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# Global SMA Strategy Positioning for Resilience

**Selectively Targeting High Quality Opportunities**

# Valuations and Earnings Expectations

Investors should continue to monitor key macro themes, including shifting market leadership, valuation divergences, and currency volatility. With the path forward uncertain, a selective, globally diversified approach may provide resilience over the long term.

Even with recent strong performance, international equities are attractively valued relative to US equities, with the valuation gap still elevated relative to history and earnings growth expectations broadly comparable.

## US and Non-US Valuations and Growth

Forward Price-to-Earnings and 1-Year Earnings Per Share (EPS) Growth

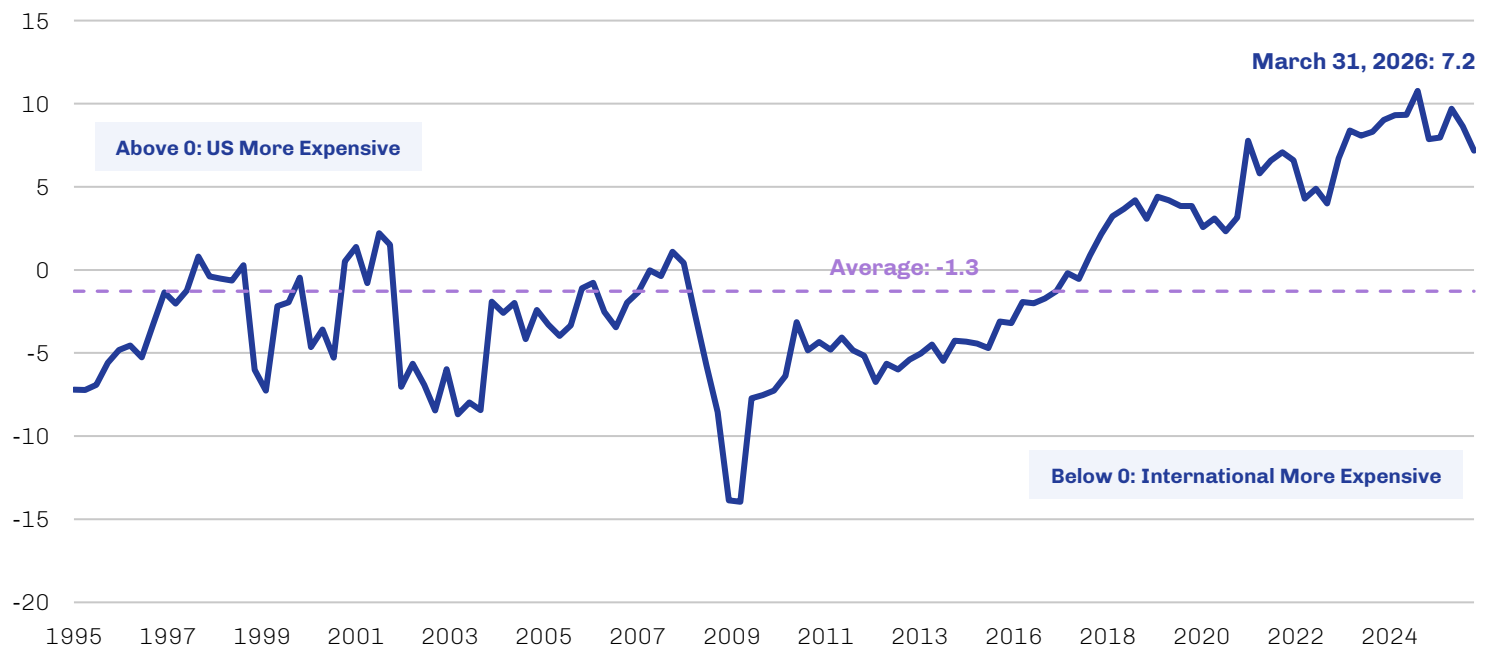
	Valuations		Growth	
	Forward Price-to-Earnings through March 31, 2026	Forward Price-to-Earnings Long-Term Average <sup>1</sup>	Estimated 1-Year EPS Growth 2025–2026	Estimated 1-Year EPS Growth 2026–2027
S&P 500 Index	19.7	16.8	16.7%	16.4%
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index	14.2	17.3	17.4%	12.2%

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet; data as of March 31, 2026.

1. Long-Term Forward Average Start Dates: S&P 500 from Sep-1995, MSCI ACWI ex. US from Apr-1997.

## Trailing 12-Month Enterprise Value/EBIT Ratio

S&P 500 Index Minus MSCI EAFE Index; March 1995 through March 2026



Source: Bloomberg; data as of March 31, 2026. Charts are for illustrative purposes only.

**Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

Diversification does not guarantee investment returns and does not eliminate the risk of loss.

# Opportunity Still Exists in the US

A significant portion of the S&P 500's valuation premium comes from the higher multiples of the Magnificent 7, while the broader US market trades at meaningfully lower valuations, providing opportunity for selective investors.

## US Valuations

12-Month Forward Price-to-Earnings

	Forward Price-to-Earnings through March 31, 2026
Magnificent 7	25.0
S&P 500 Index (ex Magnificent 7)	18.7

Source: Bloomberg; data as of March 31, 2026.

Within the US, value stocks are trading at a wider discount to growth stocks than at most points over the past several decades.

## Relative Valuation of Growth to Value Stocks in the US

Price Ratio of Russell 1000 Growth Index to Russell 1000 Value Index



Source: Bloomberg, First Eagle Investments; data as of March 31, 2026.

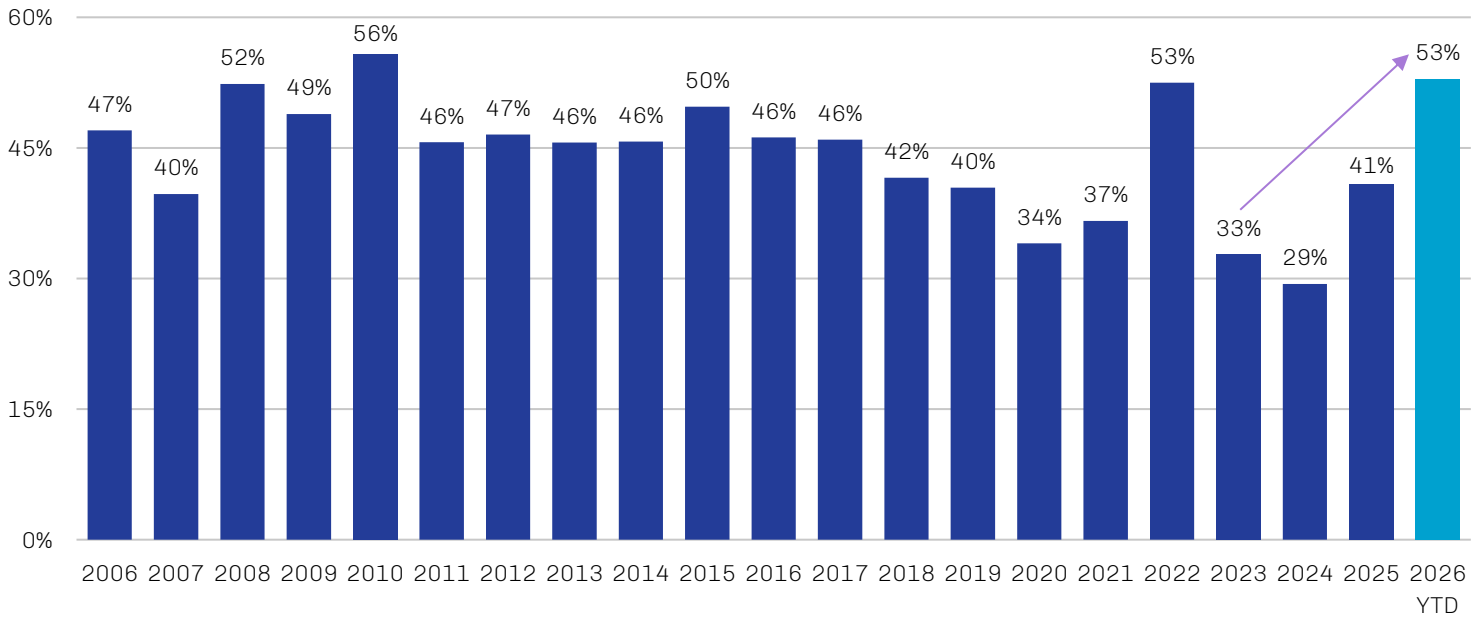
# Market Leadership Is Broadening

After several years of index returns driven by a narrow group of stocks, signs suggest market leadership is broadening.

Historically, periods of expanding breadth have created a more favorable backdrop for active managers.

## Market Breadth Remains Constructive

MSCI World Index Annual Market Breadth



Source: FactSet, data as of March 31, 2026.

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Note: Market breadth is the percentage of companies within an index outperforming the overall index level return.

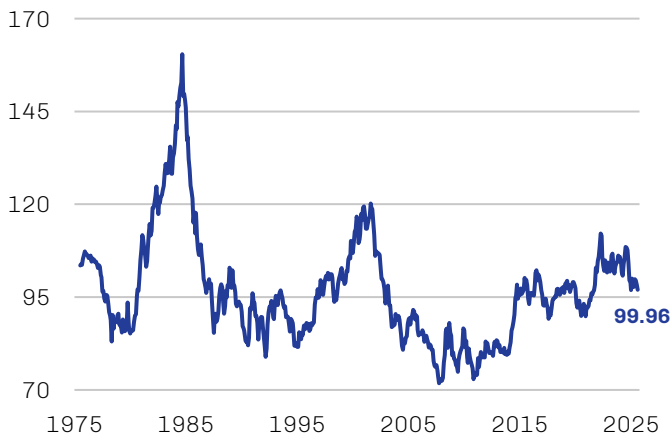
# Persistent US Dollar Weakness

Currency dynamics are an additional consideration for international investors, and after an extended period of strength, the US dollar faces growing headwinds.

Current forecasts reflect continued dollar weakness, and historically, dollar cycles have lasted for extended periods.

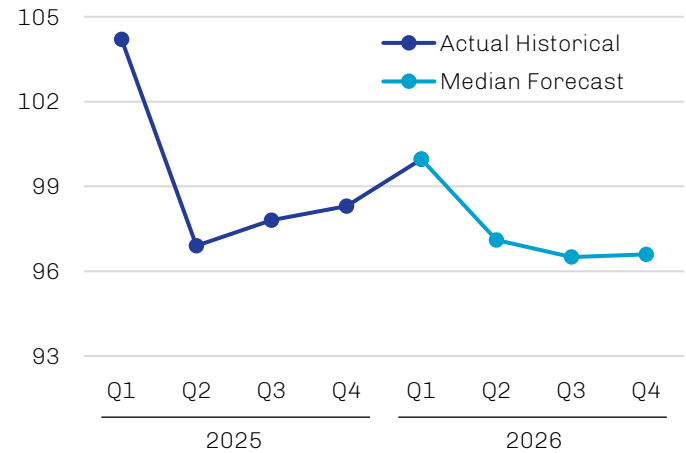
## Dollar Cycles Typically Span Multiple Years

US Dollar Index



## Actual vs. Forecast

US Dollar Index

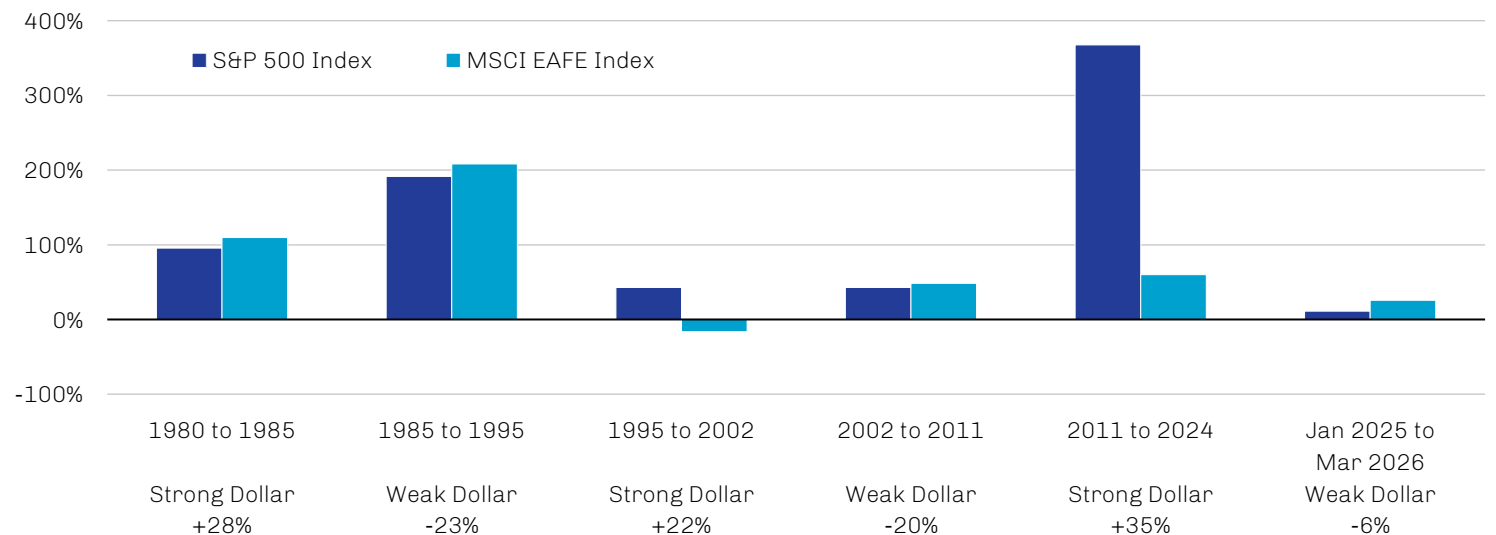


Source: Bloomberg; data as of March 31, 2026.

Periods of US dollar weakness have historically coincided with stronger relative performance from international equities.

## Stock Indices Under Different Dollar Regimes

Cumulative Price Returns

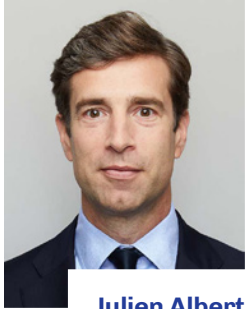


Source: Bloomberg, First Eagle Investments; data as of March 31, 2026.  
Note: Dollar performance uses the Federal Reserve's Real Broad Trade-Weighted Dollar Index.

# Disciplined, Unconventional Thinking. Global Perspective. Long-term Alignment.

More than 40 Years of History, Led by Experienced, Patient, Long-Term Investors

## The Team at a Glance



**Julien Albertini**

Portfolio Manager

Industry Start: 2003

Year Joined: 2013



**Manish Gupta**

Portfolio Manager

Industry Start: 2005

Year Joined: 2009



**Adrian Jones**

Portfolio Manager

Industry Start: 1988

Year Joined: 2018



**Matt McLennan, CFA**

Portfolio Manager

Industry Start: 1991

Year Joined: 2008

## Global Value Team—Depth and Rigor

The team comprises 25 investment professionals who average over 20 years of industry experience.

Persistent geopolitical tension, monetary policy divergence, USD weakness and market concentration risk in 2025 reinforced the value of selective, quality-focused investing with an emphasis on downside mitigation for long-term investors.

## Investment Philosophy

### Focus on Long-Term Growth of Capital

We seek to avoid the permanent impairment of capital and generate long-term positive investment returns across market cycles.

### Flexible, Benchmark-Agnostic Approach

The portfolio has the ability to invest across asset classes, regions, sectors/industries, market-capitalization ranges, and without regard to a benchmark.

### Seeks to Provide Downside Mitigation

The goal to avoid the permanent loss of capital results in a portfolio of what we believe are resilient businesses purchased with a "margin of safety" in price.

First Eagle defines "margin of safety" as the difference between a company's market price and our estimate of its intrinsic value. An investment made with a margin of safety is no guarantee against loss.

# A Highly Selective Approach to International Opportunities

## Stock-Level Risk Management

- Seek to avoid companies with excessive risk characteristics
- Seek “margin of safety” in price
- Defer to a conservative research perspective within the team

## Portfolio-Level Risk Management

- Diversified portfolio of approximately 50–100 holdings
- Carefully managed aggregate risks (e.g., industry, geography)
- Selective defensive currency hedging framework
- Position sizing—typically no more than 5% in one company
- Specialist input from internal sovereign debt/FX team and selective third parties

### Risks

All investments involve the risk of loss of principal.

There are risks associated with investing in securities of foreign countries, such as erratic market conditions, economic and political instability and fluctuations in currency exchange rates. These risks may be more pronounced with respect to investments in emerging markets. Investment in gold and gold-related investments present certain risks, and returns on gold related investments have traditionally been more volatile than investments in broader equity or debt markets.

A principal risk of investing in value stocks is that the price of the security may not approach its anticipated value or may decline in value. “Value” investments, as a category, or entire industries or sectors associated with such investments, may lose favor with investors as compared to those that are more “growth” oriented.

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**Federal Reserve Real Broad Trade-Weighted Dollar Index** measures the US dollar exchange rate using currencies of the most important US trading partners by volume of bilateral trade adjusted for inflation.

**MSCI ACWI Index (Net)** measures the performance of large cap and midcap equities across developed markets and emerging markets. A net-return index tracks price changes and reinvestment of distribution income net of withholding taxes.

**MSCI All Country World (ACWI) ex USA Index (Net)** measures the performance large and midcap equities across developed markets and emerging markets excluding the US. It covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the US. A net-return index tracks price changes and reinvestment of distribution income net of withholding taxes.

**MSCI EAFE Index (Net)** measures the performance of large and midcap equities across developed markets countries around the world excluding the US and Canada. A net-return index tracks price changes and reinvestment of distribution income net of withholding taxes.

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**Russell 1000® Growth Index (Gross/Total)** measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with relatively higher price-to-book ratios, higher I/B/E/S forecast medium term (two-year) growth and higher sales per share historical (five-year) growth. A total-return index tracks price changes and reinvestment of distribution income.

**Russell 1000® Value Index (Gross/Total)** measures the performance of large-cap value segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with relatively lower price-to-book ratios, lower I/B/E/S forecast medium term (two-year) growth and lower sales per share historical (five-year) growth. A total-return index tracks price changes and reinvestment of distribution income.

**S&P 500 Index (Gross/Total)** measures the performance of 500 of the top companies in the leading industries of the US economy and is widely recognized as a proxy for the US market as a whole. A total-return index tracks price changes and reinvestment of distribution income.

**US Dollar Index (DXY)** is a geometrically averaged calculation of six currencies weighted against the US dollar maintained by ICE Futures US.

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### Definitions

**Enterprise value to earnings before interest and taxes (EV/EBIT ratio)** compares a company’s enterprise value to its annual operating income.

**Magnificent Seven** is widely used in the financial media and elsewhere to refer to seven very large US technology-related stocks—Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla.

**Price-to-earnings ratio (P/E ratio)** compares a company’s stock price to its earnings per share.

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