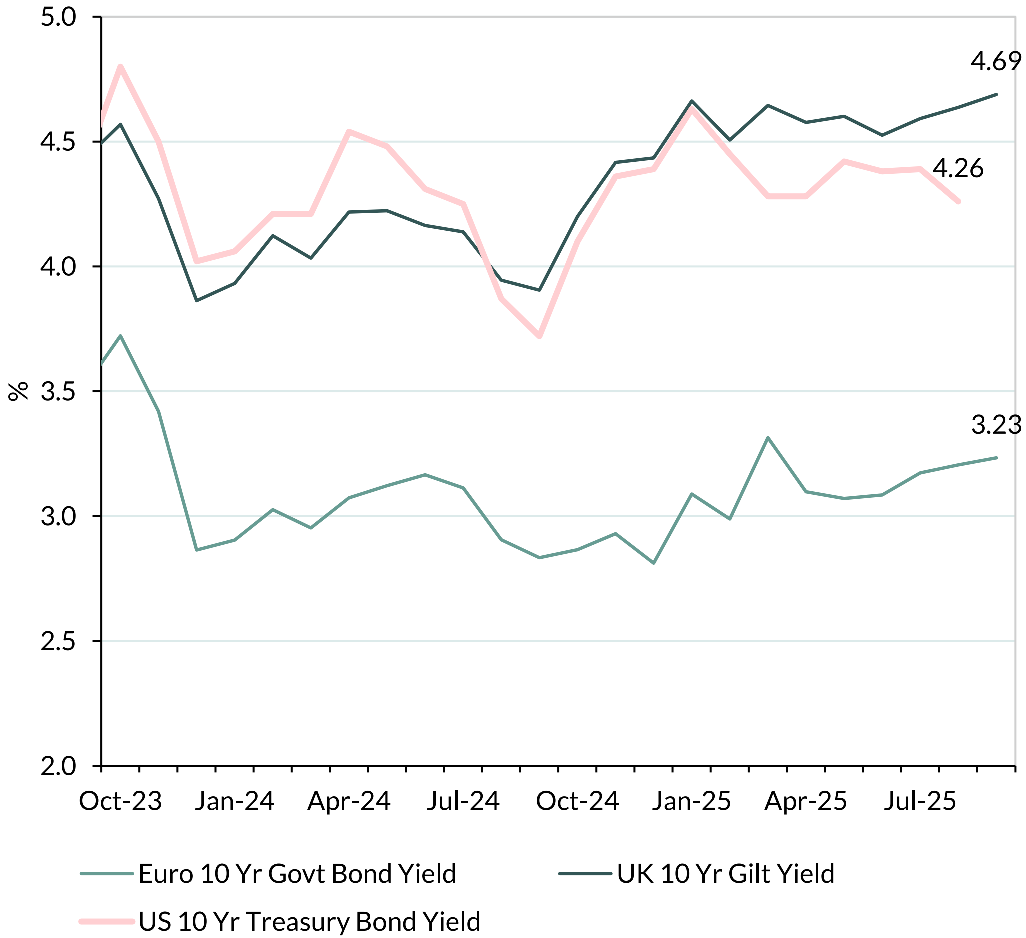
- With inflation close to target in the EU, the ECB has had the luxury of cutting rates faster that the BoE and the Fed. Rates were held at 2% in September 2025 for the second consecutive meeting. Market expectations suggest no further cuts in 2025 and that the ECB is close to the end of the easing cycle.
- The BoE has cut rates despite higher inflation in the UK on expectations that inflation will ease in 2026. Rates were held at 4% in September 2025 after a cut in August. The BoE is expected to continue to cut rates to 3.5% by the end of 2026, with debate as to whether we will see a further cut in 2025.
- The Fed cut rates in September 2025 by 25bp and there is an expectation of further cuts to 3.5% by the end of 2026, although there are greater risks given the impact of rising prices in the US.

BOND YIELDS

10-year government bond yields



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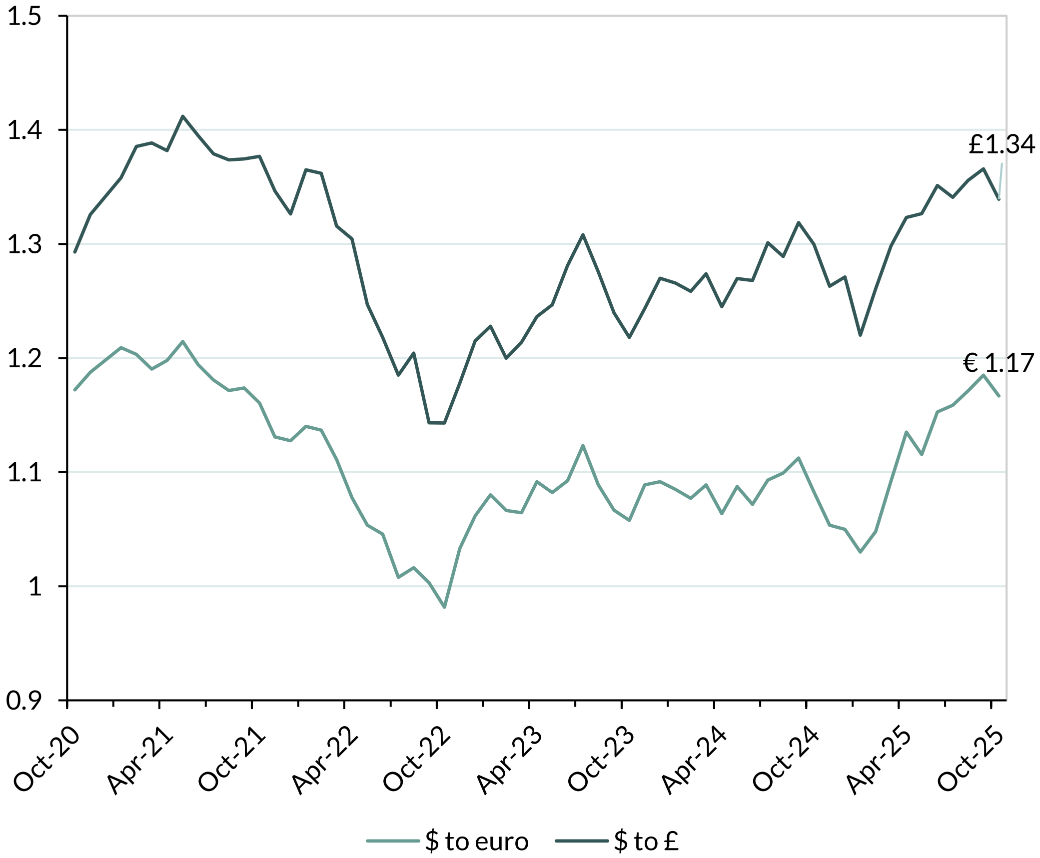
- US treasury yields have risen from their September 2024 lows, despite the Federal Reserve cutting rates, breaking from historical patterns where yields typically fall after the Fed begins easing. This rise has been due to better than anticipated GDP growth, greater economic uncertainty and concerns the Fed is not cutting rates as aggressively as initially anticipated.
- Euro area yields rose in early 2025 as Germany's €500 billion fiscal expansion initially pushed rates higher. However, yields subsequently fell to 3.2% as ECB easing dominated, creating the lowest yields among major markets.
- UK Gilts rose to 4.69%, now the highest in the G7, with the UK government's fiscal outlook leaving little headroom, accompanied by persistent inflation.

DOLLAR WEAKENING

Currency Performance vs. the USD



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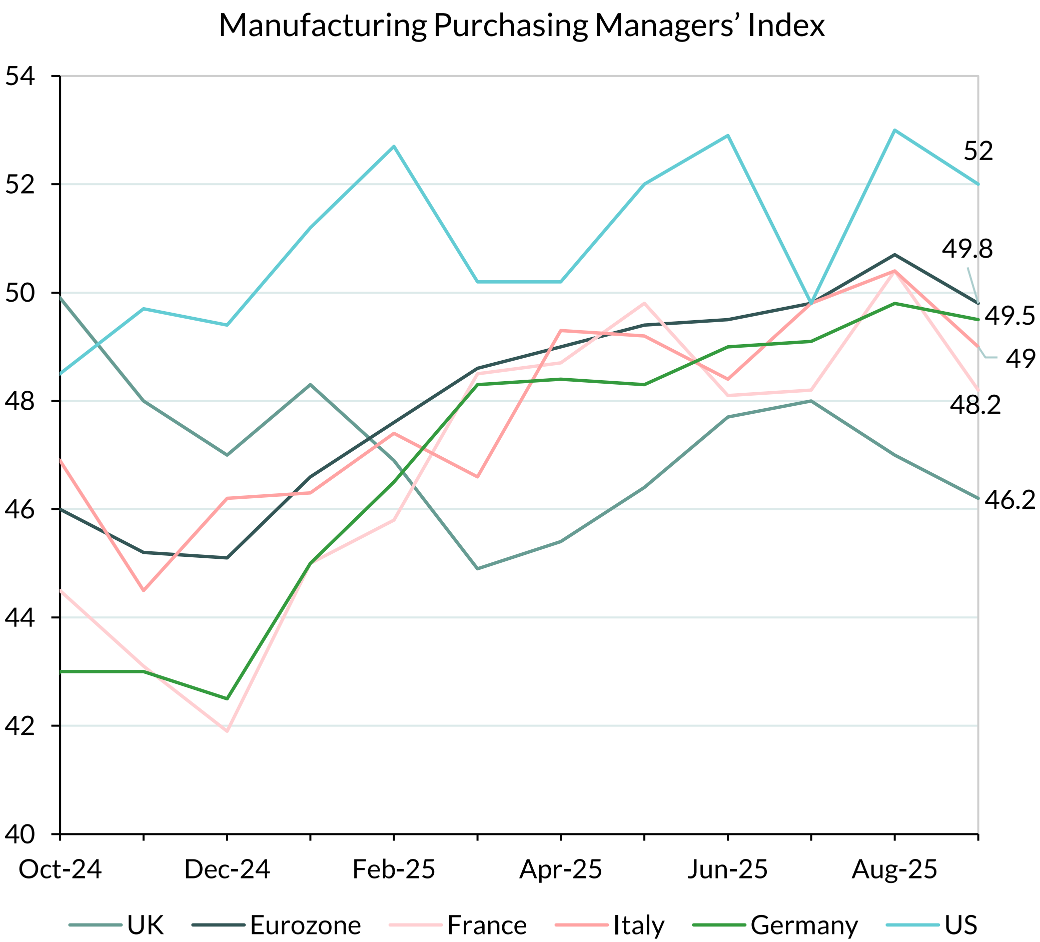
The US dollar has been weakening against the euro and British pound in 2025. This has been driven by:

- Concerns around the US growth outlook as tariffs affect the US economy. Trump's tariff policies are creating stagflationary pressures, pushing import costs higher while dampening economic activity.
- Continued uncertainty around US trade policy, especially broad tariffs and tensions with allies, is eroding business and consumer confidence, weakening US asset performance and prompting foreign investors to reduce dollar exposure.
- Concerns over the independence of the Fed, particularly fears of political pressure influencing interest rate decisions, have undermined market trust in the central bank's credibility. International investors are demanding a higher risk premium, making the dollar less attractive as a reserve currency.

MANUFACTURING PMI



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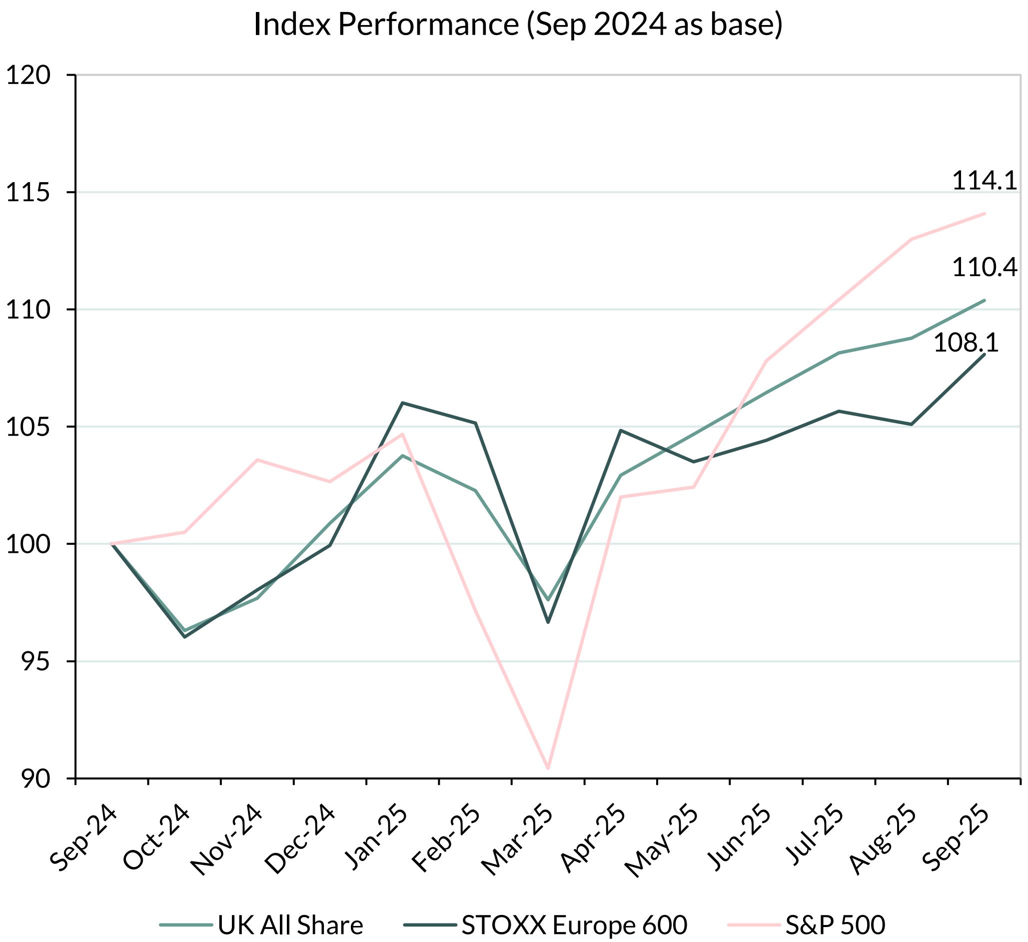
- The Manufacturing PMI divergence reveals distinct economic trajectories. The US maintains healthy expansion at 52, supporting its equity market strength. This is helped by domestic demand, though tariff impacts are emerging, raising sustainability questions for 2026.
- The eurozone shows meaningful stabilisation, with the PMI reaching 49.8, signalling recovery from the 2024 trough. Germany's €500bn infrastructure package and ECB easing provide crucial support. This cyclical recovery coincides with European valuations at historical discounts, underpinning the rotation thesis.
- The UK remains the laggard at 46.2, reflecting sticky inflation that constrains the BoE's policy flexibility. While services are holding up, manufacturing remains deeply contractionary, explaining the UK equity market's underperformance and defensive positioning.
- Broadly, PMI improvement validates the IMF's growth upgrades, with tariff impacts proving more muted than anticipated.

INDEX PERFORMANCE



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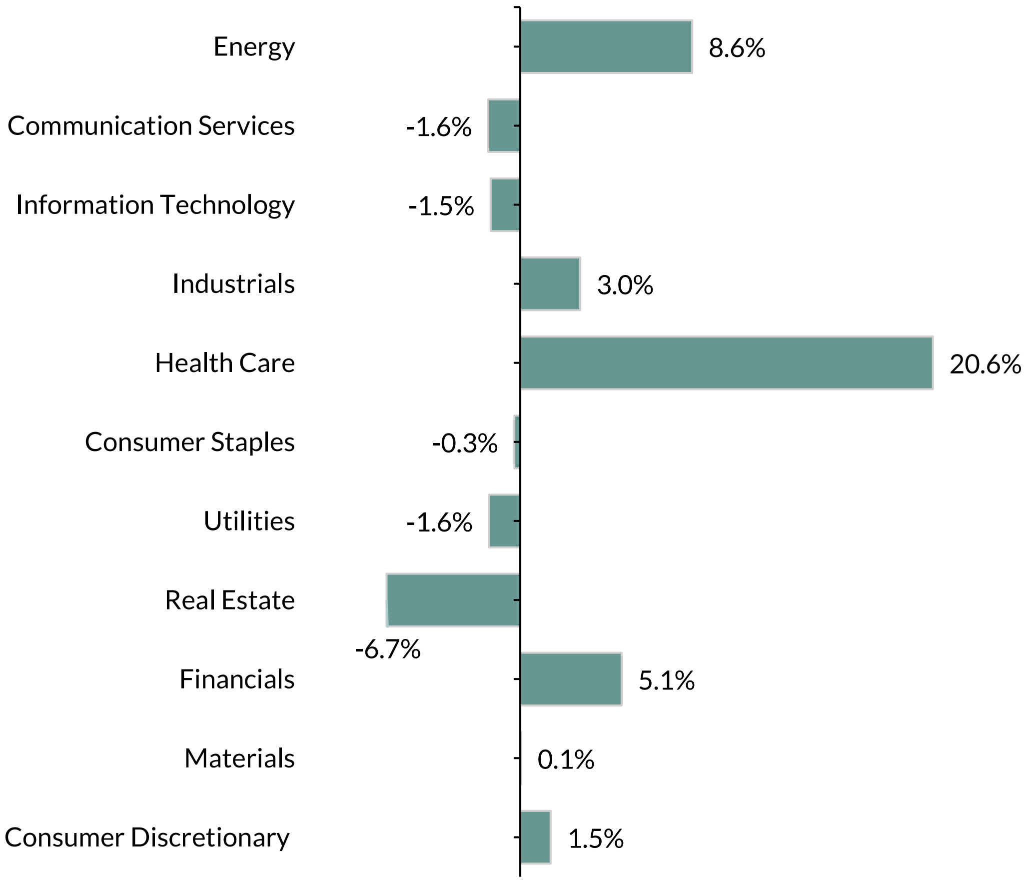
- Over the past 12 months, all three indices have delivered similar returns on a dollar basis. Currency movements have been the great equaliser, as euro and sterling strength offset weaker local equity performance, creating comparable dollar-adjusted returns for international investors.
- Year-to-date gains have come from distinctly different sources. US performance remains concentrated in mega-cap technology despite stretched valuations. European returns are driven by large-cap quality names benefiting from ECB easing and cyclical recovery.
- The UK shows a notable split, with UK 100 multinationals gaining from overseas earnings, while domestically-focused UK 250 companies significantly underperformed amid weak consumer spending. This divergence has created compelling valuations in UK mid-caps trading at decade-low multiples, potentially offering an attractive entry point for contrarian investors as sentiment reaches extreme pessimism.

SECTOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW

EUROPEAN MARKETS: RISK-OFF

STOXX Europe 600, three-month price change



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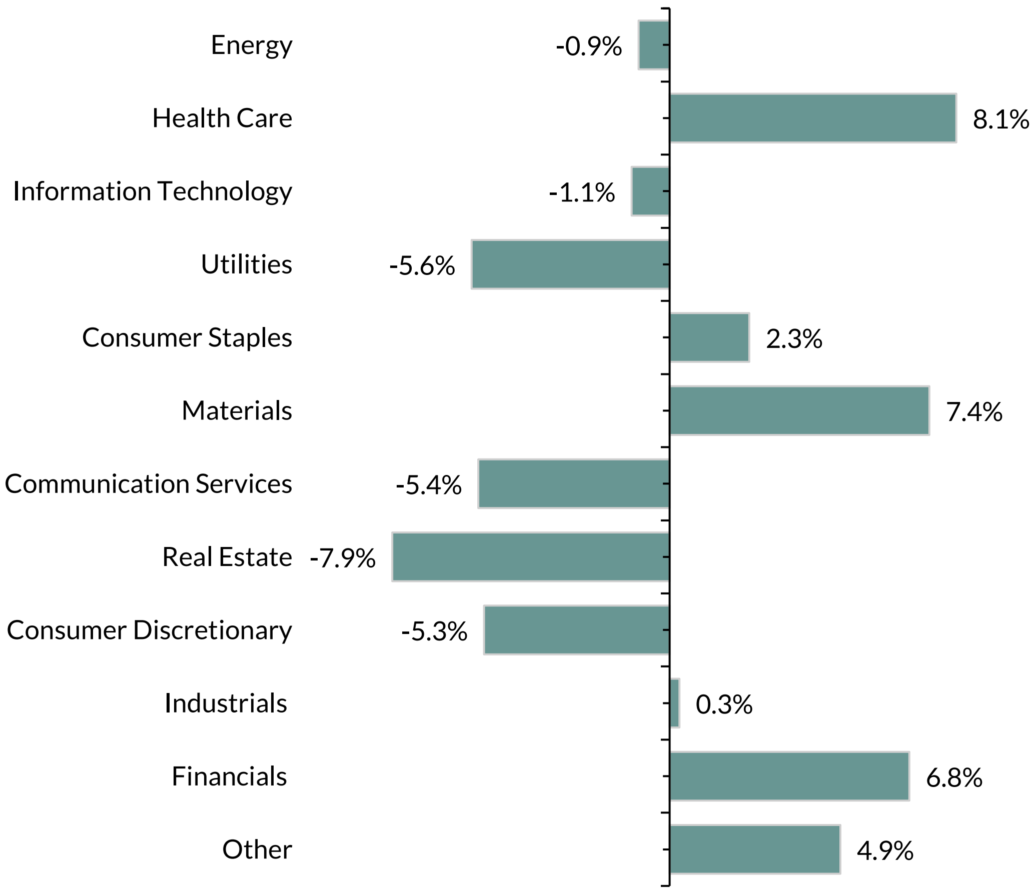
- In Europe we are seeing a classic ‘risk-off’ rotation where investors are moving away from rate-sensitive growth sectors and into defensive (healthcare) and commodity-linked (energy) plays amid persistent global inflation, elevated yields and economic uncertainty.
- Healthcare is the standout performer with a remarkable +20.6% gain, significantly outpacing all other sectors. This strong performance likely reflects defensive positioning by investors amid economic uncertainty, as well as potential optimism about pharmaceutical innovation and M&A activity in the sector.
- Energy posted the second-best performance at +8.6%, possibly benefiting from geopolitical tensions supporting oil prices and supply concerns in energy markets.
- Financials showed a solid +5.1% gain, which could reflect the higher-for-longer interest rate environment improving net interest margins for banks, despite some of the fiscal concerns we discussed earlier affecting bond markets.

UK MARKET: VALUE

UK All Share, three-month price change



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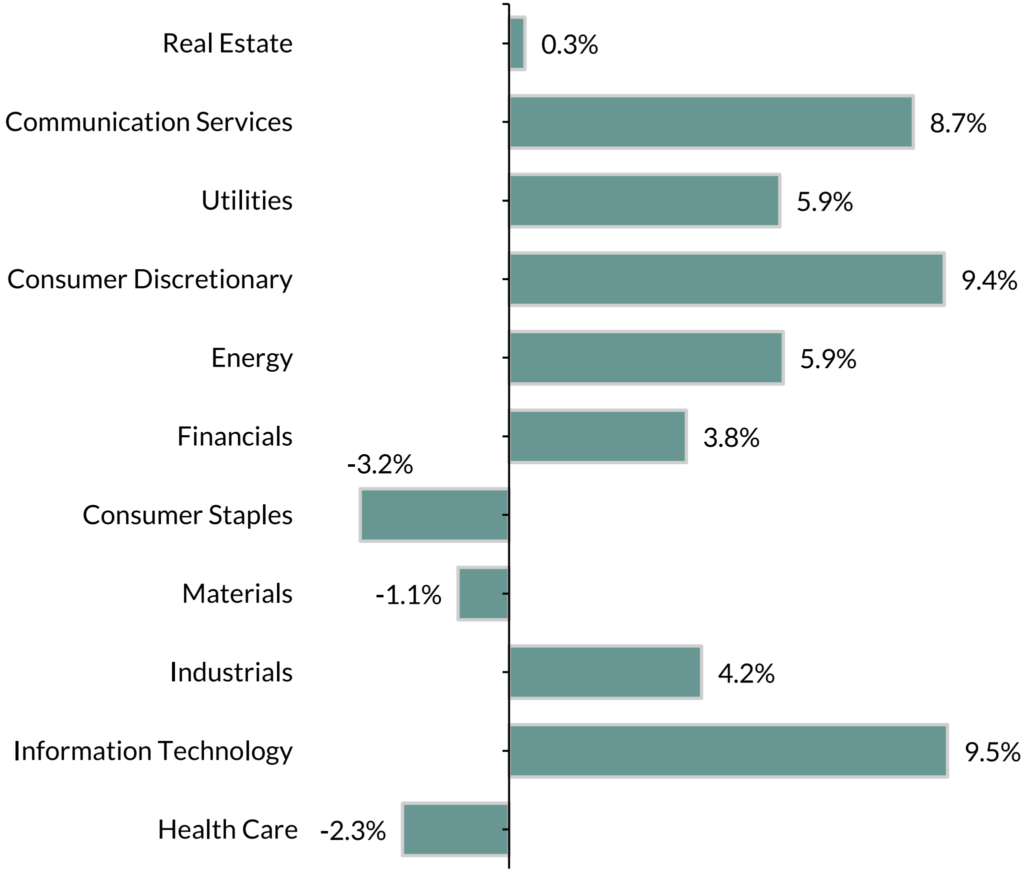
- The UK market shows a classic value rotation, with outperformance concentrated in economically sensitive sectors like materials and financials that benefit from higher rates and commodity strength, while growth and rate-sensitive sectors (real estate, utilities, consumer discretionary) face significant headwinds from elevated gilt yields and weak domestic consumption.
- Healthcare leads with +8.1%, showing similar defensive strength to European markets but with more modest gains, suggesting UK-listed pharma and healthcare companies are attracting safe-haven flows.
- Materials posted a strong +7.4%, significantly outperforming its flat European counterpart, likely benefiting from the UK market's heavy weighting in mining stocks exposed to commodity price strength.

US MARKET: GROWTH

S&P 500, three-month price change



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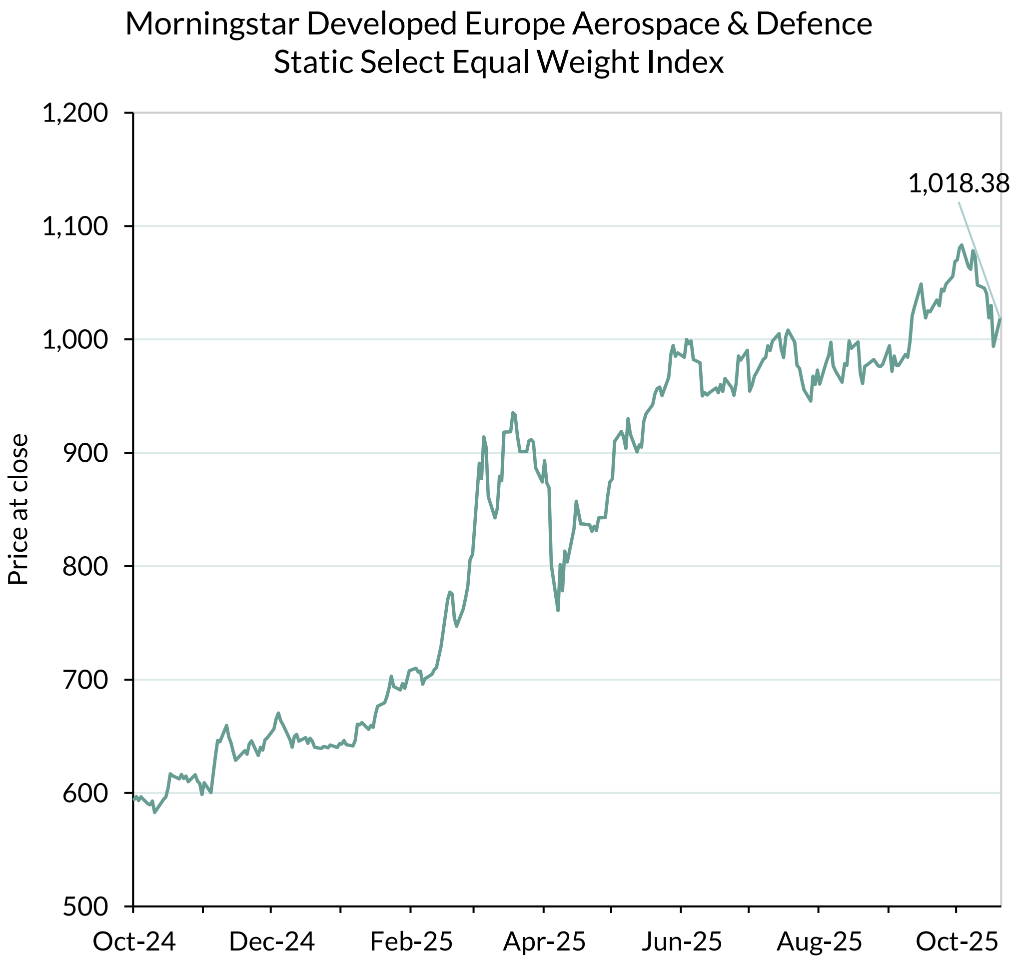
- Looking at the S&P 500 sector performance over the past three months, the US market shows a strikingly different pattern from Europe and the UK, with a clear growth and consumer strength theme.
- Information technology leads with an impressive 9.5% growth, in stark contrast to the declines seen in Europe (-1.5%) and the UK (-1.1%), reflecting continued optimism about AI innovation, mega-cap tech earnings strength and US market leadership in growth sectors.
- Consumer discretionary posted a strong 9.4% gain, signalling robust US consumer spending and confidence, in a dramatic divergence from the UK (-5.3%) and Europe (+1.5%), highlighting the resilience of the American consumer.
- Communication services added 8.7%, benefiting from strong performances in mega-cap names like Meta and Alphabet, contrasting sharply with European (-1.6%) and UK (-5.4%) weakness in this sector.

SECTOR THEME: DEFENCE

DEFENCE: LONG-TERM GROWTH



- In June 2025, NATO defence spending targets moved from 2% of GDP to a target of 5% of GDP by 2035, lifting total defence spending from c $380bn to £1tn by 2035.
- This long-term growth outlook has led to a rally in European defence stocks, with the Morningstar European Aerospace and Defence Index up 55% year-to-date.
- There are some concerns that valuations are now ahead of fundamentals and with most European nations fiscally constrained, there remains a risk of disappointment.
- Investors are therefore being more selective, looking for quality companies that can offer international defence exposure and self-help stories such as Rolls-Royce and Babcock International.

DEFENCE: KEY EUROPEAN COMPANIES

1. Defence platforms and systems

Aircraft, naval vessels, armoured vehicles, integrated platforms

BAE Systems LSE
Eurofighter, F-35 partner, naval ships, combat vehicles | UK

Rheinmetall FRA
Leopard tanks, Boxer/Lynx IFV, ammunition, air defence | Germany

Leonardo BIT
AW helicopters, avionics, naval systems, GCAP partner | Italy

Airbus Defence & Space PAR/FRA
A400M, Eurofighter, satellites, FCAS development | Pan-EU

Saab STO
Gripen fighters, submarines, electronic warfare | Sweden

Dassault Aviation PAR
Rafale fighters, nEUROn UAV, business jets | France

Fincantieri BIT
Naval vessels, frigates, aircraft carriers | Italy

2. Defence electronics and subsystems

Radar, sensors, cybersecurity, surveillance

Thales PAR
Radar systems, avionics, cybersecurity, naval electronics | France

Kongsberg Defence OSL
Naval Strike Missile, PROTECTOR RWS, C4ISR | Norway

Hensoldt FRA
Sensors, electronic warfare, optronics, radars | Germany

Indra MAD
Defence electronics, radar, simulation systems | Spain

3. Components and propulsion

Engines, aerostructures, subsystems

Safran PAR
Jet engines, defence electronics, landing systems | France

Rolls-Royce LSE
Aircraft/marine engines, nuclear propulsion | UK

MTU Aero Engines FRA
Military turbofan engines, maintenance | Germany

Melrose Industries LSE
Aerospace structures, automotive components | UK

4. Small arms and niche systems

Specialised weapons, countermeasures, electro-optics

Chemring LSE
Countermeasures, pyrotechnics, energetics | UK

Theon International AMS
Night vision, thermal imaging, electro-optics | Greece/Cyprus

5. Technology and services

Testing, R&D, cyber, training systems

QinetiQ LSE
Defence technology, testing, robotics, cyber | UK

Cohort LSE
Technology services, EW, communications | UK

Babcock International LSE
Naval support, nuclear, training | UK

Q3 2025 OTC MARKETS TRADING DATA

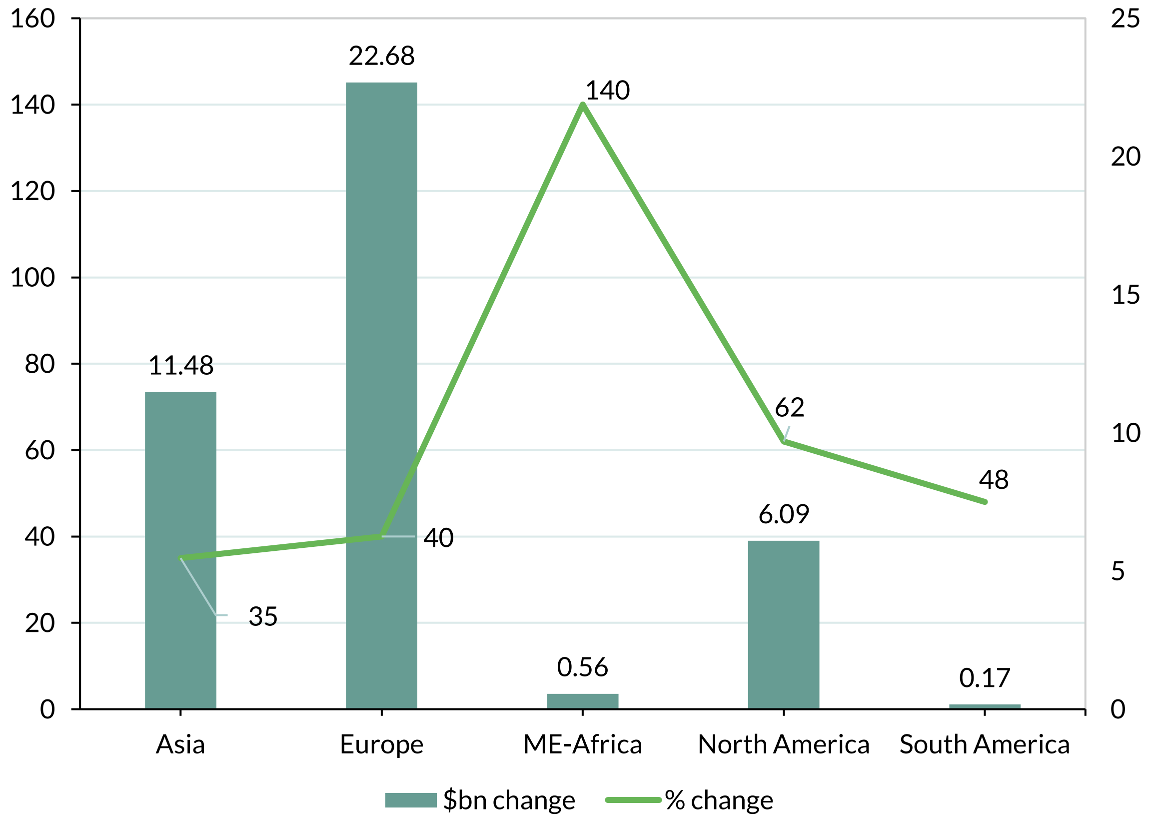
OTC MARKETS TRADING: DIVERSIFICATION ACCELERATING

EUROPE	ASIA	ALL INTERNATIONAL
+53%	+61.6%	+53.9%
$254.7bn	$157.1bn	$455.9bn

- **Europe is now 56% of Q3 international dollar volume,** supporting our view that investors are rotating into Europe.
- The year-to-date daily European average is $1.2bn, providing sustained material flows.
- Year-to-date trading volume for 2025 exceeds full year 2024 by $39bn.
- Asian and all international volumes support our view of a wider diversification trend.

OTC MARKETS TRADING: Q3 REGIONAL PERFORMANCE

Trading volume growth versus Q324



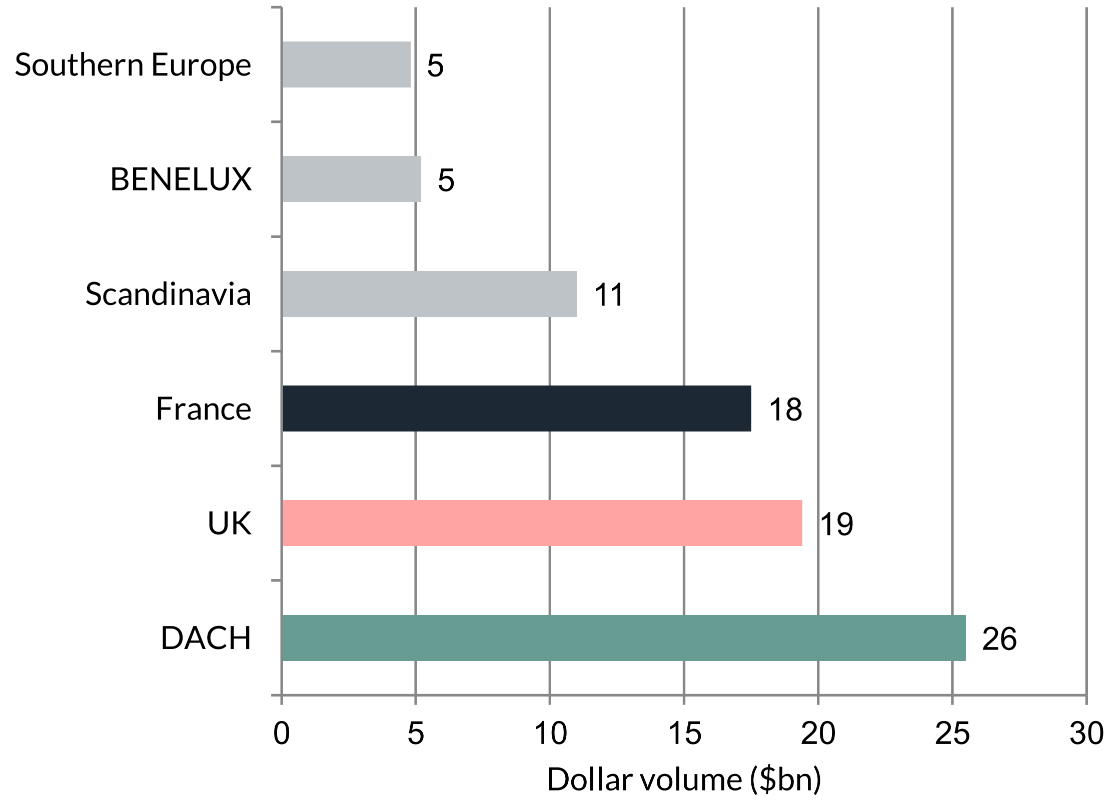
All international:

+41%

Strong growth across all regions demonstrates broad-based diversification out of US equities.

OTC MARKETS TRADING: EUROPEAN MARKET COMPOSITION

Q325 dollar volume by region – total: $79bn



DACH

$25.5bn

31% greater than UK

UK

$19.4bn

24.6% of European volume

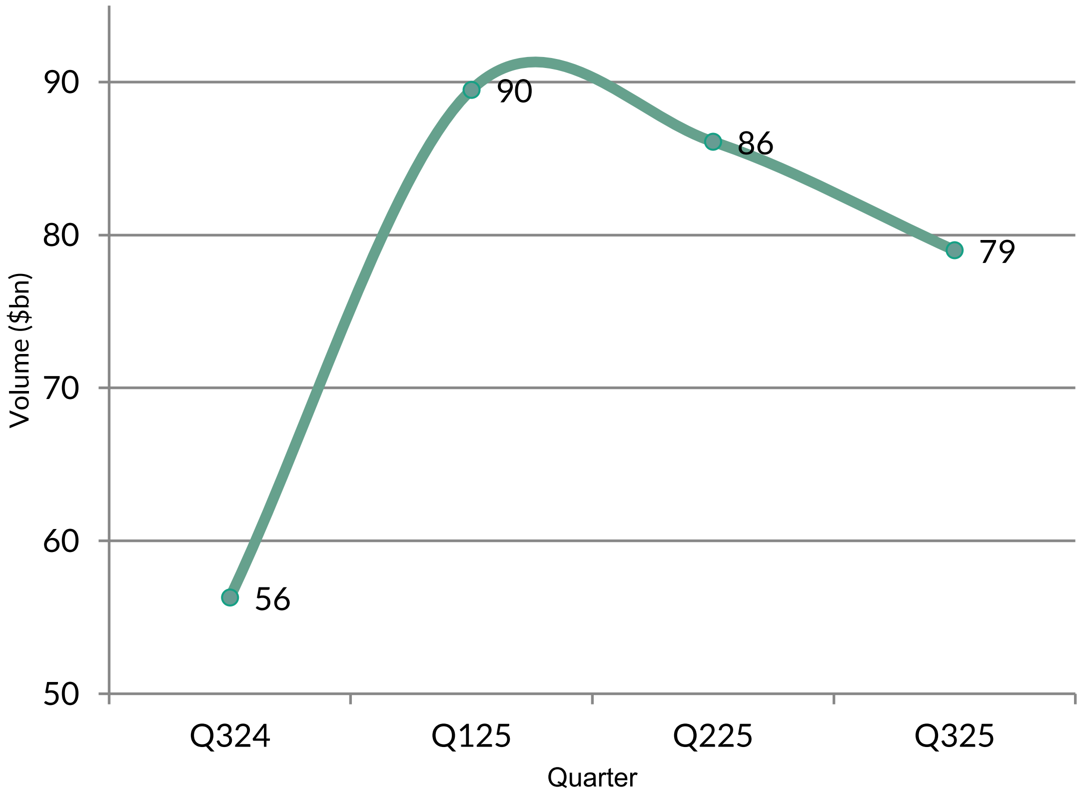
FRANCE

$17.5bn

Nearly matching the UK

OTC MARKETS TRADING: EUROPEAN MOMENTUM

European dollar volume trend



Year-on-year growth

+40%

Sustained in Q3 vs prior year period

Q3 sequential decline (-8%) reflects normal seasonality, not trend reversal

Ytd versus ytd prior year comparison

+53%

OTC MARKETS TRADING: QUALITY AND DEPTH IN EUROPEAN FLOW

Institutional-grade flow with sustained liquidity, with quality large-cap names dominating

MARKET DEPTH

2,884

European securities

TRADE COUNT

8.4m

Trades in Q3

SHARE OF INTERNATIONAL

56%

Q325 volume

BILLION+ MKT CAP

73%

Of all trades

NON-PENNY STOCKS

88%

Of all trades

DAILY AVERAGE

$1.2bn

European names

OTC MARKETS TRADING: Q325 KEY TAKEAWAYS

DIVERSIFICATION IS ACCELERATING

European securities command 56% of international OTC dollar volume, with ytd growth of 53% outpacing overall international growth.

UK UNDERPERFORMANCE

The UK captured just 24.6% of European volume. DACH's 31% premium to the UK suggests a flight to German stability during fiscal uncertainty.

SUSTAINED MOMENTUM

Year-to-date volumes are already $39bn above full-year 2024 total.
Diversification appears structural rather than cyclical.

INSTITUTIONAL QUALITY

A $1.2bn daily average in European names represents sustained institutional conviction, not tactical positioning.

Q3 NEWS REVIEW

Q3 NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM OTC TRADED EUROPEAN AND UK STOCKS

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

STRATEGIC CONTRACTS & MARKET EXPANSION

Telenor ASA (OSE: TEL | OTCQX: TELNF, TELNY)

Aug 25 – Finnish subsidiary KNL secured €15m in defence contracts under a 10-year framework with Finland and Sweden, supplying encrypted HF radios for secure communications.

Team Internet Group PLC (LSE: TIG | OTCQX: TIGXF)

Jun 25 – Team Internet and CCI awarded 10-year mandate by Colombia's Ministry of Information and Communications Technology to operate the .co domain, reinforcing its leadership in global domain infrastructure.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Deutsche Telekom AG (XETR: DTE | OTCQX: DTEGF, DTEGY)

Aug 25 – H125: 3.7% organic service revenue growth, 5.2% adjusted EBITDA AL growth, 17.8% free cash flow growth; raised full-year guidance, expanding AI and fibre initiatives.

Swisscom AG (SIX: SCMN | OTCID: SCMWY, SWZCF)

Aug 25 – H125: 36.7% revenue boost to CHF7.45bn following Vodafone Italia acquisition, stable Swiss operations, integrated cybersecurity and reaffirmed full-year guidance.

Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA (ATH: HTO | OTCID: HLTOF, HLTOY)

Aug 25 – Q225: 1.1% revenue increase in Greece to €855.1m, 2% EBITDA growth, 45% FTTH subscriber growth, approval for Telekom Romania Mobile disposal.

Publicis Groupe SA (PAR: PUB | OTCQX: PGPEF, PUBGY)

Oct 25 – Q325: 5.7% organic growth driven by surging demand for AI-led services; upgraded full-year guidance to 5.5%.

CONSUMER

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Adidas AG (XETR: ADS | OTCQX: ADDDF, ADDYY)

Jul 25 – Q225: 12% brand sales growth, operating profit up 58% to €546m, net income up 77% to €375m despite FX headwinds and U.S. tariff uncertainties.

Nestle SA (SIX: NESN | OTCID: NSRGF, NSRGY)

Oct 25 – Nine-month sales of CHF65.9bn with 3.3% organic growth; plans 16,000 job cuts to achieve CHF3bn cost savings by 2027.

Imperial Brands PLC (LSE: IMB | OTCQX: IMBBF, IMBBY)

Oct 25 – On track for FY25 guidance with tobacco and next generation products growth; expects market share gains in the US, Germany and Australia; announced £1.45bn FY26 buyback.

Marks & Spencer Group PLC (LSE: MKS | OTCQX: MAKSY, MAKSF)

May 25 – Strongest profit in 15 years with adjusted PBT up 22.2% to £875.5m; food sales up 8.7% and fashion/home/beauty up 3.5%.

TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION

Kingfisher PLC (LSE: KGF | OTCQX: KGFHF, KGFHY)

Oct 25 – Launched Core IQ data platform with Converteo to enhance vendor performance and retail media strategy in France, with planned UK expansion.

Danone SA (PAR: BN | OTCQX: GPDNF, DANOY)

Aug 25 – Announced leaner leadership structure across EMEA, APAC and Americas to accelerate Renew transformation strategy.

Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC (LSE: RKT | OTCQX: RBGPF, RBGLY)

Sep 25 – Launched Catalyst social impact programme with Serena Williams to support health/hygiene entrepreneurs, targeting 200 ventures across 13 countries by 2030.

J Sainsbury PLC (LSE: SBRY | OTCQX: JSNSF, JSAIY)

Aug 25 – Sainsbury's is accelerating its Next Level strategy through leadership changes that unify retail, technology and sustainability, while driving innovation via AI, data integration and Argos transformation.

ENERGY

FINANCIAL RESULTS & CAPITAL ALLOCATION

Repsol SA (BME: REP | OTCQX: REPYF, REPYY)

Oct 25 – Repsol has launched a pioneering AI-driven multi-agent platform in collaboration with Accenture, reinforcing its leadership in digital transformation and generative AI within the energy sector, while delivering measurable productivity gains and positioning itself for long-term competitiveness and innovation.

OMV AG (VIE: OMV | OTCQX: OMVJF, OMVKY)

Oct 25 – Updated its Strategy 2030 to enhance financial resilience and shareholder returns by optimising capital allocation, accelerating growth in chemicals through Borough Group International, expanding gas and renewable energy projects, and implementing a new dividend policy that reflects strong cash flow and sustainable investment priorities.

Yellow Cake PLC (LSE: YCA | OTCQX: YLLXF)

Sep 25 – Announced $125m placing to purchase 1.33m pounds of uranium from Kazatomprom at discount, strengthening holdings amid rising nuclear demand.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Aker BP ASA (OSL: AKRBP | OTCQX: AKRBF, AKRBY)

Aug 25 – Made one of Norway's largest oil discoveries in a decade through its Omega Alfa exploration campaign in the Yggdrasil area, uncovering an estimated 96–134 million barrels of recoverable oil.

TGS ASA (OSL: TGS | OTCQX: TGSGY, TGSNF)

Oct 25 – Secured 4D ocean bottom node acquisition contract in Gulf of America starting in Q425, reinforcing its reputation for high-quality energy data delivery.

Pantheon Resources PLC (LSE: PANR | OTCQX: PTHRF)

Oct 25 – Pantheon Resources successfully completed a 25-stage hydraulic fracture stimulation on the Dubhe-1 well in Alaska's North Slope, with operations proceeding safely and efficiently, paving the way for upcoming clean-up and production testing.

SBO AG (VIE: SBO | OTCID: SBOEF, SBOEY)

Aug 25 – In H125, SBO AG faced a challenging market with declining sales in its Precision Technology division but offset this with strong growth in Energy Equipment, strategic expansion in Saudi Arabia and Vietnam, and a key acquisition in 3D metal printing to support long-term diversification and innovation.

FINANCIALS

STRATEGIC GROWTH & MARKET POSITIONING

AXA SA (PAR: CS | OTCQX: AXAHF, AXAHY)

Aug 25 – Agreed to acquire a 51% stake in Prima, Italy's leading direct insurance provider, for €0.5bn to nearly double its Motor business in Italy and strengthen direct distribution capabilities across Europe.

Akbank TAS (IST: AKBNK | OTCQX: AKBTY)

Jul 25 – In H125, Akbank provided TL1.98tn in loans – TL1.56tn in cash – while maintaining a strong capital adequacy ratio of 19.4%, achieving a net profit of TL24.85bn and continuing to support financial stability amid global and local market volatility.

Intesa Sanpaolo SpA (MIL: ISP | OTCID: IITSF ISNPY)

Sep 25 – Fitch upgraded its long-term senior preferred rating to 'A-' from 'BBB' and Viability Rating to 'a-' from 'bbb', citing a strong position relative to domestic peers and Italy's sovereign rating upgrade.

TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION

Société Générale SA (PAR: GLE | OTCID: SCGLF, SCGLY)

Jul 25 – H125 net income up 71% to €3.1bn; upgraded 2025 targets, announced €1bn buyback and €0.61 interim dividend.

Zurich Insurance Group AG (SIX: ZURN | OTCQX: ZFSVF, ZURVY)

Aug 25 – Record H125 with 6% rise in operating profit to $4.2bn, strong underwriting across all segments and improved combined ratios.

London Stock Exchange Group PLC (LSE: LSEG | OTCQX: LDNXF, LNSTY)

Jul 25 – H125: 7.8% organic income growth, 20.1% rise in adjusted EPS and planned £1bn buyback supported by AI integration.

Piraeus Financial Holdings SA (ATH: TPEIR | OTCQX: BPIRF, BPIRY)

Jul 25 – H125 profit of €559m driven by loan growth and improved asset quality; announced €100m buyback and upgraded full-year targets.

HEALTHCARE

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Roche Holding AG (SIX: RO | OTCQX: RHHBF, RHHBY)

Jul 25 – Q225: Pharma sales grew 6% to CHF23.2bn driven by medicines for severe diseases; raised FY25 guidance to mid-single-digit growth.

Bayer AG (XTRA: BAYN | OTCQX: BAYRY, BAYZF)

Aug 25 – Reported stable Q225 sales and raised full-year guidance; strong Crop Science and Pharmaceuticals performance offset Consumer Health declines despite litigation costs.

Shield Therapeutics PLC (LSE: STX | OTCQX: SHIEF)

Sep 25 – H125: Revenue increased 1.8x to $21.4m driven by strong US ACCRUFeR sales, rising prescription volumes and expanding global partnerships.

Swedencare AB (STO: SECARE | OTCQX: SWDCF)

Jul 25 – Q225: 3% revenue growth and a 13% EBITDA decline due to delayed retail orders and integration costs, but expects a strong second half with double-digit organic growth, margin improvement, and expanded retail presence.

INNOVATION & PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT

Sandoz Group AG (SIX: SDZ | OTCQX: SDZNY, SDZXF) -

Sep 25 – Sandoz announced the US launch of its generic Iron Sucrose Injection following recent FDA approval.

Relief Therapeutics Holdings SA (SIX: RLF | OTCQB: RLFTF, RLFTY)

Oct 25 – Merging with NeuroX to form MindMaze Therapeutics Holding SA, a publicly listed, AI-driven neurotherapeutics company with a scalable precision medicine platform for neurological diseases.

Kneat.com Inc (TSX: KSI | OTCQX: KSIOF)

Sep 25 – Secured a Master Services Agreement with a global manufacturer to deploy Gx platform across enterprise applications at 18 manufacturing sites, signalling strong growth potential.

ONWARD Medical NV (EBR: ONWD | OTCQX: ONWRF, ONWRY)

Sep 25 – Transformative H125 with ARCEX System commercial success, strong clinical progress, €40.9m cash position funding operations into H126.

INDUSTRIALS

FINANCIAL RESULTS & OPERATIONAL GROWTH

Air France KLM SA (PAR: AR | OTCID: AFLYY, AFRAF)

Aug 25 – Raised €500m in senior unsecured notes at a 3.75% fixed rate with five-year maturity to take advantage of attractive market conditions and extend the average maturity of its debt.

Deutsche Lufthansa AG (XTRA: LHA | OTCQX: DLAKF, DLAKY)

Jul 25 – Q225 adjusted EBIT up 27% to €871m on €10.3bn revenue. Net profit doubled to €1.01bn despite yield pressures.

Deutsche Post AG (XTRA: DHL | OTCID: DHLGY, DPSTF)

Oct 25 – Committed over €300m investment to expand African logistics, targeting high-growth trade corridors across the continent.

STRATEGIC EXPANSION & INNOVATION

AAC Clyde Space AB (STO: AAC | OTCQX: ACCMF)

Oct 25 – Won $500,000 order for Starbuck Mini power systems from a US customer, with deliveries scheduled through Q226. Successfully deployed first Sedna-1 satellite to full operational status; data and services revenue grew 86% y-o-y in Q225.

Exail Technologies SA (PAR: EXA | OTCQX: EXALF)

Oct 25 – Secured strategic US defence contract for 100 navigation systems for naval UUVs in July; delivered first DriX H-8 drone to Orlen Petrobaltic.

Norsk Titanium AS (OSL: NTI | OTCQX: NORSF)

Jul 25 – Secured new contracts with the US Department of Energy and progressed discussion with Airbus for expanded production.

Experian PLC (LSE: EXPN | OTCQX: EXPGF, EXPGY)

Oct 25 – Launched new US mortgage market credit scoring solutions in October 2025, leveraging machine learning to drive improved risk assessment capabilities.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION

Bango PLC (LSE: BGO | OTCQX: BGOPF)

Sep 25 – Partnered with MTN South Africa to deploy Digital Vending Machine for subscription bundling, enabling over 39 million customers to easily access and pay for digital services, helping MTN reduce churn and boost customer loyalty.

Infineon Technologies AG (XETR: IFX | OTCQX IFNNF, IFNNY)

Oct 25 – Signed long-term power purchase agreements with PNE AG and Statkraft to source 770GWh of green electricity from German wind farms and Spanish solar parks, supporting 100% renewable energy goal and CO_2-neutrality for Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030.

Pinewood Technologies Group PLC (LSE: PINE | OTCQX: PINWF)

Sep 15 – Joined UK250 Index, marking a major milestone following its transformation into a standalone software business, driven by contract wins, AI innovation and preparations for North American expansion.

ASM International NV (AMS: ASM | OTCID: ASMXF)

Jul 25 – Reported Q225 revenue of €836m, up 23% y-o-y at constant currencies, driven by strong foundry and China sales; adjusted operating margin reached 31.5% and net earnings rose to €202m, despite a 10% sequential drop in new orders.

Spectris PLC (LSE: SXS | OTCID: SEPJF, SEPJY)

Aug 25 – Delivered 8% sales growth in H125, supported by Q2 momentum and cost savings from its Profit Improvement Programme; the board recommended a £41.75 per share cash offer from KKR, expected to complete by Q126.

Concurrent Technologies PLC (LSE: CNC | OTCQX: COTGF)

Sep 25 – Launched Narvi, a rugged XMC GPGPU card powered by NVIDIA Blackwell architecture for defence and aerospace applications, delivering advanced AI acceleration, real-time video capture and enhanced edge computing performance in compact, low-SWaP environments.

Netcompany Group A/S (CSE: NETC | OTCQX: NETGY, NTCYF)

Oct 25 – Launched VERÁ, a new AI-powered IT platform designed to enhance European defence and resilience by providing real-time situational awareness and decision support across civil and military domains, leveraging expertise in digital twin technologies.

MATERIALS

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Stora Enso Oyj (HEL: STERV | OTCQX: SEOAY, SEOFF, SEOJF)

Jul 25 – Q225 sales up 5% y-o-y; cautious outlook due to macroeconomic uncertainty, Oulu site ramp-up costs and subdued demand across key segments.

K+S AG (XETR: SDF | OTCQX: KPLUF, KPLUY)

Aug 25 – Confirmed 2025 forecast despite lower Q2 earnings, highlighting strong agricultural pricing and strategic cost adjustments; addressed €2bn non-cash impairment from revised long-term assumptions.

Endeavour Mining PLC (LSE: EDV | OTCQX: EDVMF)

Jul 25 – Strong H125 with 647koz gold production, $514m free cash flow, $150m dividend and $69m in share buybacks, while advancing Assafou project and maintaining low debt ratio.

DSM-Firmenich AG (AMS: DSFIR | OTCQX: DSFIY, DSMFF)

Jul 25 – H125: 7% organic sales growth, 29% rise in adjusted EBITDA, €1.5bn divestment, €1bn share buyback, reaffirming full-year EBITDA outlook of €2.4bn.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS & INNOVATION

BASF SE (XETR: BAS | OTCQX: BASFY, BFFAY)

Oct 25 – Agreed €7.7bn transaction with Carlyle and Qatar Investment Authority to carve out automotive coatings and surface treatment businesses, retaining 40% equity stake.

AkzoNobel NV (AMS: AKZA | OTCQX: AKZOF, AKZOY)

Oct 25 – Became exclusive supplier of Calosol solar-absorbing wall technology, using special coating to capture invisible sunlight and reduce building energy use by up to 30%.

Anglo American PLC (LSE: AAL | OTCQX: AAUKF, NGLOY)

Sep 25 – Finalised joint mine plan with Codelco for Chilean copper operations, unlocking $5bn value and enabling 2.7m tonnes additional production over 21 years.

Yara International ASA (OSL: YAR | OTCID: YARIY, YRAIF)

Sep 25 – Signed long-term shipping contract with Navigator Amon for two dual-fuel, ice-class vessels, enhancing global low-emission ammonia supply chain with improved cost-efficiency and compliance.

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