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BofA June Global Fund Manager Survey

The Bottom Line: investor sentiment recovers to pre-Liberation Day “Goldilocks bull” levels as trade war & recession fears abate; cash level drops to 4.2% (was 4.8% in April) but not worrying low; BofA Bull & Bear Indicator up to 5.4; most extreme view…investor UW in US$ largest in 20 years (Chart 1)…biggest summer pain trade is long the buck.

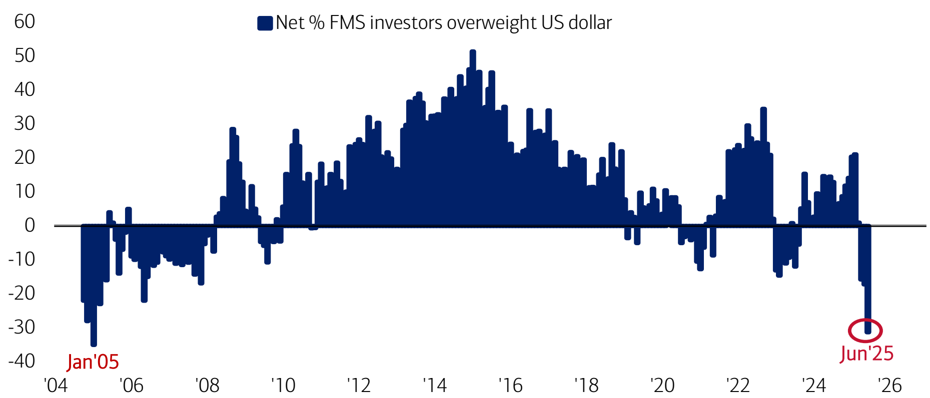
On Macro & Micro: global growth expectations improve but still weak (net -46%); big reversal in recession odds (net 42% “likely” in April to 36% “unlikely” in June); 66% expect soft landing (8-month high - 16% = no landing, 13% = hard landing); One Big Beautiful Bill to increase US growth say 33% vs 81% to increase US deficit; investors say corporate balance sheets in best health since Dec’15, and most since Jul’13 want companies to return cash to shareholders.

On Returns, Risks, Crowds: best performing asset next 5 years…54% say international stocks, 23% US stocks, 13% gold, 5% bonds; expectation of higher bond yields most since Aug'22; most crowded trades…long gold (41%), long Magnificent 7 (23%), short US$ (20%); #1 tail risk still trade war recession, but down from 80% in April to 47%.

On AA: stocks up, bonds down, commodities highest since May'24; stock rotation to EM (most OW since Aug'23), energy, banks, industrials, out of staples, utilities, healthcare.

Contrarian Trades: 3 most contrarian trades based on FMS sentiment are long US dollar, short gold; long US, short EU stocks; long consumer, short banks.

Chart 1: FMS most underweight the US dollar in 20 years
Net % FMS say they are overweight the US dollar



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Notes to Readers

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Survey period 6th to 12th June 2025

222 panellists with $587bn AUM participated in the June survey. 190 participants with $523bn AUM responded to the Global FMS questions and 110 participants with $229bn AUM responded to the Regional FMS questions.

How to join the FMS panel

Investors/clients are encouraged to sign up to participate in the Survey. This can be done by contacting Michael Hartnett or your BofA sales representative.

Participants in the survey will continue to receive the full set of monthly results but only for the relevant month in which they participate.

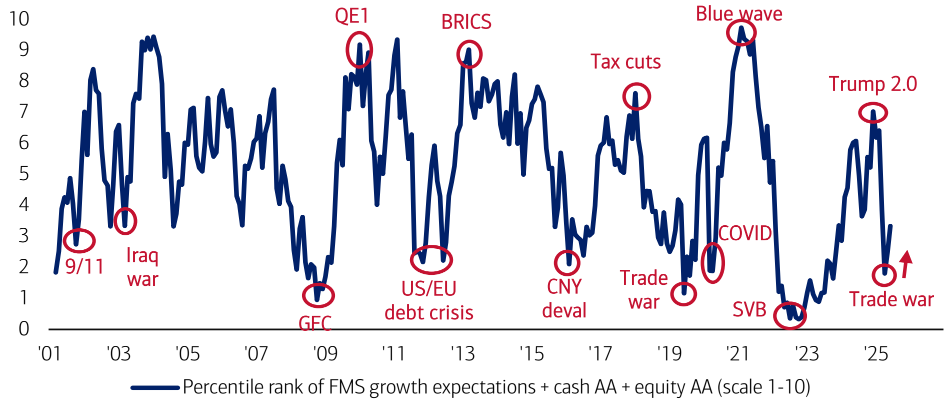
OW: overweight; UW: underweight

AA: asset allocation

Charts of the Month

Chart 2: BofA Global FMS investor sentiment improves to 3-month high

Percentile rank of FMS growth expectations, cash level, and equity allocation



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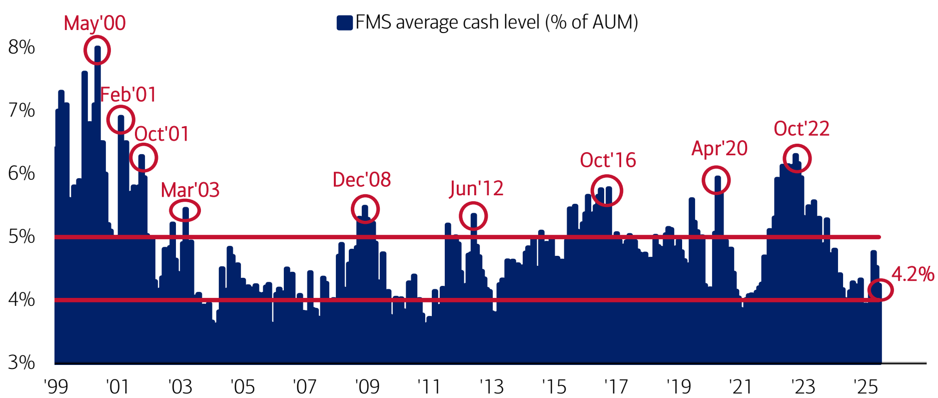
The June Global FMS took place between June 6th and 12th, after the latest US-China trade developments but before the surge in geopolitical risk in the Middle East.

Our broadest measure of FMS sentiment, based on cash levels, equity allocation, global growth expectations improved to 3.3 from a low of 2.5 in May, the biggest gain of 2025.

June Global FMS data causes BofA Bull & Bear Indicator to rise to 5.4 (3-month high).

Chart 3: FMS cash drops to 3-month low

BofA Global FMS average cash level (%)



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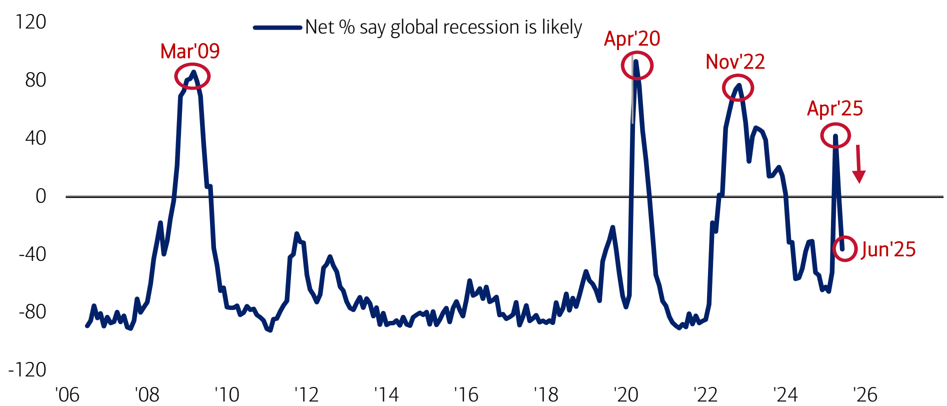
BofA FMS average cash level declined to 4.2% in June from 4.5% in April.

BofA FMS average cash level is down 0.5ppt in the past 2 months, the largest 2-month decline since Dec'23.

Chart 4: Huge reversal in FMS recession expectations in past 2 months

Net % say global recession is likely



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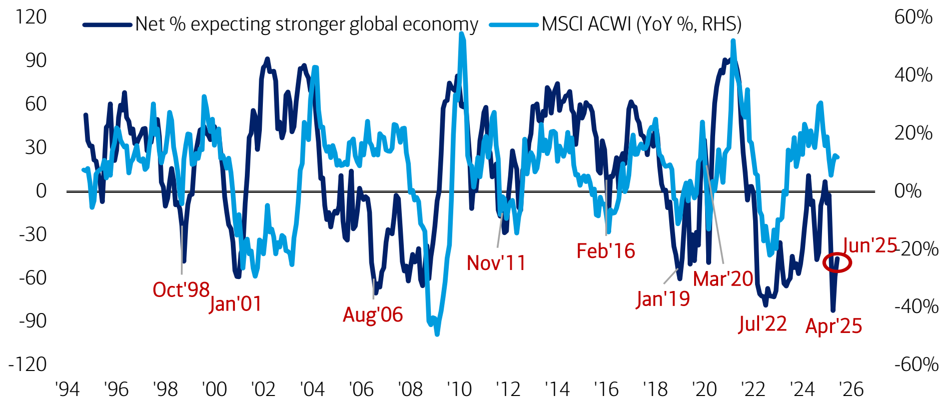
FMS recession expectations have collapsed in the past 2 months, falling from net 42% of FMS participants saying a global recession was likely in the following 12 months in April, to net 36% now saying it is "unlikely".

Chart 5: Global growth expectations recover narrowing gap with global stock valuations
Net % expecting stronger global economy and MSCI ACWI (YoY %)



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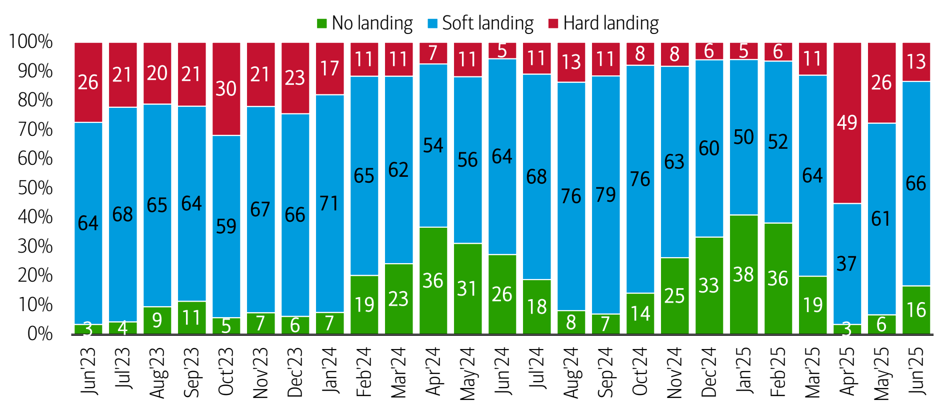
Expectations for the global economy improved to net 46% expecting a weaker economy (vs record net 82% expecting a weaker economy in April…biggest 2-month improvement since the 2024 US election).

Chart 6: 61% say "soft landing," 26% "hard landing," 6% "no landing"
What is the most likely outcome for the global economy in the next 12 months?



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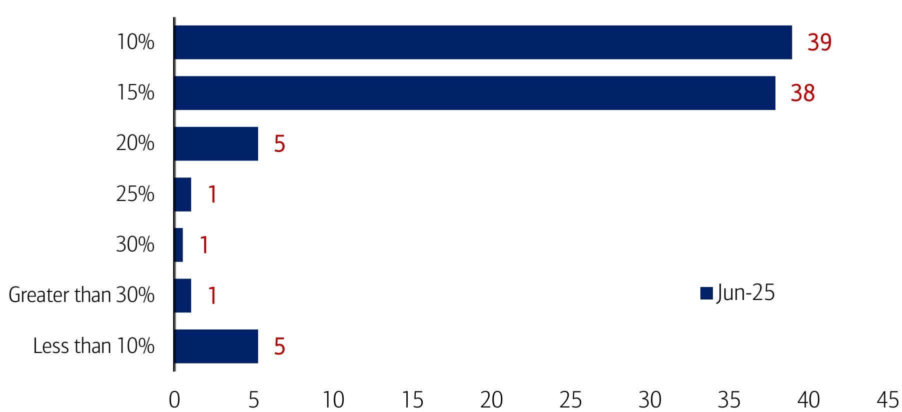
FMS conviction that a global economic "soft landing" is the most likely outcome for the global macro rose this month rose to the highest level since Oct'24 (66%, up from 37% in April).

"Hard landing" expectations have retreated to 13% (from 49% in April).

"No landing" expectations are rising (16%, up from 3% in April).

Chart 7: The average US tariff rate expected at 13%
What do you think will be the final tariff rate that the US imposes on the Rest of World?



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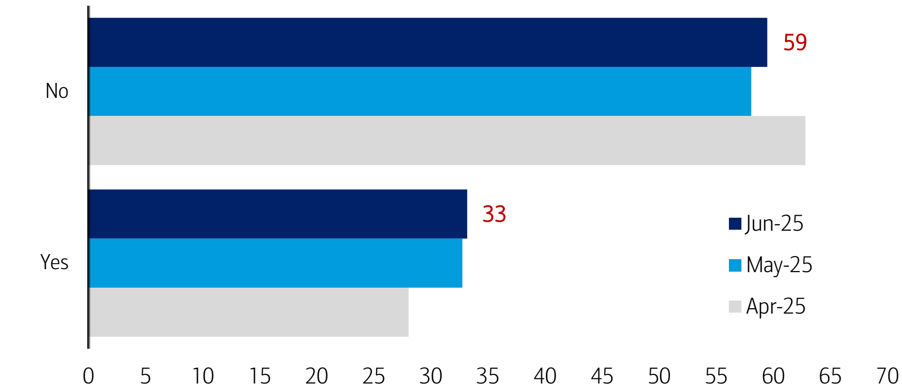
Asked on their expectation for the final tariff rate the US would impose on all imports from trading partners, 77% anticipated a duty rate of lower than 82%, and only 1% expect it above 30%.

Altogether, the weighted average US tariff rate is expected at 13%.

Chart 8: Big Beautiful Bill to have little impact on economic growth…
Do you believe US tax cuts will boost US growth in 2H-25?



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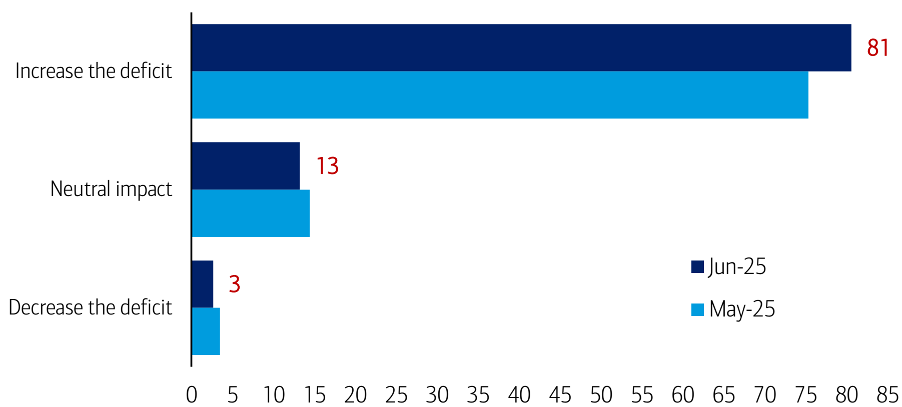
Focusing now on US fiscal/tax policy with the "Big Beautiful Bill" ("BBB") currently discussed by lawmakers…

Asked about the impact of the "BBB" in H2'25 on GDP growth…59% of FMS investors expect no boost to economic activity in the next 6 months.

Conversely, 1/3 of FMS participants view the Bill Beautiful Bill as a boon to GDP growth in H2'25.

Chart 9: …but will very likely increase the US government budget deficit
Do you believe that US tax cuts in H2'25 will…



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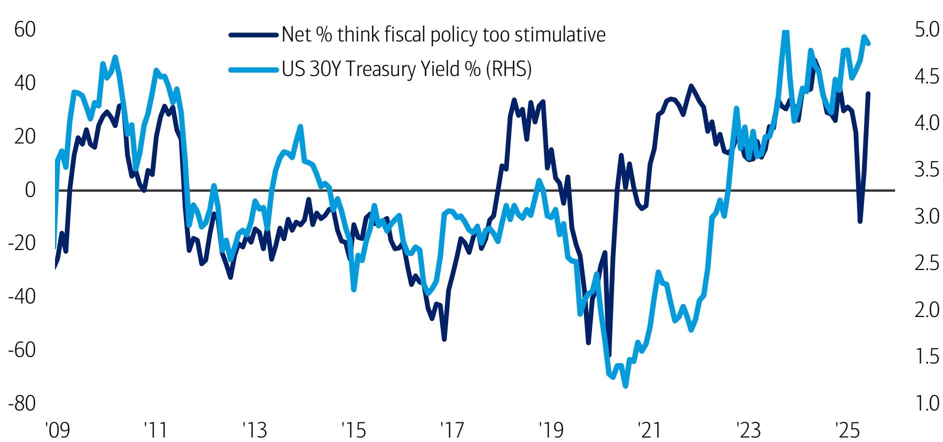
And when asked about the impact of the "BBB" in H2'25 on the US government budget balance…81% of FMS investors see the deficit – already near 7% of US GDP – rising, up from 75% last month (likely consequence of the Senate provisions).

Note 14% see the "BBB" paying for itself.

Chart 10: Fiscal policy stance keeping 'floor' on long-dated yields
Net % thing global fiscal policy 'too stimulative' vs US Treasury 30-year yield



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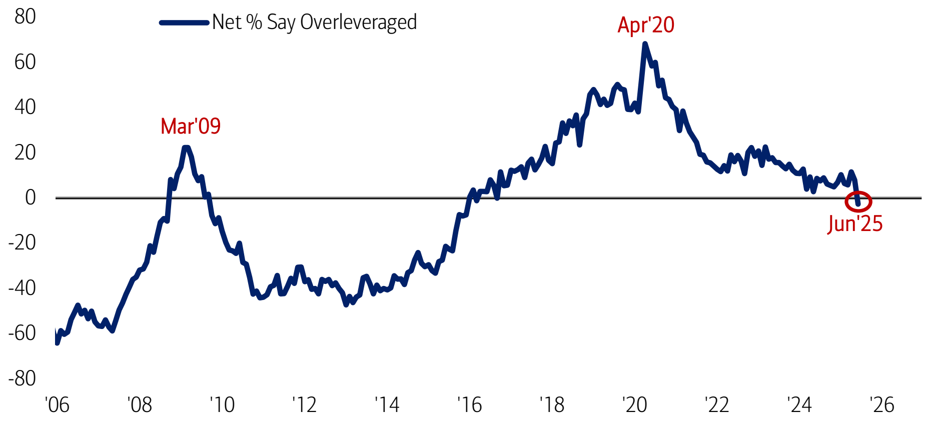
The past 3 months have been dominated by the prospects of further fiscal support in the US and Europe (i.e. Germany), lifting long-dated government bond yields across advanced economies.

FMS investors' perception of easy global fiscal policy hit a 7-month high (net 36% say that global fiscal policy is "too stimulative").

Note FMS perception of fiscal policy stance turned restrictive in April for the 1st time since Dec'20.

Chart 11: FMS investors view corporate balance sheets in best health since March 2016
Net % say companies are 'overleveraged'



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FMS investors say corporations are in their best financial health since Dec'15, with a net 3% saying companies are "underleveraged."

Note that FMS investors viewed company balance sheets as "overleveraged" continuously between Apr'16 and May'25.

Chart 12: FMS desire for companies to return cash to shareholders at 12-year high
Net % want companies to return cash to shareholders

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Asked about which corporate strategy CFOs should prioritize in the next 12 months, 32% of FMS investors expressed desire for cash to be returned to shareholders (via buybacks, dividend payments, cash- or debt-financed M&A), the highest percent since Jul'13.

Note that 29% of FMS participants would like CFOs to first improve balance sheets, while 27% would rather have management increase capital expenditures.

Chart 13: FMS long-term rate expectations at near 3-year high
Net % FMS expecting higher bond yields

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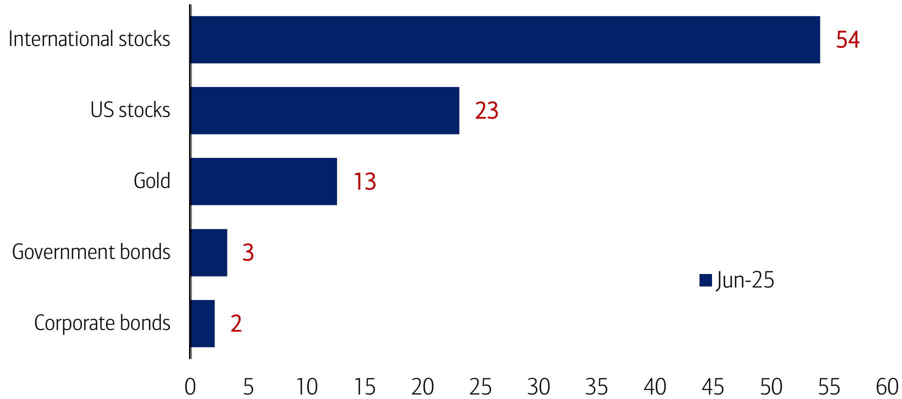
On rates outlook, net 21% of FMS investors expect higher bond yields (i.e. long-term interest rates) in the next 12 months, highest % since Aug'22.

Chart 14: Best performing asset next 5 years? FMS investors say "international stocks"
What do you think the best performing asset in the next 5 years will be?



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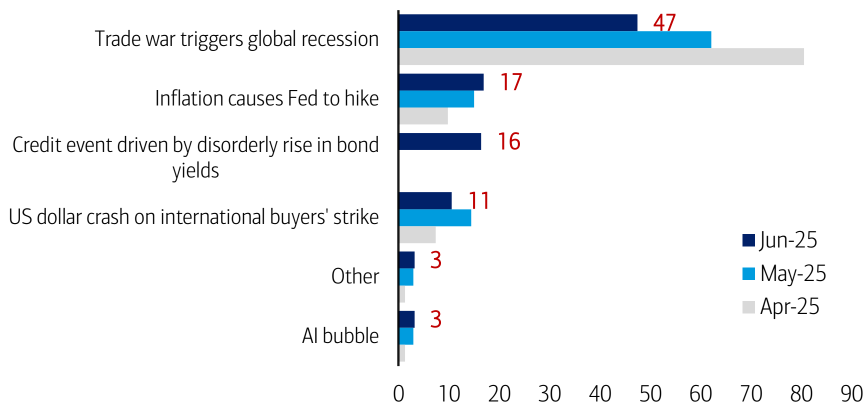
On FMS long-term return expectations across asset classes, a net majority expect international stocks to be the best performing asset over the next 5 years.

Less than ¼ think US assets will continue to dominate ranked returns, and just 5% anticipate bonds to perform best.

Chart 15: Trade war triggering global recession still seen as biggest 'tail risk'
What do you consider the biggest 'tail risk'?



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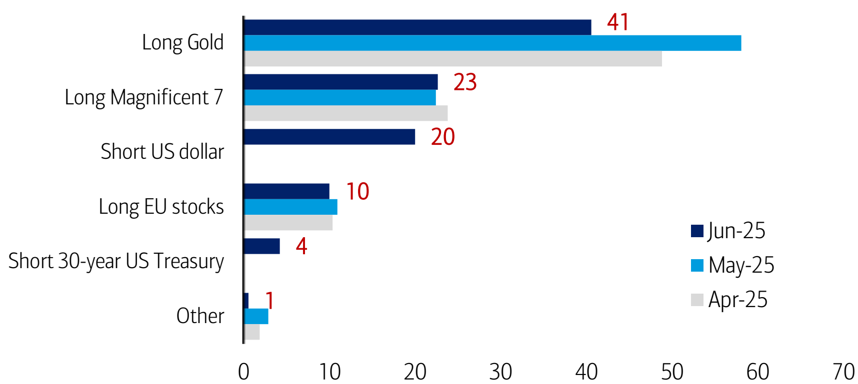
Trade war triggering a recession remains the biggest 'tail risk' according to 47% of FMS investors (vs 80% in April).

Fed rate hikes continue to be seen as the 2nd biggest 'tail risk' (17%), while 16% say the biggest tail risk is a credit event caused by rising bond yields.

Chart 16: "Long gold" remains the most crowded trade for the 3rd month in a row
What do you think is currently the most crowded trade?



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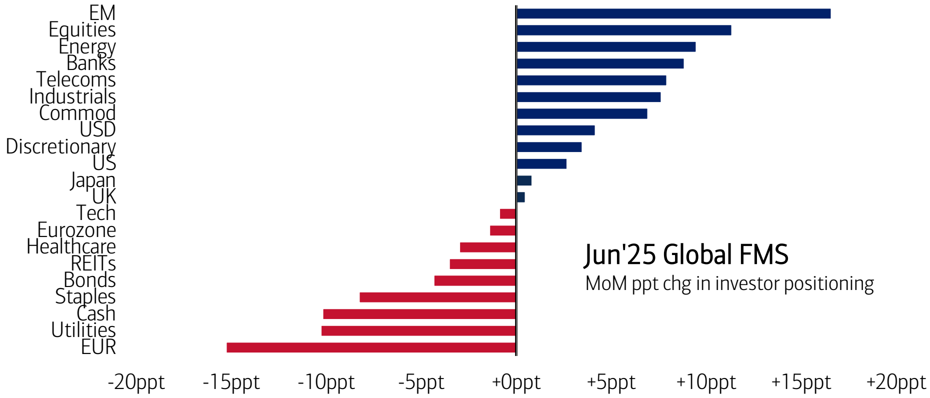
"Long gold" is the most crowded trade for the third month running (per 41% of investors), confirming that the 24-month streak for "long Magnificent 7" (now 23%) as most crowded trade has come to an end.

Chart 17: June rotation to EM, stocks, energy & out of cash, defensives, EUR
Monthly change in FMS investor positioning



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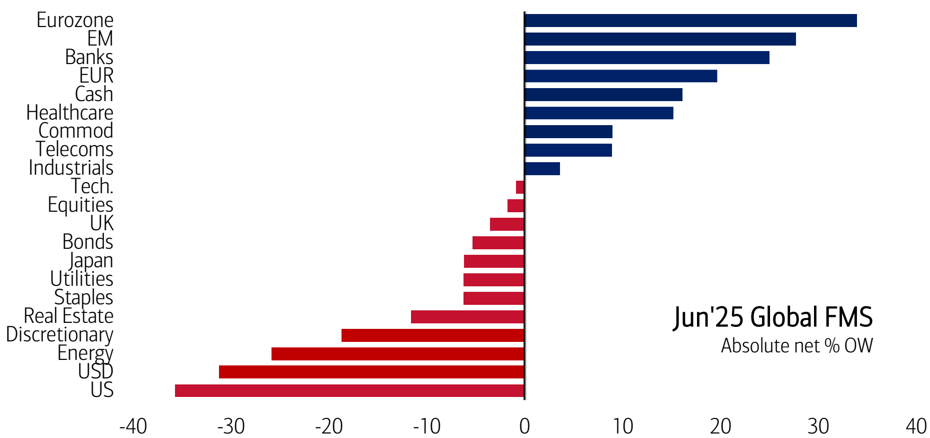
This chart shows June's monthly changes in FMS investor allocation.

Investors increased allocation to EM & global equities, energy and bank stocks…

… and reduced allocation to the Euro, utility stocks, and cash.

Chart 18: FMS net OW Eurozone, EM, banks & UW US equities, US dollar, energy
FMS absolute positioning (net % overweight)



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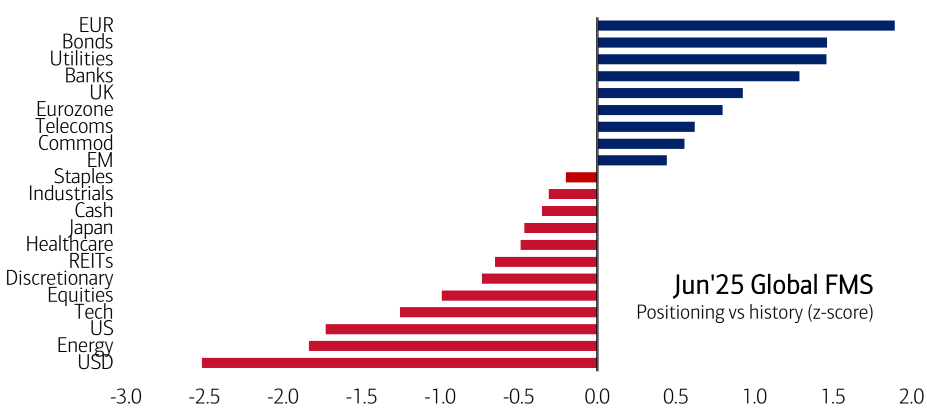
This chart shows absolute FMS investor positioning (net % overweight).

In June, investors are most overweight Eurozone, EM, and banks vs most underweight US stocks, the US dollar, and energy.

Chart 19: Relative to history FMS OW the Euro, bonds, utilities vs UW US$, energy, US stocks
FMS positioning vs history (z-score)



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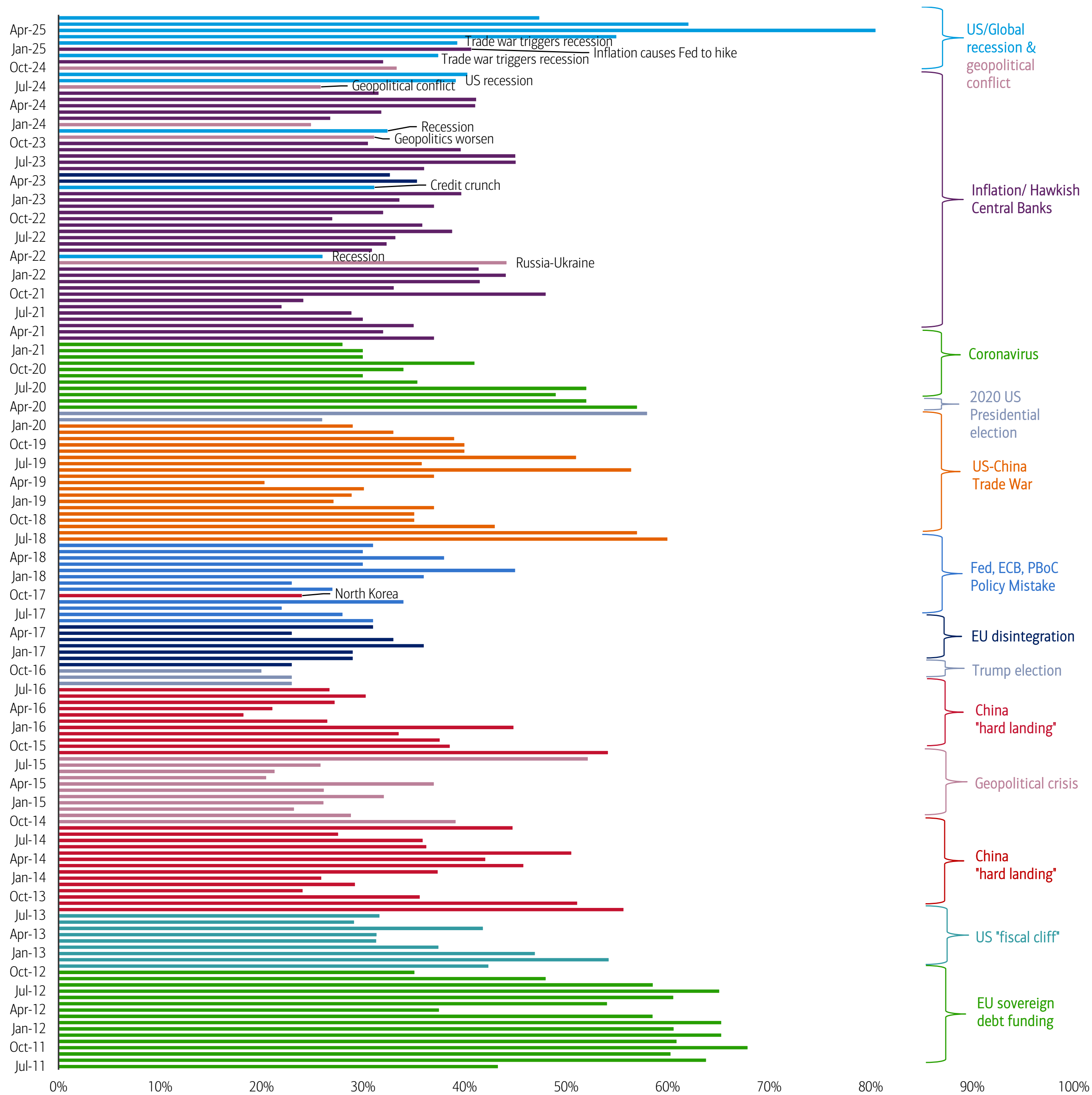
This chart shows FMS investor positioning relative to the average long-term positioning (past ~20 years).

Relative to history, investors are overweight the Euro, bonds, & utilities…

…and are underweight the US dollar, energy, & US stocks.

Chart 20: Evolution of Global FMS "biggest tail risk"
History of Global FMS "biggest tail risk" answers



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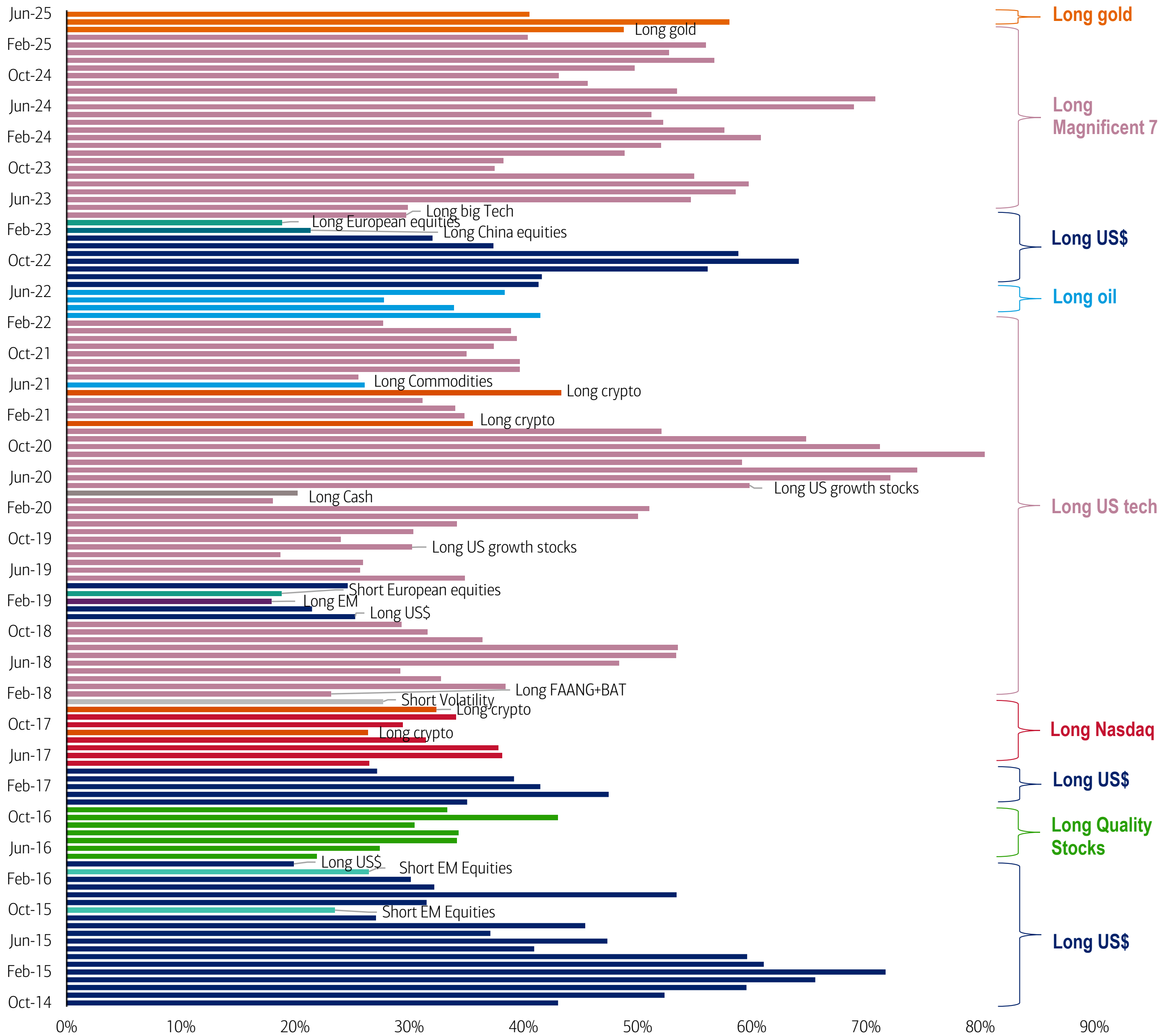
- This chart shows the full history of the biggest "tail risk" for markets from BofA's monthly Global Fund Manager Survey.
- The dominant concerns of investors since 2011 have been Eurozone debt, Chinese growth, populism, quantitative tightening & trade wars, global coronavirus, inflation, & central bank rate hikes; now geopolitics, trade war 2.0 and recession.
- The top "tail risk" is "trade war triggers global recession" at 47%.

Chart 21: Evolution of Global FMS "most crowded trade"
History of Global FMS "most crowded trade" answers



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- This chart shows the full history of the most "crowded trade" according to BofA's monthly Global Fund Manager Survey.
- The market leadership has been relatively narrow since 2013, shifting from high yielding debt; long US$; long Quality; long Tech; long Emerging Markets; long US Treasuries, long US tech & growth stocks, long Bitcoin, lo ng commodities, long tech, long commodities, long US dollar, long Magnificent Seven, and long gold.
- Long Gold is considered the most crowded trade (per 41% of investors) followed by #2 long Magnificent 7 (23%), and #3 short US dollar (20%).

BofA Global FMS Rules & Tools

The Global FMS Rules & Tools are designed to help investors determine risk appetite, rotation opportunities, and tactical entry points.

Table 1: BofA Global FMS Cash Rule and Bull & Bear Indicator
Current reading of BofA Global FMS Cash Rule and Bull & Bear Indicator

	Category	Current reading	Current signal
BofA Global FMS Cash Rule	Contrarian	4.2%	Neutral
Buy global equities when cash at or above 5.0%; sell when cash at or below 4.0%			
BofA Bull & Bear Indicator	Contrarian	5.4	Neutral
Buy global equities when the indicator falls below 2.0; sell when it rises above 8.0			

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy

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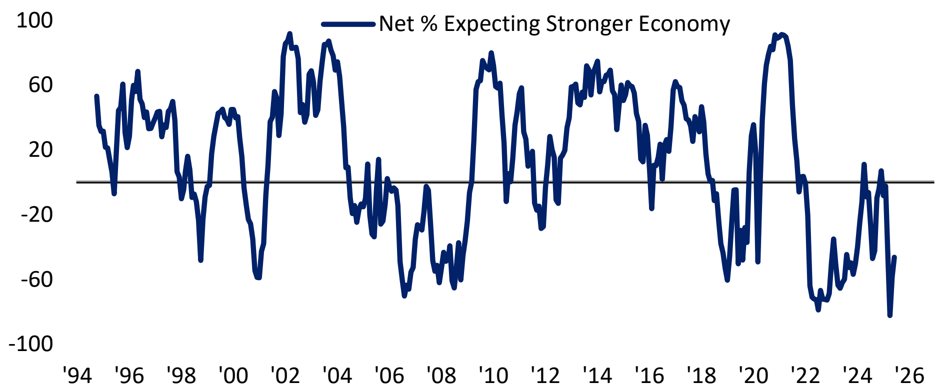
For full details please see: Global Investment Strategy: The BofA Global FMS Rules & Tools, 12 November 2020.

Investors on the Macro

Chart 22: Net % of FMS investors who see a stronger global economy in next 12 months
Net % of FMS investors expecting stronger economy



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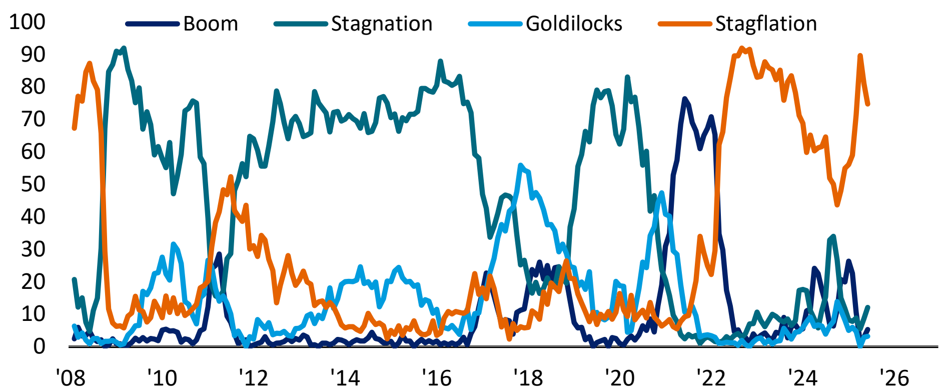
On the macro…

June FMS showed net 46% of investors expecting a weaker economy in the next 12 months (+13ppt MoM improvement from net 59% in May).

Global growth expectations have jumped 36ppt since the April low.

Chart 23: How FMS investors would describe the global economy over the next 12 months
FMS expectations for the global economy over the next 12 months?



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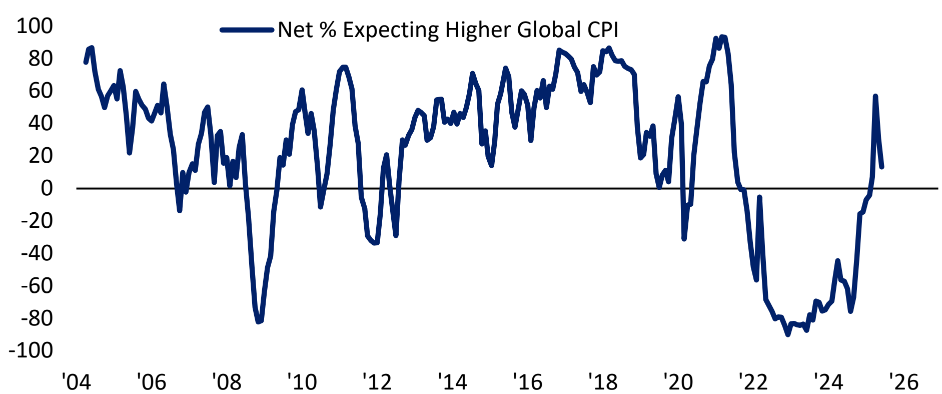
75% of FMS investors say they expect "stagflation" (vs 81% in April),

12% say "stagnation" (below-trend growth & below-trend inflation),

5% say "boom" (above-trend growth & above-trend inflation), and

3% say "goldilocks" (above-trend growth & below-trend inflation).

Chart 24: Net % of FMS investors that think global CPI (in YoY terms) will be higher
Net % of FMS investors expecting higher inflation



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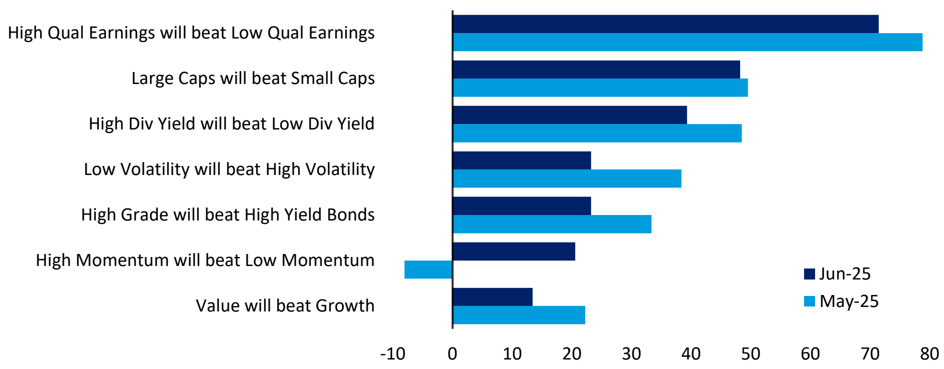
Net 13% expect global CPI to be higher in 12 months' time, down 17ppt MoM.

FMS inflation expectations have dropped 44ppt since April…the biggest 2-month decline since May'22.

Investor Risk Appetite

Chart 25: Expectations for investment performance over the next 12 months
Over the next 12 months, net % FMS investors think...



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Per June FMS ...

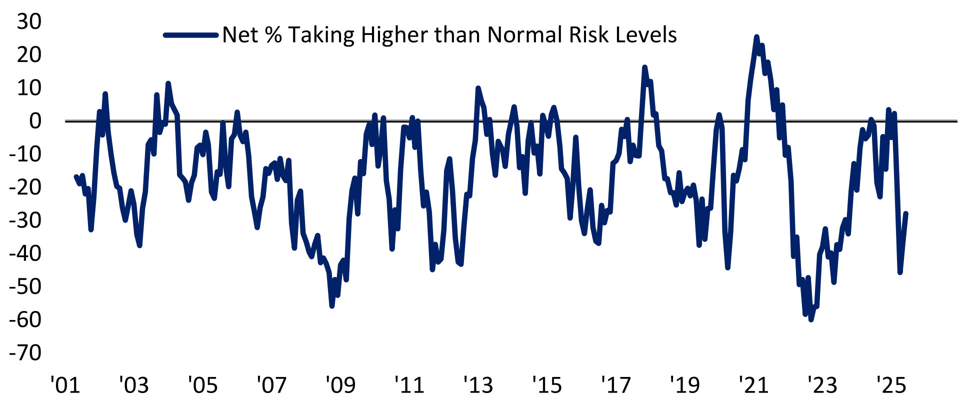
Net 71% say high-quality will outperform low-quality earnings.

Net 48% say large cap will outperform small cap stocks.

Net 23% say investment grade bonds will outperform high yield (4-month low).

Net 21% say high-momentum will outperform (vs net 8% said low-momentum would outperform in May).

Chart 26: FMS investors taking higher than normal risk levels
What level of risk do you think you're currently taking relative to your benchmark?



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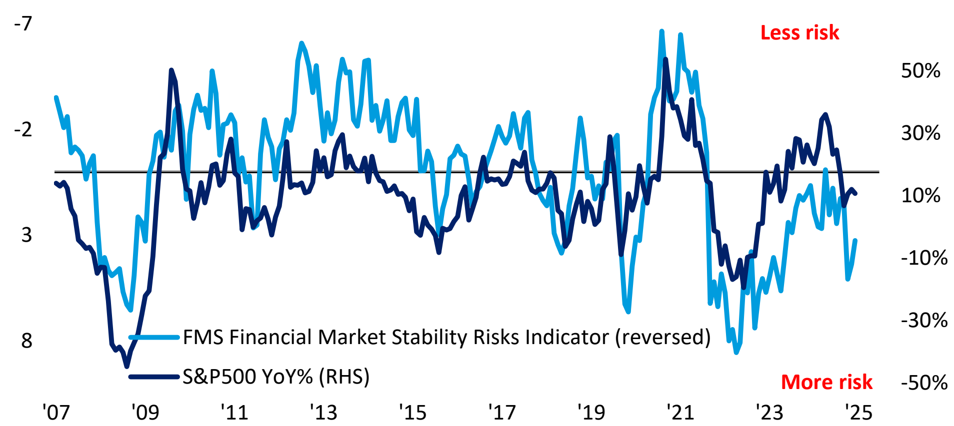
Net 28% of FMS investors are taking lower than normal risk levels.

Risk tolerance has improved 18ppt since April, biggest 2-month improvement since Mar'24.

Chart 27: FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator eases to 3.2
FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator vs S&P 500 YoY %



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FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator falls from 4.4 to 3.2.

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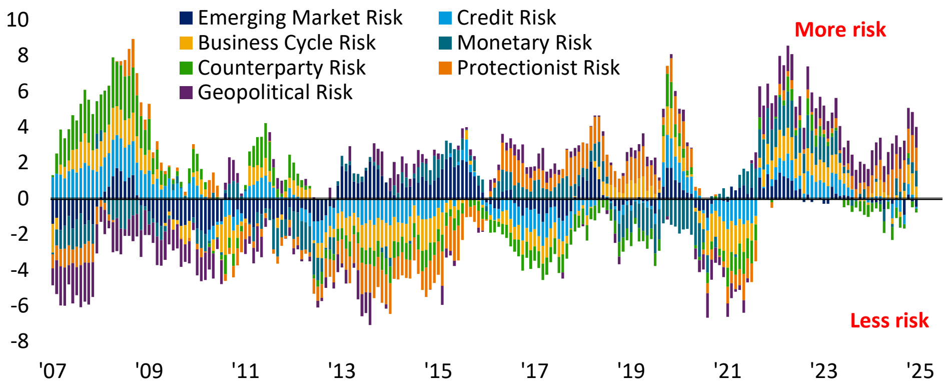
More info and methodology on the FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator can be found in the [Nov'22 Global FMS](#).

Chart 28: FMS rating of potential risks to Financial Market Stability

Components of the FMS Financial Market Stability Risks Indicator



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The chart shows the individual z-scores of each response to how FMS investors rated potential risks to financial market stability since '07.

5 out of 7 underlying risk components declined in June: emerging market, credit, business cycle, protectionist, and geopolitical risks.

Investors on EPS & Leverage

Chart 29: Net % of FMS investors that think global corporate profit growth will improve
Net % of FMS investors saying global profits will improve

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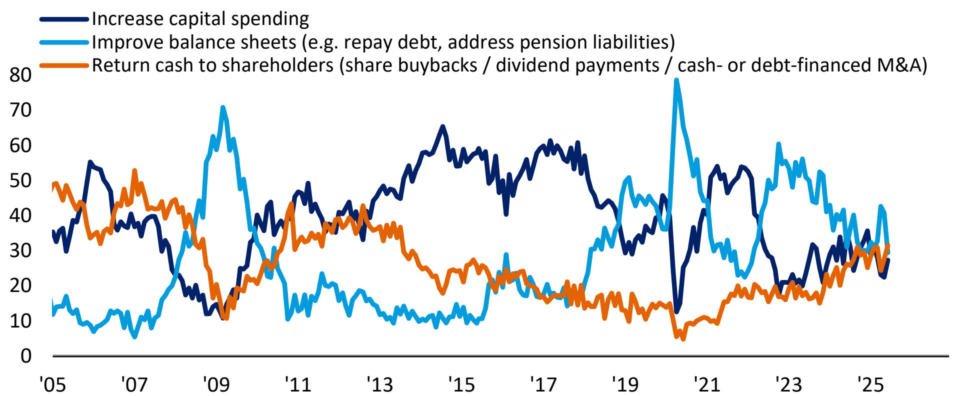
On corporates and profits…

Net 26% of FMS investors expect global profits to deteriorate in the next 12 months.

Profit expectations have jumped 54ppt since April…biggest 2-month improvement since Jun'20.

Chart 30: What would you most like to see companies do with cash flow?
What FMS investors would most like to see companies do with cash flow



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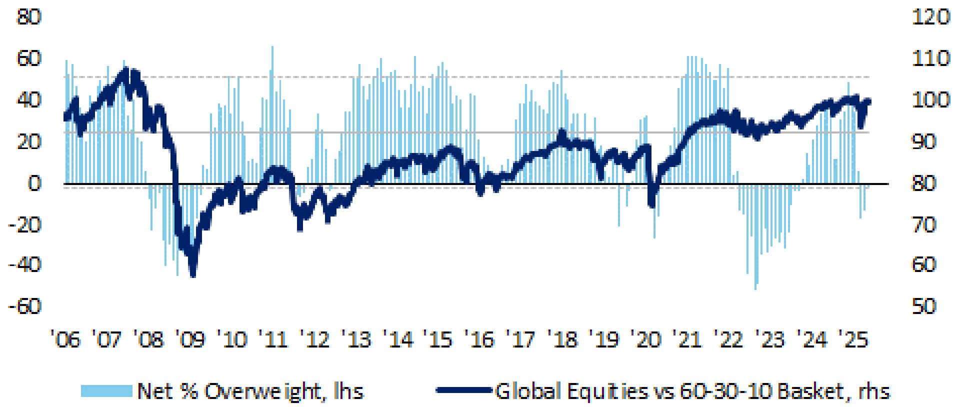
Asked what companies should do with cash flow… 32% said return cash to shareholders (highest since Jul'13), while 29% said improve balance sheets (lowest since Feb'22) and 27% said increase capital spending.

FMS Asset Allocation

Chart 31: Net % AA Say they are overweight Equities
Net% of FMS investors overweight equities



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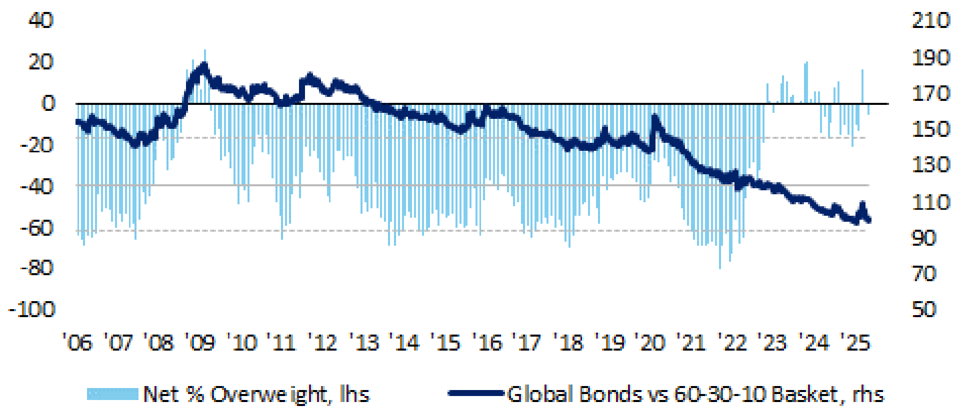
On asset allocation…FMS equity allocation improved to net 2% underweight (from net 13% UW), a 3-month high.

Current allocation is 1.0 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 32: Net % AA Say they are overweight Bonds
Net% of FMS investors overweight bonds



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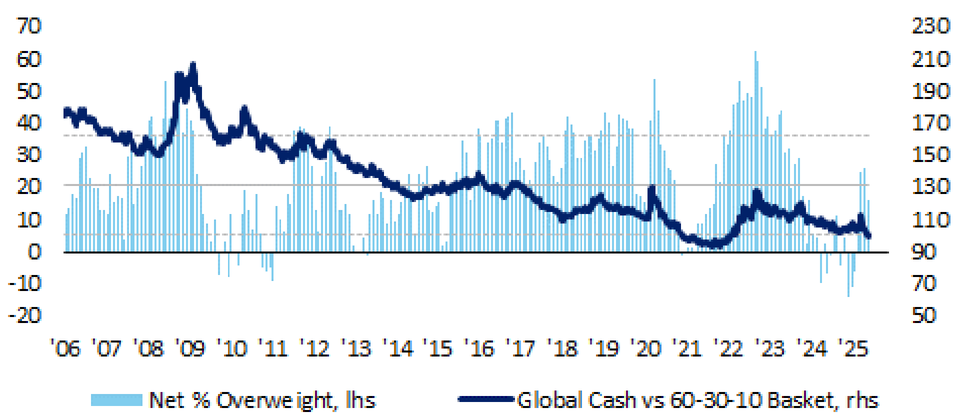
FMS bond allocation is net 5% underweight (vs net 1% UW a month ago).

Current allocation is 1.5 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 33: Net % AA Say they are overweight Cash
Net% of FMS investors overweight cash



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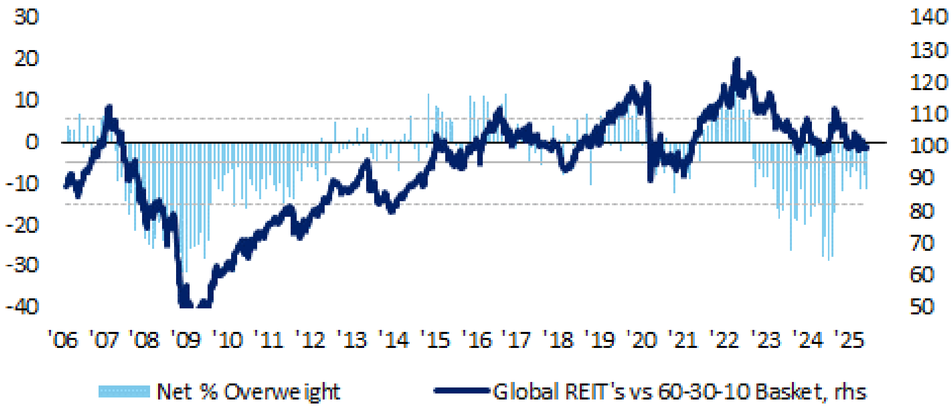
FMS cash allocation fell 10ppt MoM to net 16% overweight..

Current allocation is 0.4 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 34: Net % AA Say they are overweight Real Estate
Net% of FMS investors overweight Real Estate



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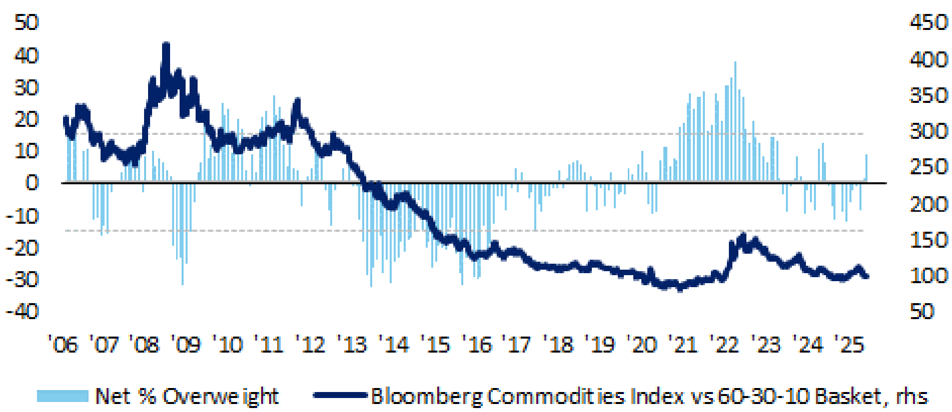
FMS real estate allocation is net 12% underweight (vs. net 8% UW a month ago).

Real estate allocation is at a 7-month low.

Current allocation is 0.7 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 35: Net % AA Say they are overweight Commodities
Net% of FMS investors overweight commodities



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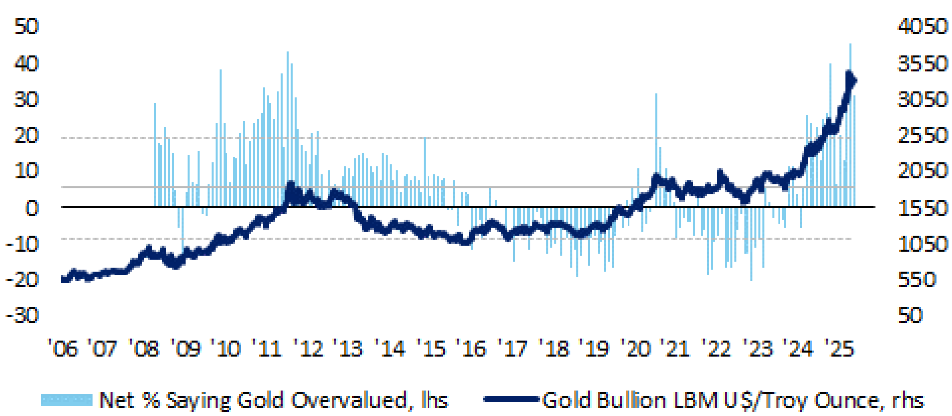
FMS commodities allocation is net 9% overweight (vs net 2% OW a month ago).

Real estate allocation is at the highest since May'24.

Current allocation is 0.6 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 36: Gold Valuation and Gold Price ($/oz)
Net% of FMS investors saying gold overvalued



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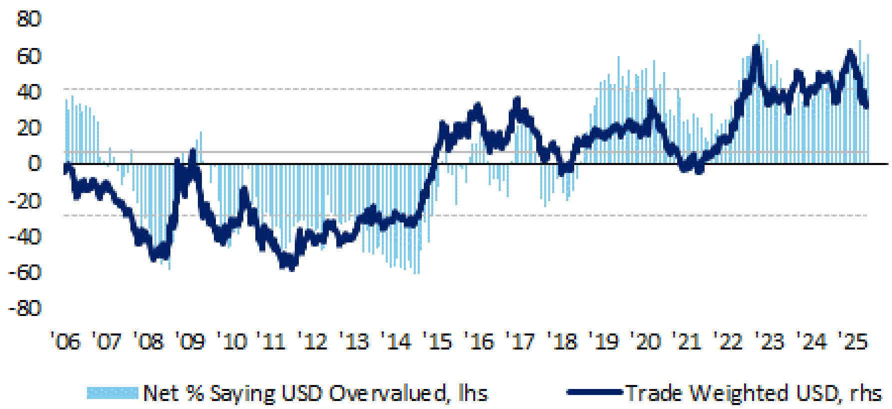
Net 31% of FMS investors say gold is overvalued…down from a record-high 45% a month ago.

Currencies extremes

Chart 37: USD Valuation and Trade weighted index
Net% of FMS investors saying USD overvalued



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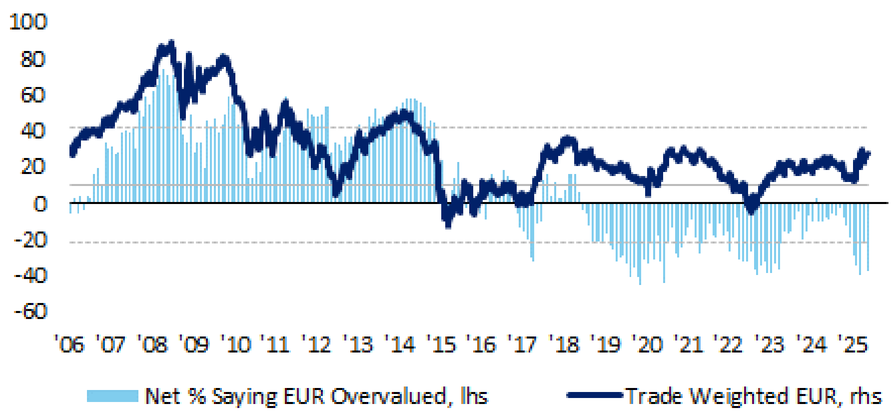
On currencies…

Net 61% of FMS investors say US$ is overvalued…from net 57% last month.

Current valuation is 1.5 stdev above the long-term average.

Chart 38: EUR valuation and Trade weighted index
Net% of FMS investors saying EUR overvalued



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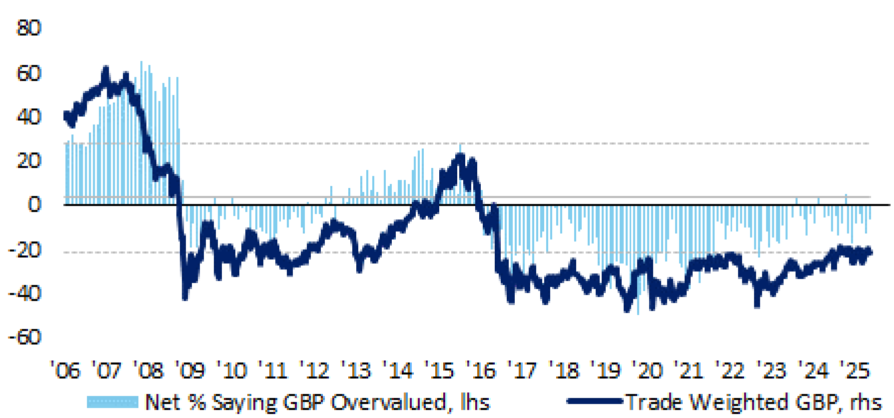
Net 38% of FMS investors say EUR is undervalued… vs. 22% said overvalued a month ago (biggest monthly rise since Nov'23).

Current valuation is 1.5 stdev below the long-term average.

Chart 39: GBP valuation and Trade weighted index
Net % of FMS investors saying GBP overvalued



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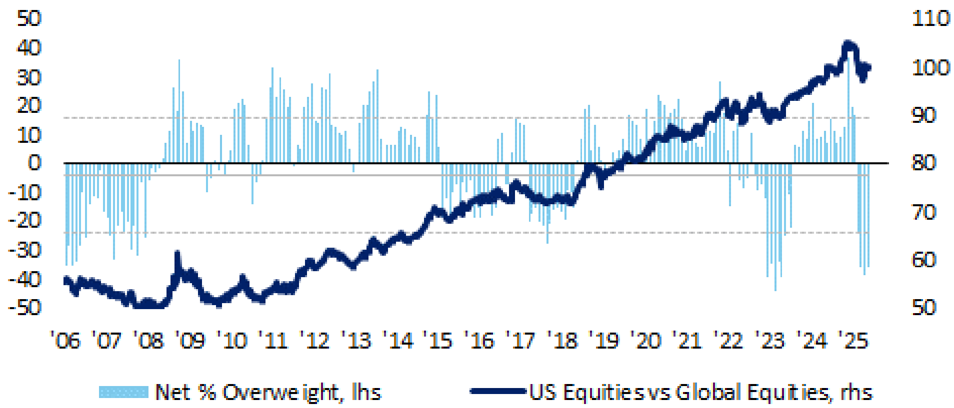
Net 6% of FMS investors think GBP is undervalued… vs. net 13% a month ago.

Current valuation is 0.4 stdev below the long-term average.

Investor Regional Equity Allocation

Chart 40: Net % AA Say they are overweight US Equities
Net% of FMS investors overweight US equities



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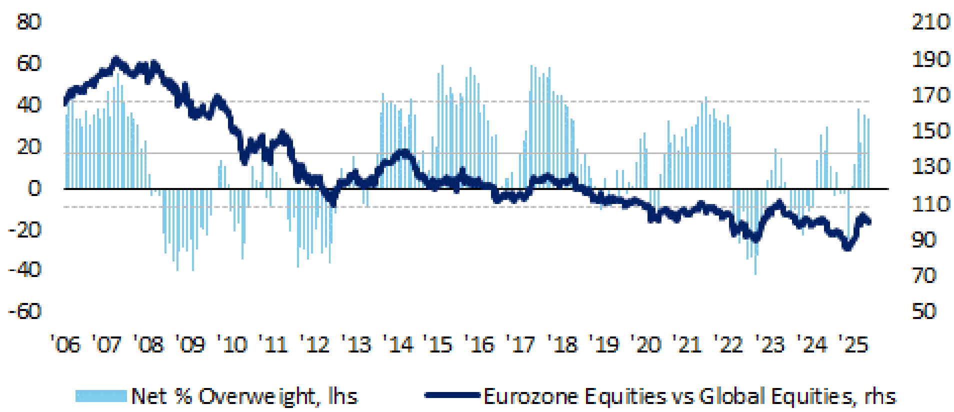
On regional equity allocation…

FMS investors are net 36% underweight US equities (vs net 38% a month ago).

Current allocation is 1.7 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 41: Net % AA Say they are overweight Eurozone Equities
Net% of FMS investors overweight EU equities



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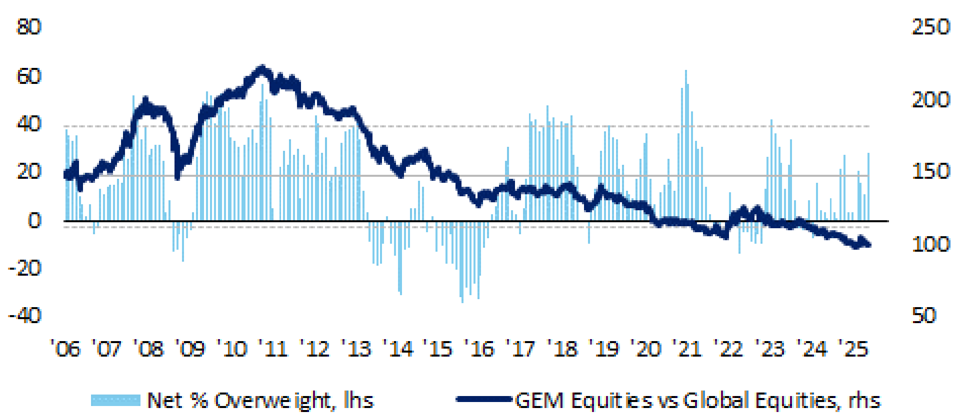
FMS investors are 34% OW Eurozone equities (vs net 35% OW a month ago).

Current allocation is 0.8 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 42: Net % AA Say they are overweight EM Equities
Net% of FMS investors overweight EM equities



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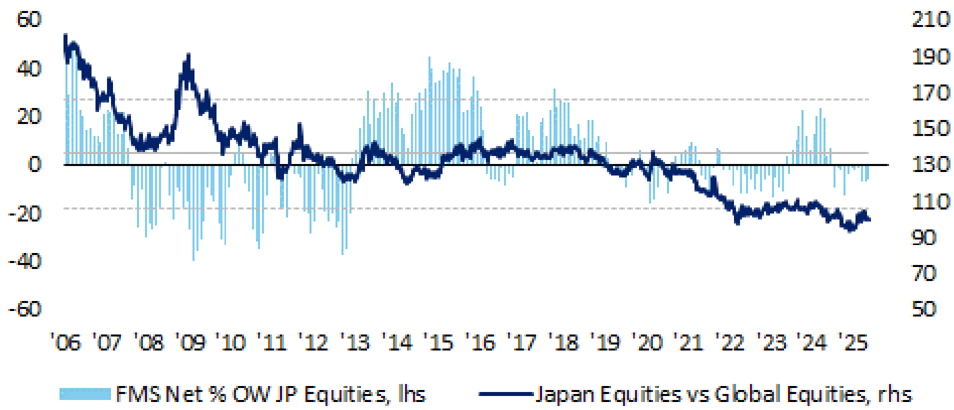
FMS investors are net 28% overweight EM equities (from net 11%)…highest allocation since Aug'23.

Current allocation is 0.4 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 43: Net % AA Say they are overweight Japanese Equities
Net% of FMS investors overweight Japanese equities



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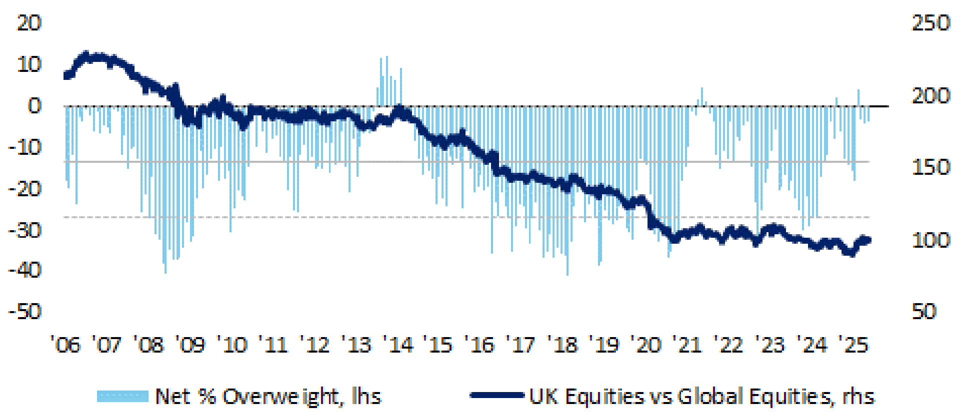
FMS investors are net 6% underweight Japanese equities (from net 7% UW).

Current allocation is 0.5 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 44: Net % AA Say they are overweight UK Equities
Net% of FMS investors overweight UK equities



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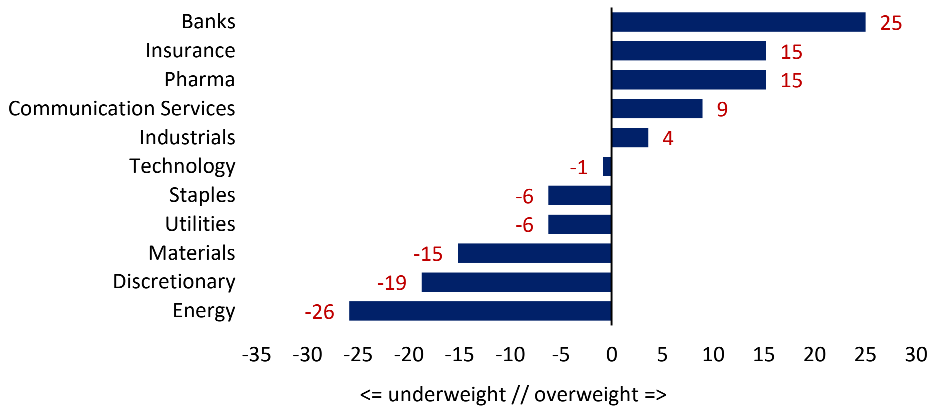
FMS investors are net 4% underweight (unchanged).

Current allocation is 0.9 stdev above its long-term average.

Investor Sector Allocation

Chart 45: Global Sector Sentiment
Net % overweight (% saying overweight - % saying underweight)



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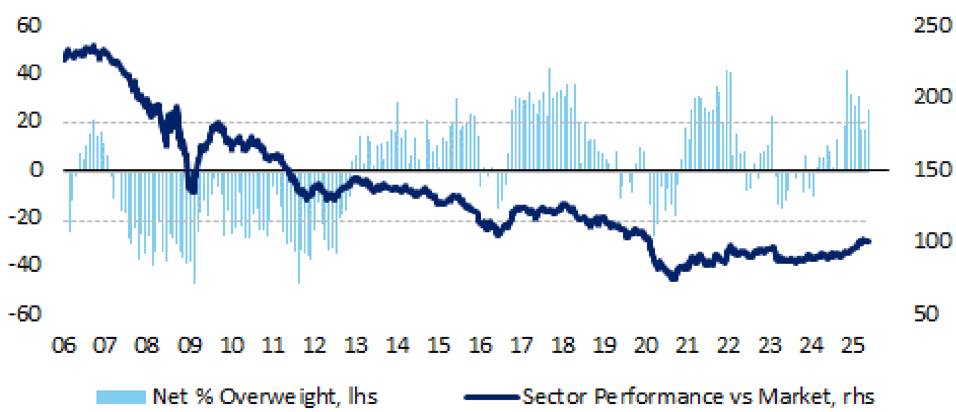
June saw FMS investors increasing allocation to energy, banks, telecom, and industrials, and reducing allocation to utilities, staples, and healthcare.

FMS investors are the most (net) overweight financials, healthcare, and telecom, and most (net) underweight energy, consumer discretionary, and materials.

Chart 46: Global Banks
Net % of FMS investors overweight banks



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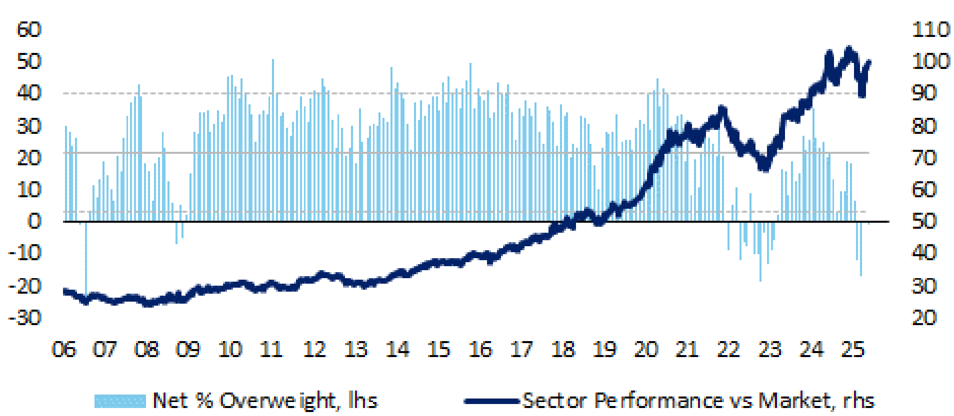
FMS investors are net 25% overweight banks, up 9ppt MoM.

Current reading is 1.3 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 47: Global Technology
Net % of FMS investors overweight technology



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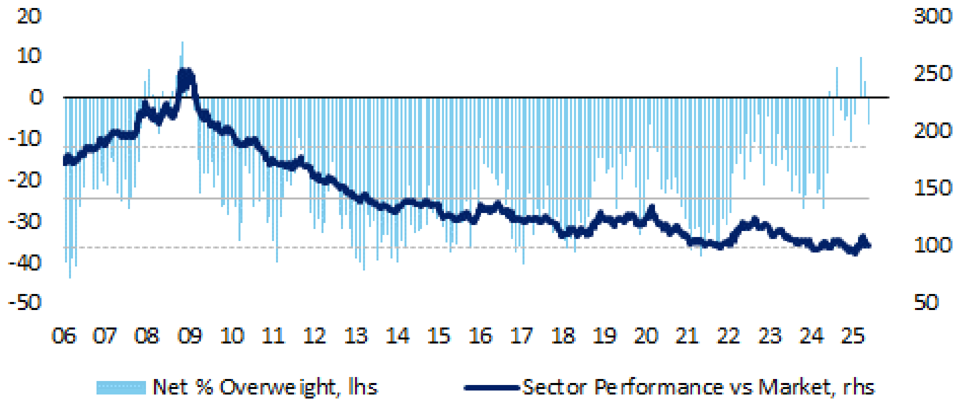
FMS investors are net 1% underweight technology (allocation fell -1ppt MoM).

Current reading is 1.3 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 48: Global Utilities
Net % of FMS investors overweight utilities



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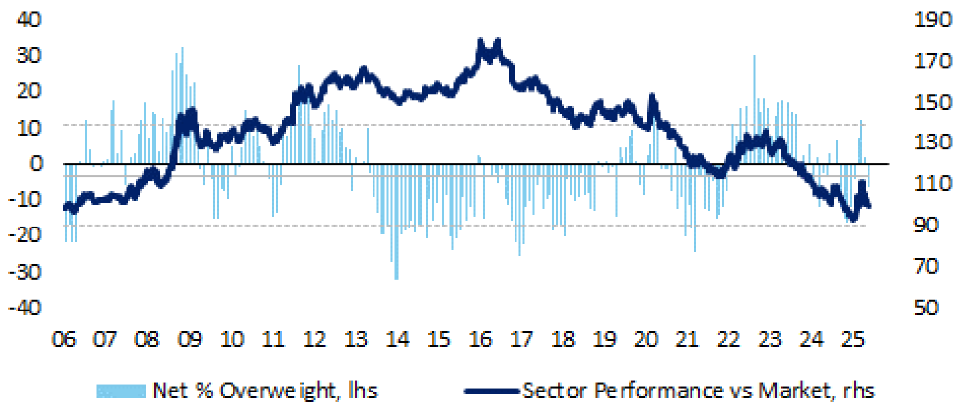
FMS investors are net 6% underweight utilities, -10ppt MoM to lowest allocation in 5 months.

Current reading is 1.5 stdev above its long-term average.

Chart 49: Global Consumer Staples
Net % of FMS investors overweight consumer staples



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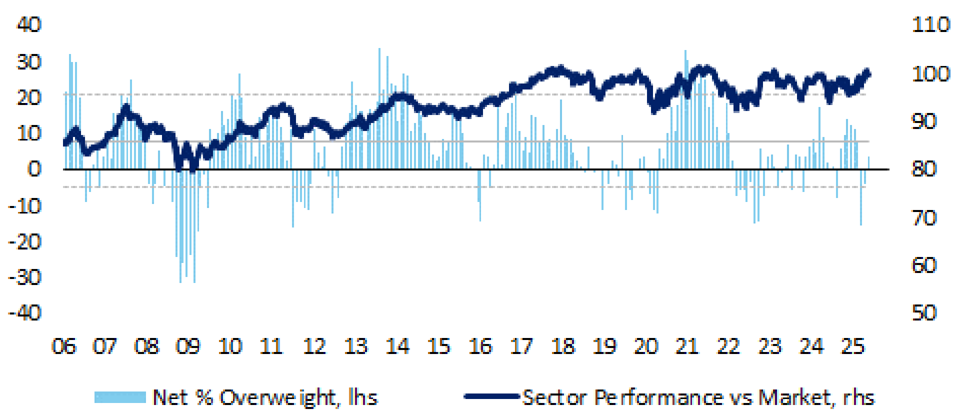
FMS investors are net 6% underweight staples, -8ppt MoM to lowest allocation in 5 months.

Current reading is 0.2 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 50: Global Industrials
Net % of FMS investors overweight industrials



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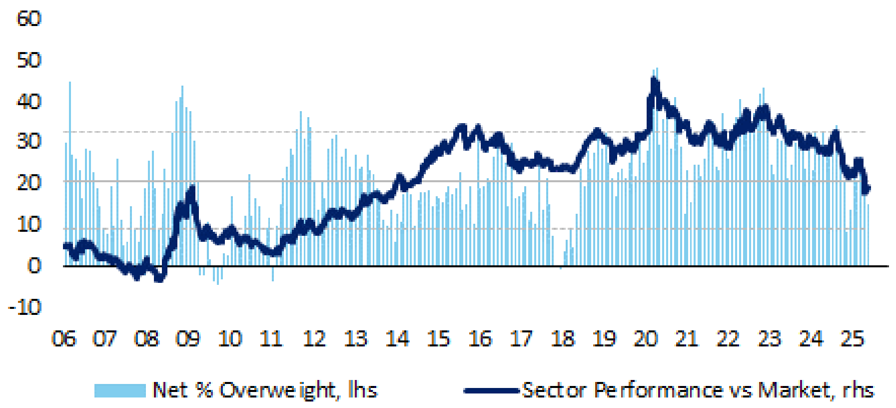
FMS investors are net 4% overweight industrials, up 8ppt MoM to 3-month high.

Current reading is 0.3 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 51: Global Healthcare

Net% of FMS investors overweight healthcare



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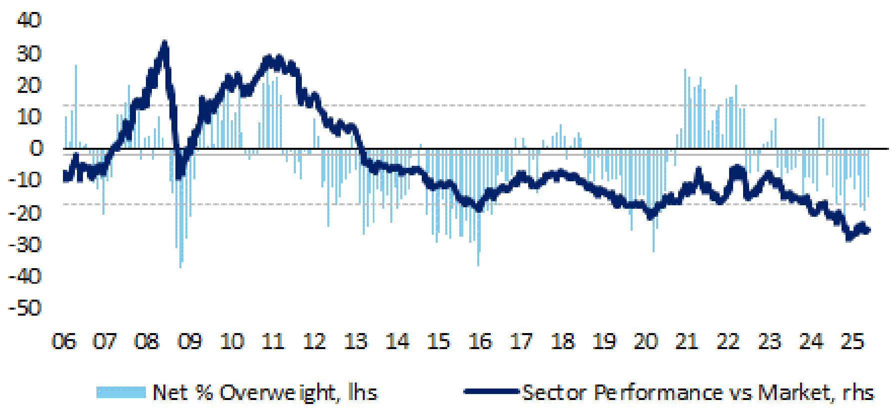
FMS investors are net 15% overweight healthcare, -3ppt MoM to lowest allocation in 5 months.

Allocation to healthcare has been consistently overweight since Jan'18.

Current reading is 0.5 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 52: Global Materials

Net% of FMS investors overweight materials



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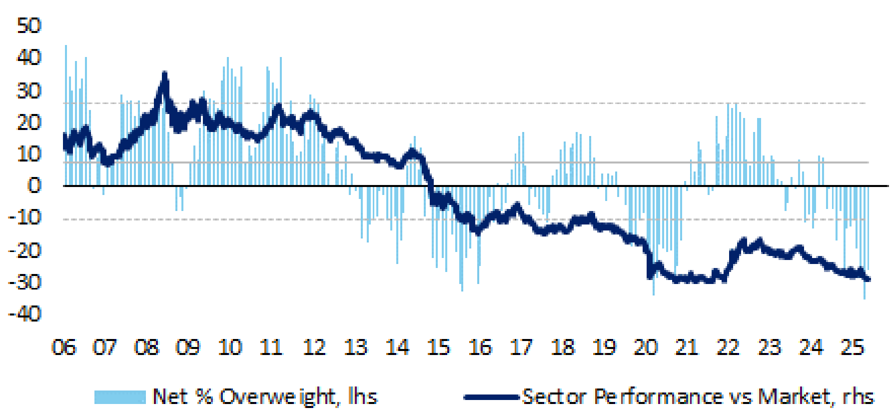
FMS investors are net 15% underweight materials (from net 19% UW).

Current reading is 0.9 stdev below its long-term average.

Chart 53: Global Energy

Net% of FMS investors overweight energy



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FMS investors are net 26% underweight energy.

Energy allocation is up from a record-low allocation of net 35% UW last month.

Current reading is 1.8 stdev below its long-term average.

Global survey demographics data

Table 2: Position / Institution / Approach to Global Equity Strategy
Position / Institution / Approach to Global Equity Strategy

	Jun-25	May-25	Apr-25
Structure of the panel - by position			
Chief Investment Officer	33	35	30
Asset Allocator / Strategist / Economist	68	60	56
Portfolio Manager	81	73	72
Other	8	6	6
Structure of the Panel - by expertise			
Global Specialists Only	112	99	89
Regional Specialists with a Global View	78	75	75
Total # of Respondents to Global Questions	190	174	164
Which of the Following Best Describes the Type of Money You are Running?			
Institutional funds (e.g. pension funds / insurance companies)	62	52	51
Hedge funds / proprietary trading desks	17	17	18
Mutual funds / unit trusts / investment trusts	78	80	71
None of the above	33	25	24
What Do You Estimate to be the Total Current Value of Assets Under Your Direct Control?			
Up to $250mn	29	28	25
Around $500mn	19	18	18
Around $1bn	31	34	31
Around $2.5bn	22	18	18
Around $5bn	17	14	15
Around $7.5bn	10	7	8
Around $10bn or more	26	24	16
No funds under my direct control	36	31	33
Total (USD bn)	523	458	386
What best describes your investment time horizon at this moment?			
3 months or less	57	61	74
6 months	58	40	24
9 months	15	17	11
12 months or more	57	53	52
Weighted average	7.2	7.1	6.8
Don't know	3	3	3

Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

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