

AB Invest Monthly Newsletter

January Performance



Market News

In January's top news, the US Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged, reinforcing its cautious stance as inflation remains above the long-term target while labor market conditions show signs of stabilization. Chair Jerome Powell described economic activity as solid, noting that growth has continued to outperform expectations despite tighter financial conditions. Policymakers acknowledged that inflation risks have eased from prior peaks but remain elevated enough to warrant a restrictive policy stance for an extended period. In Asia, China's industrial firms posted their first annual profit increase in four years in 2025, signaling tentative recovery momentum. Profits rose 0.6% for the full year, reversing a 13.1% year-on-year decline recorded in November. December profits increased 5.3% compared with a year earlier, supported by improved performance in key manufacturing segments, including the auto sector.



2023	2024	2025	WORLD	MTD
21.77%	2.63%	19.49%	MSCI World	0.73%
7.93%	2.84%	37.83%	MSCI Frontier	4.58%
7.04%	2.02%	30.58%	MSCI Emerging	2.74%

2023	2024	2025	USA	MTD
13.70%	3.05%	12.97%	DJI	0.73%
24.23%	1.24%	16.39%	S&P500	-0.05%
53.81%	-0.61%	20.17%	Nasdaq100	-0.73%
24.51%	1.18%	15.89%	Russel 1000	-0.11%
15.09%	-3.01%	11.29%	Russell 2000	-0.74%
-42.55%	13.14%	-13.83%	VIX	-8.56%





MENA News

In MENA, Fitch Ratings expects a neutral outlook for GCC corporates in 2026, supported by resilient earnings and continued investment in infrastructure and energy. Non-oil GDP growth is projected at 3.7%, underpinned by infrastructure spending and activity in non-energy sectors.

However, tighter fiscal flexibility, lower oil price assumptions and higher interest rates may constrain funding conditions, particularly for sub-investment-grade issuers. While leverage is expected to ease gradually, cautious spending and potential delays in mega projects could weigh on order visibility across the private sector.



2023	2024	2025	MENA Indices	MTD
5.63%	1.79%	2.09%	S&P Pan Arab	0.95%
4.13%	0.66%	2.98%	MSCI Arabia	1.56%
14.21%	0.58%	-12.84%	Saudi Arabia	-0.95%
21.69%	27.07%	17.22%	Dubai	3.60%
-6.20%	-1.66%	6.09%	Abu Dhabi	2.52%
1.40%	-2.40%	1.81%	Qatar	1.39%
-7.87%	4.84%	21.17%	Kuwait	0.74%
-7.07%	1.39%	28.19%	Oman	2.82%
4.02%	0.73%	4.06%	Bahrain	1.29%
-2.81%	2.37%	45.12%	Jordan	5.18%
70.53%	19.47%	40.65%	Egypt	2.64%
7.90%	13.75%	35.12%	Tunisia	2.12%
12.12%	14.72%	36.91%	Morocco	0.00%





Commodity News

In commodities, OPEC+ is expected to stick with its current supply pause into March, as delegates signal little urgency to adjust output despite ongoing geopolitical risks.

The group is set to review its production strategy during a scheduled meeting, with the prevailing view pointing toward maintaining existing levels amid a global oil surplus.

While metals started the year 2026 where they ended 2025 at, posting new all-time highs driven by hedging and retail investor purchasing.



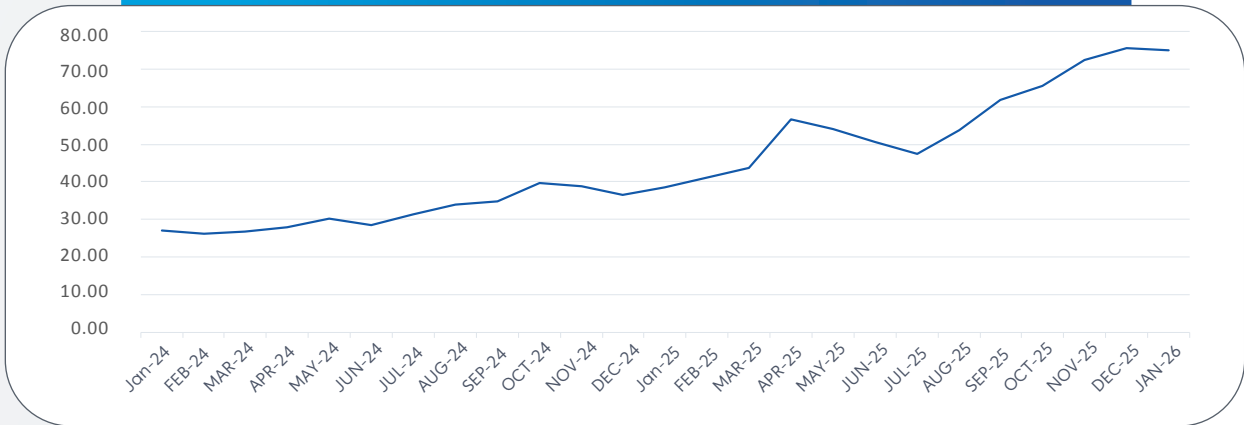
2023	2024	2025	Energy	MTD
-10.32%	-3.12%	-18.48%	Brent	-3.72%
-10.73%	0.10%	-19.94%	WTI	-1.93%
-43.82%	44.51%	1.46%	Nat Gas	-24.00%

2023	2024	2025	Metals	MTD
13.10%	27.22%	64.58%	Gold	1.89%
-0.66%	21.46%	147.95%	Silver	26.84%
2.11%	2.46%	39.97%	Copper	7.78%

2023	2024	2025	Agri	MTD
-23.92%	-17.55%	-9.87%	Wheat	-5.85%
14.91%	-9.67%	-15.91%	Sugar	-1.31%
-30.55%	-2.71%	-3.98%	Corn	1.09%



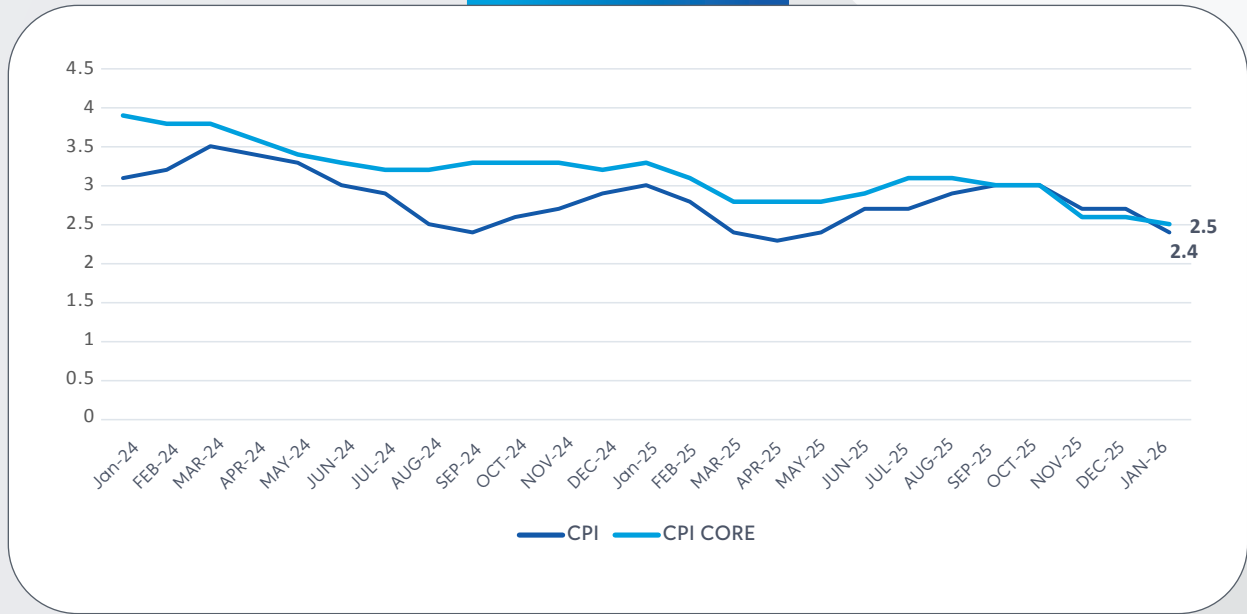
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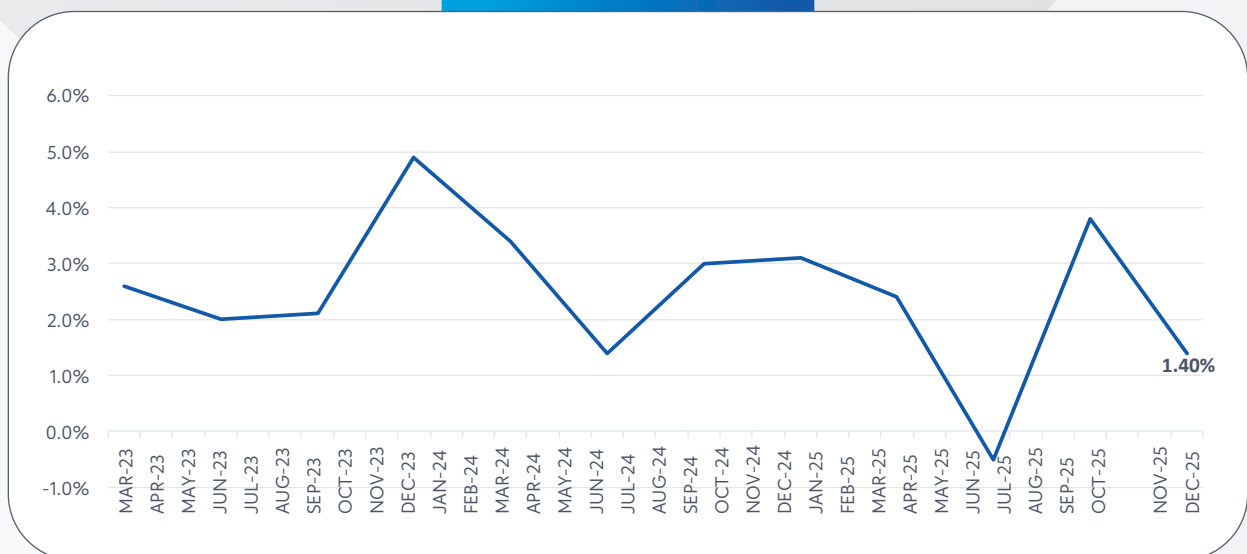
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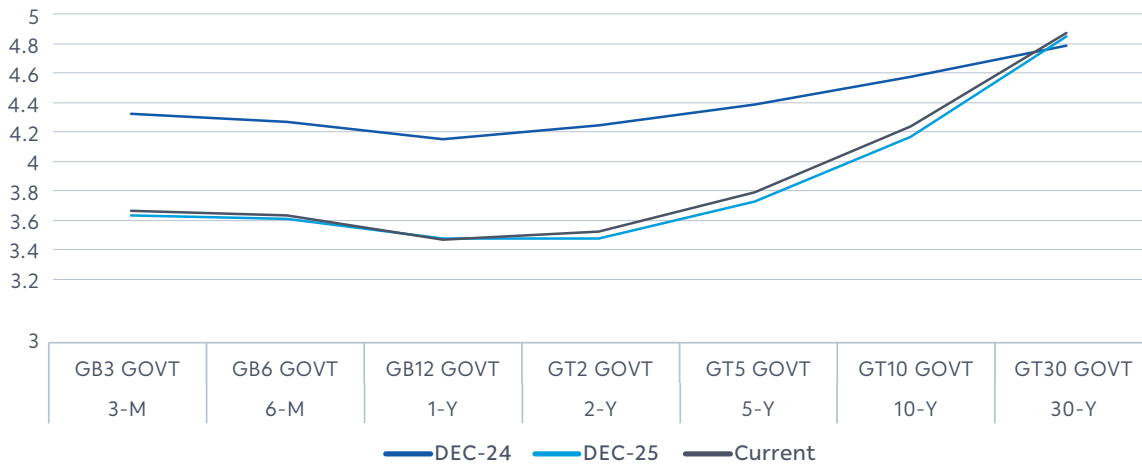
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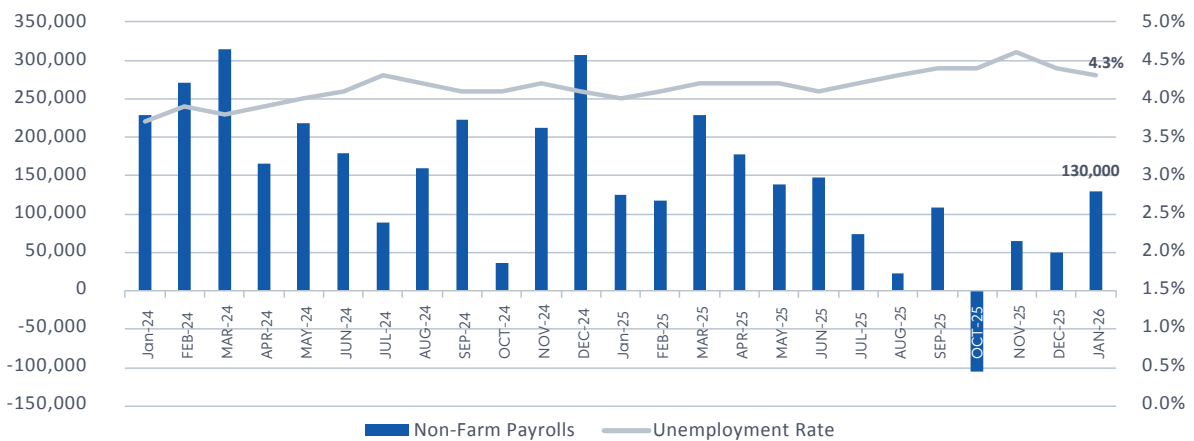
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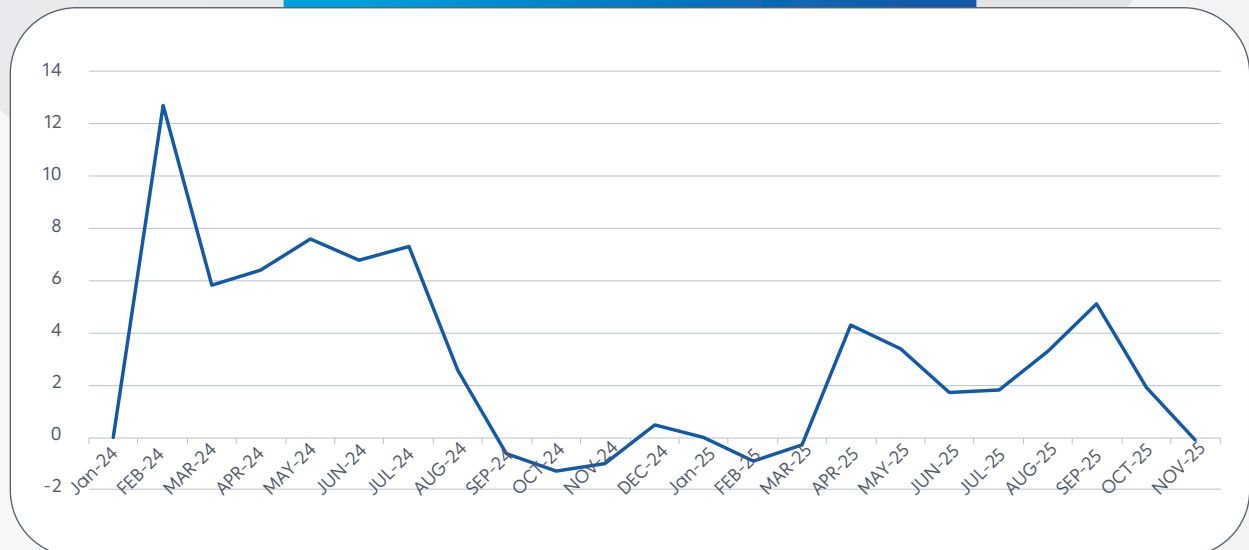
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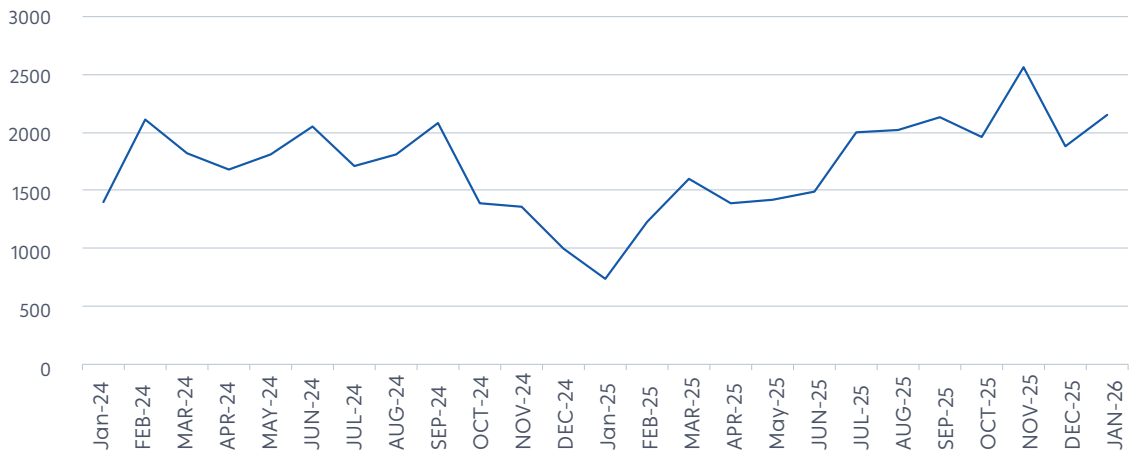
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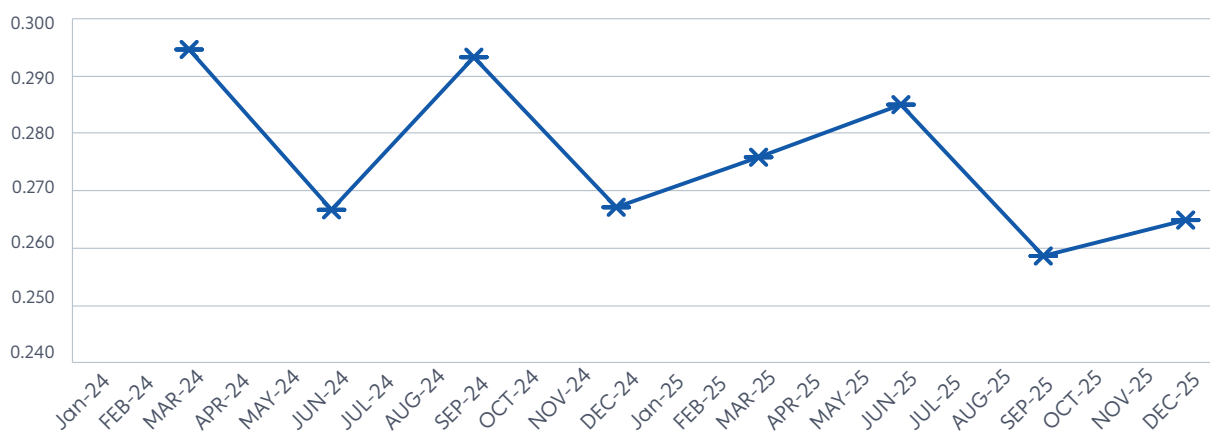
China Industrial Profits



Baltic Dry Index



S&P 500 Div Yield/US IG Bond Yield



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