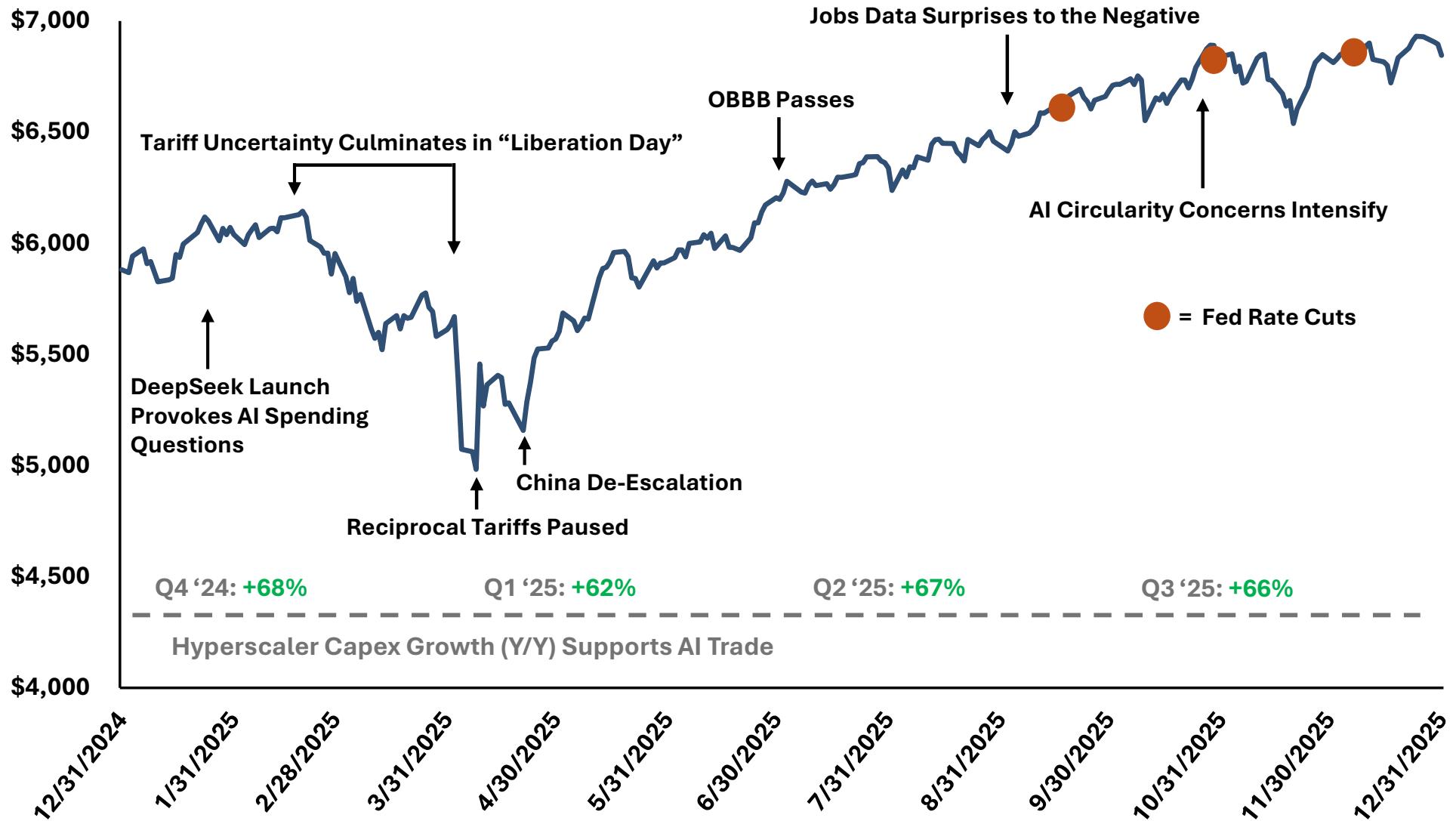


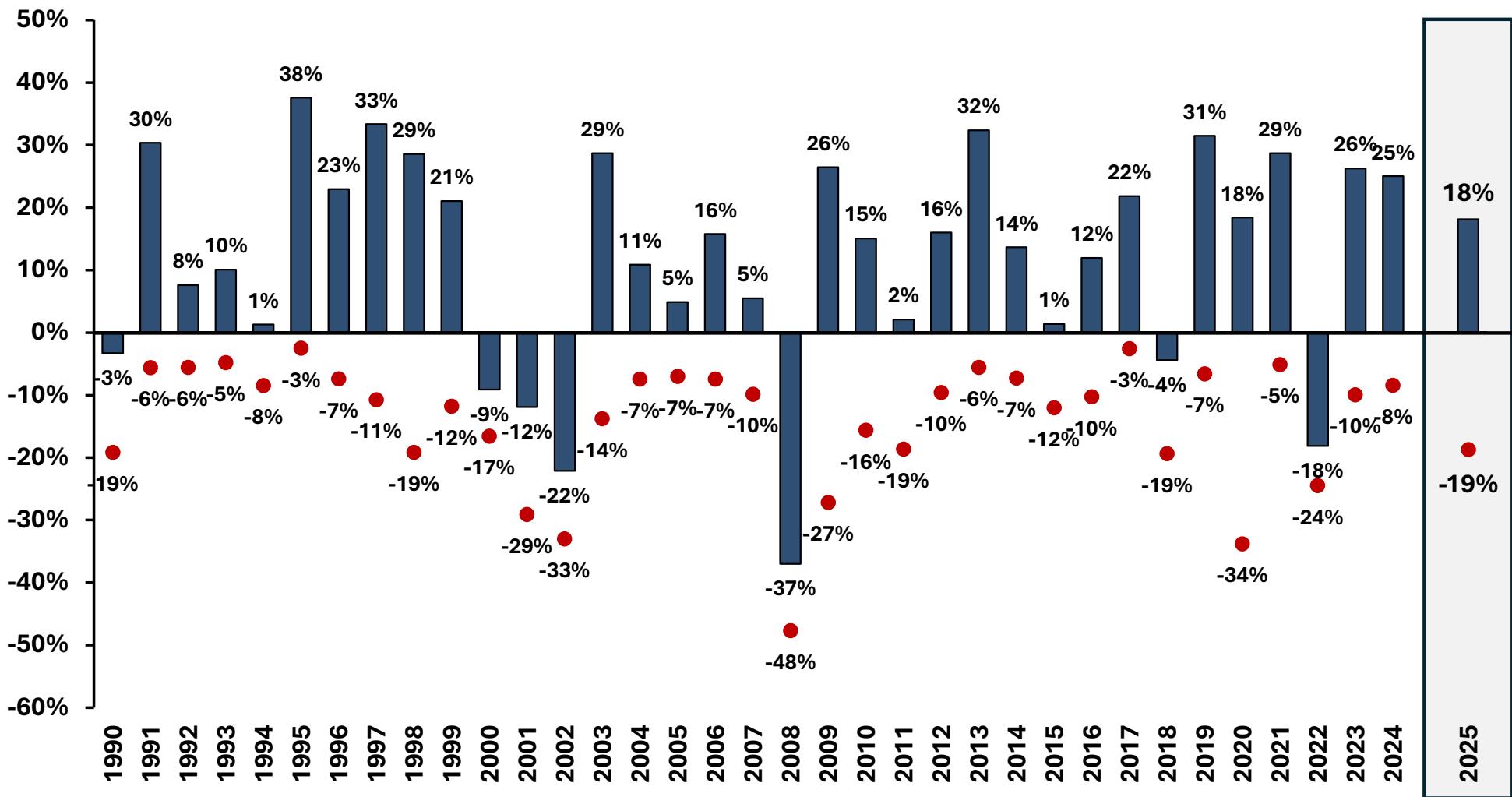
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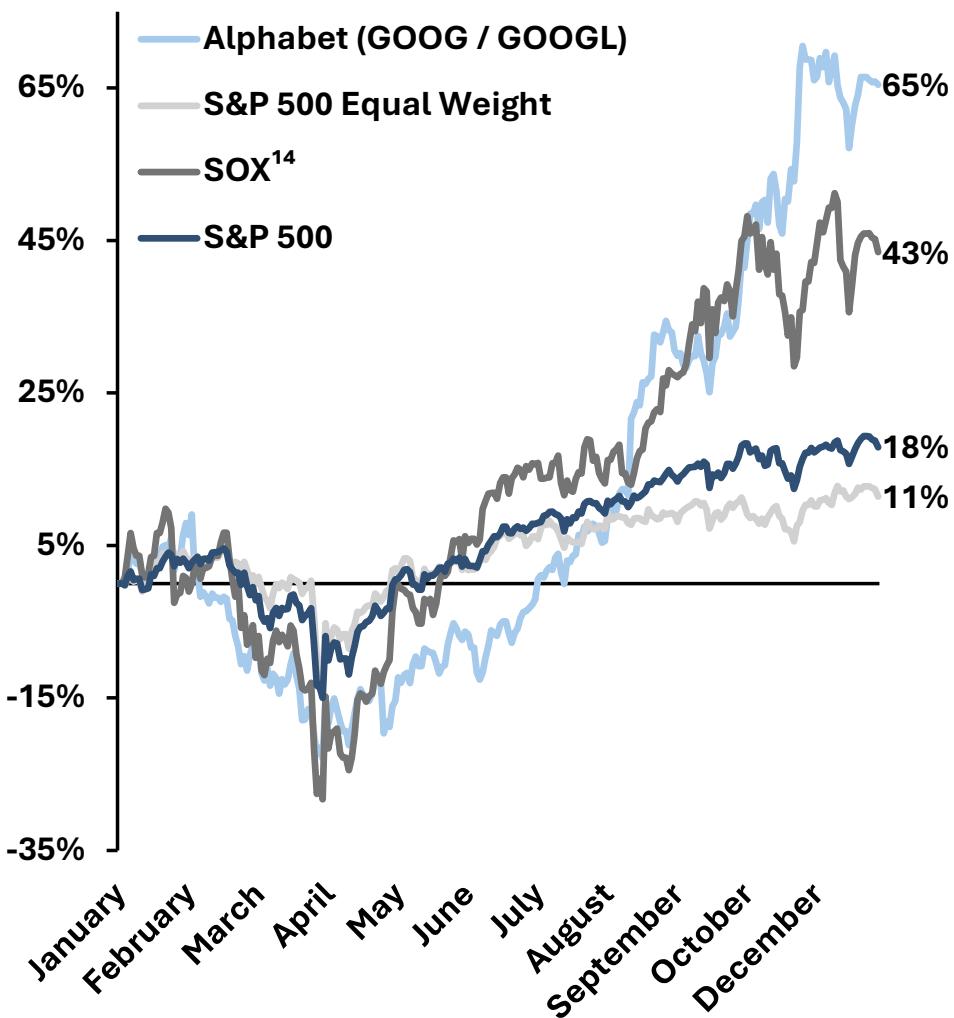
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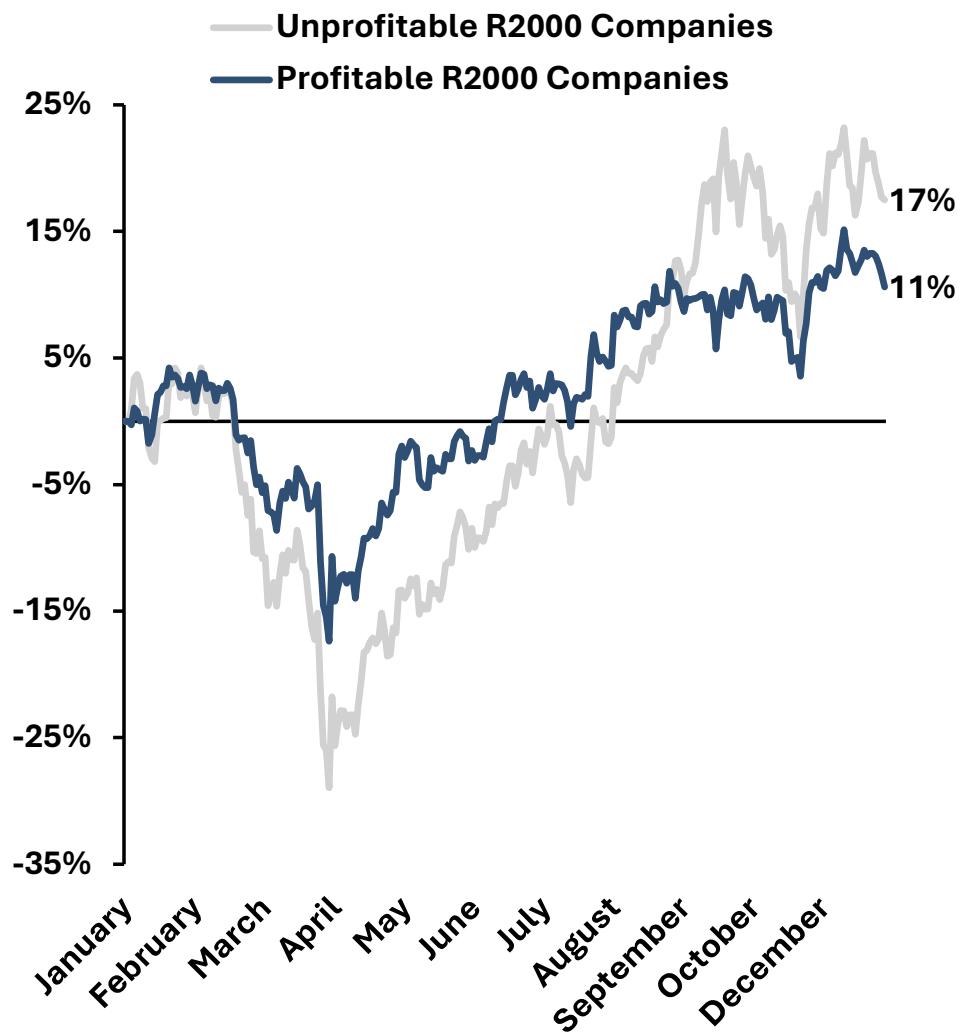
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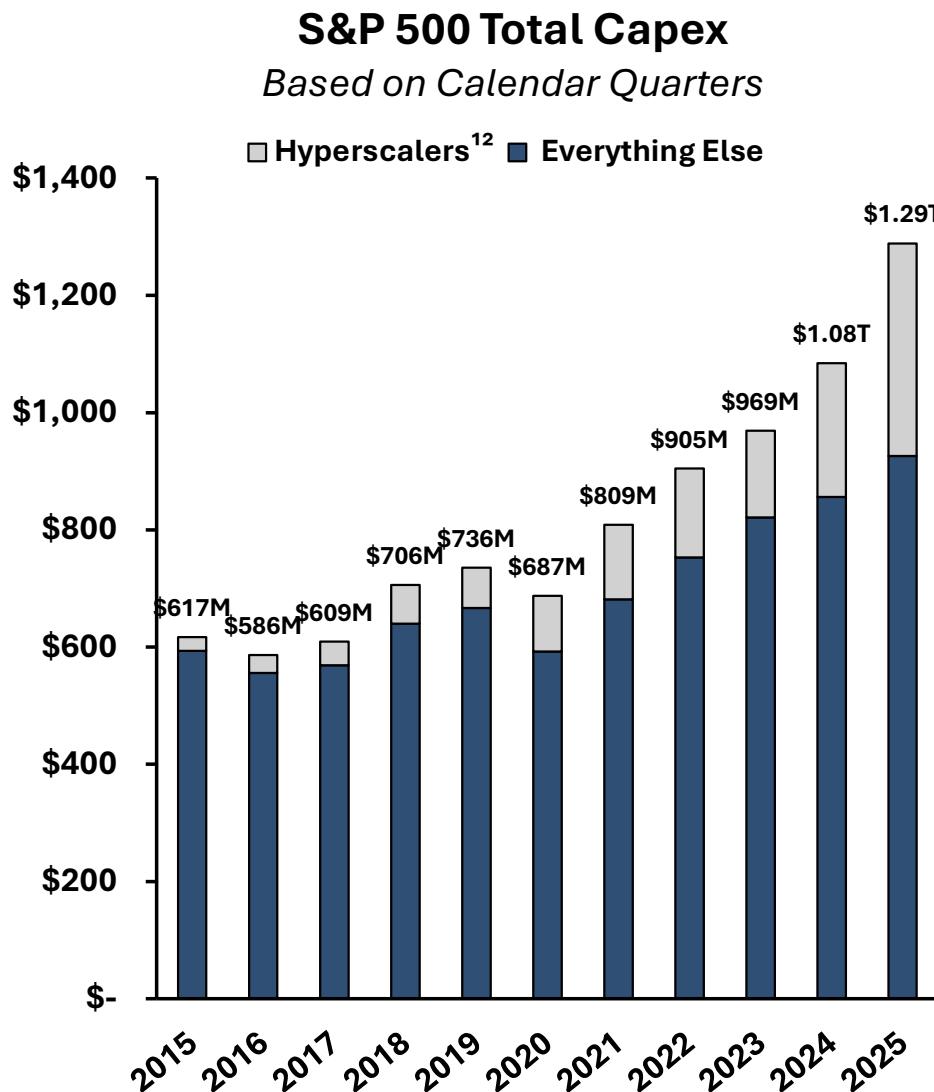
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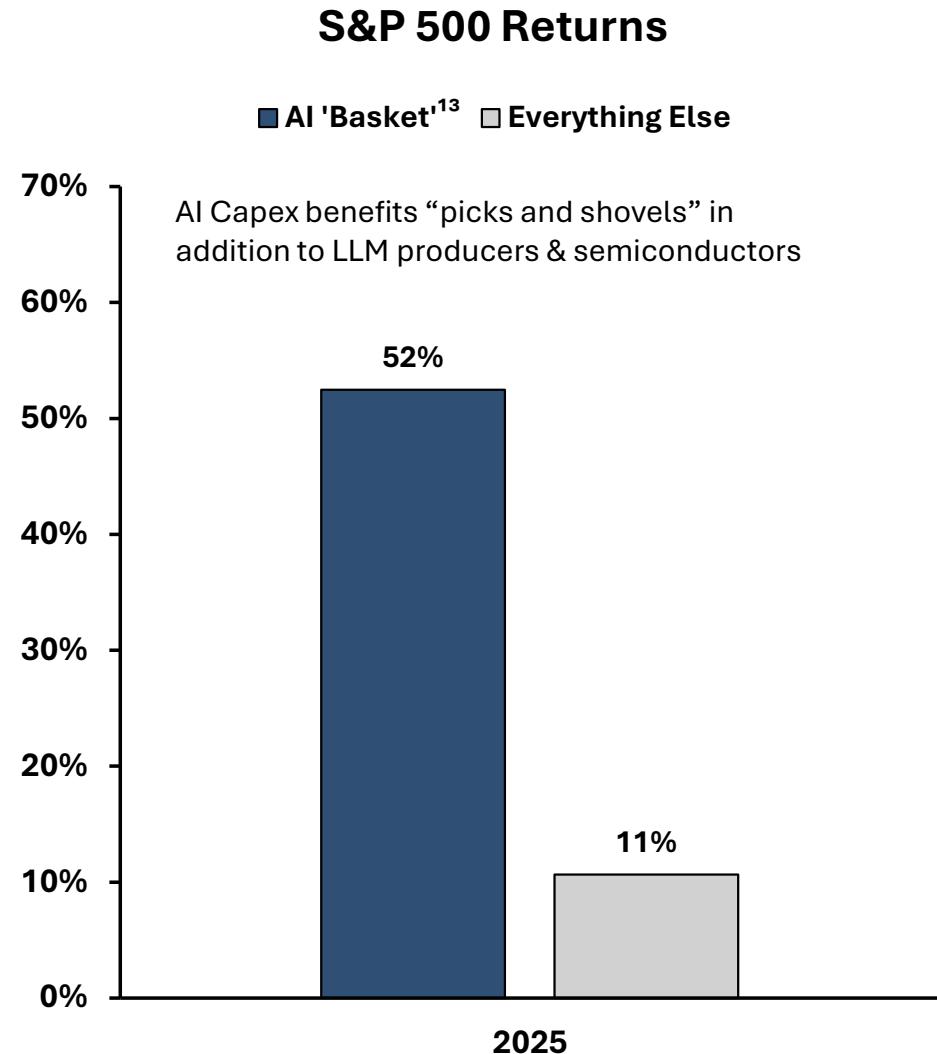
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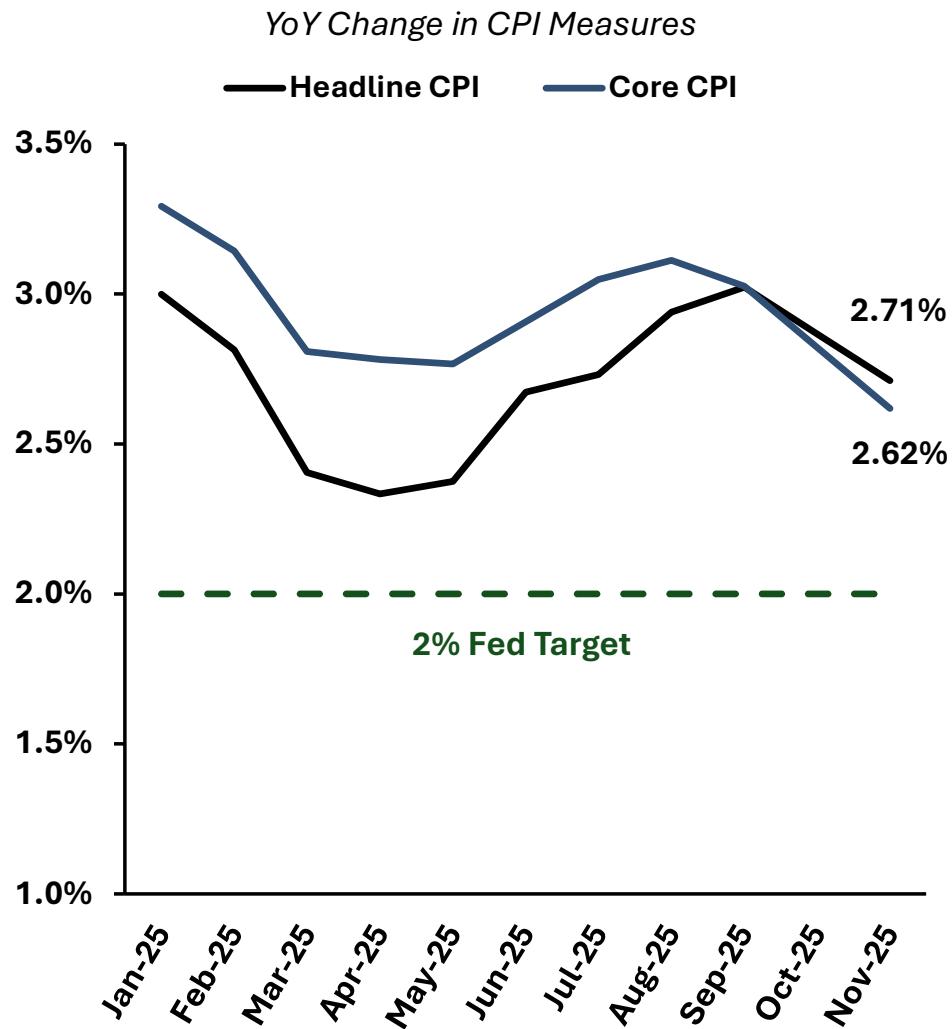
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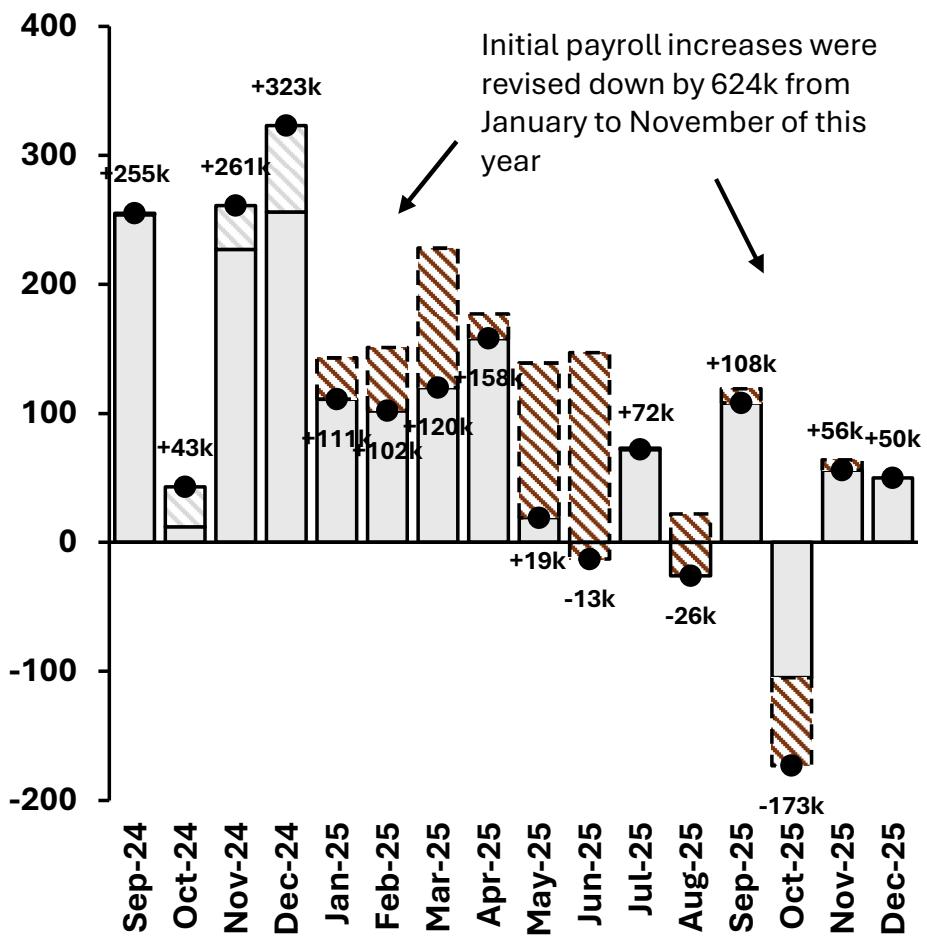
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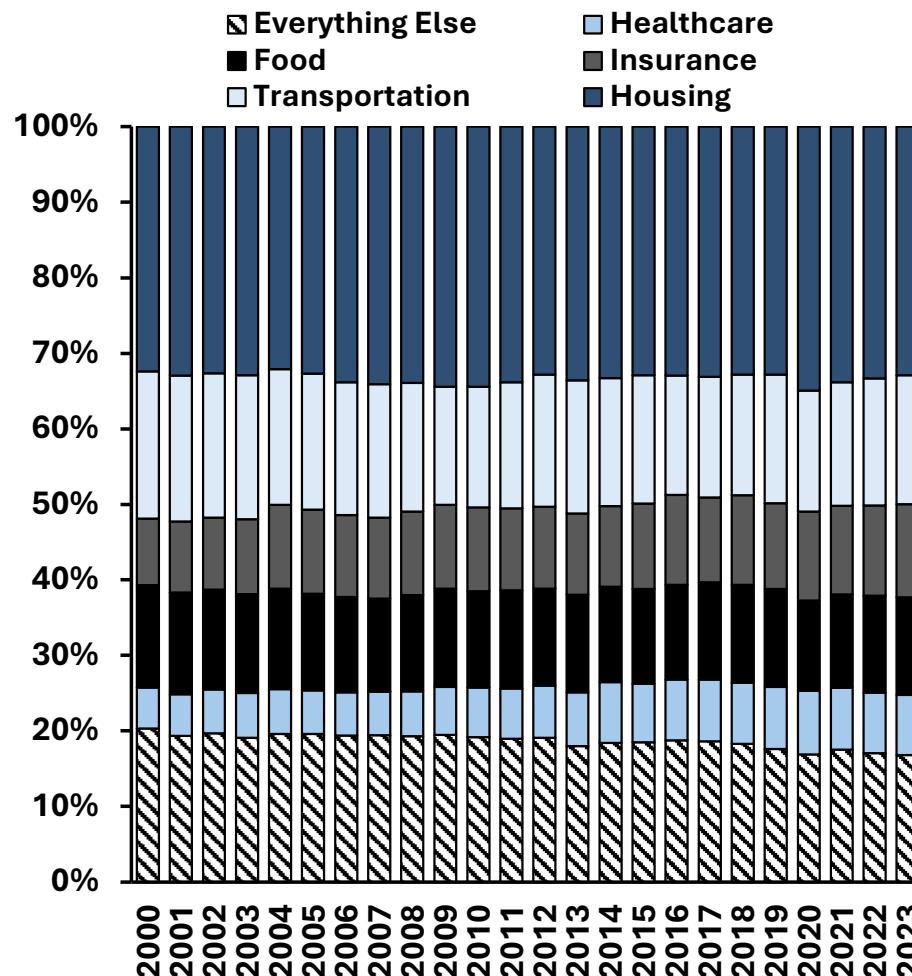


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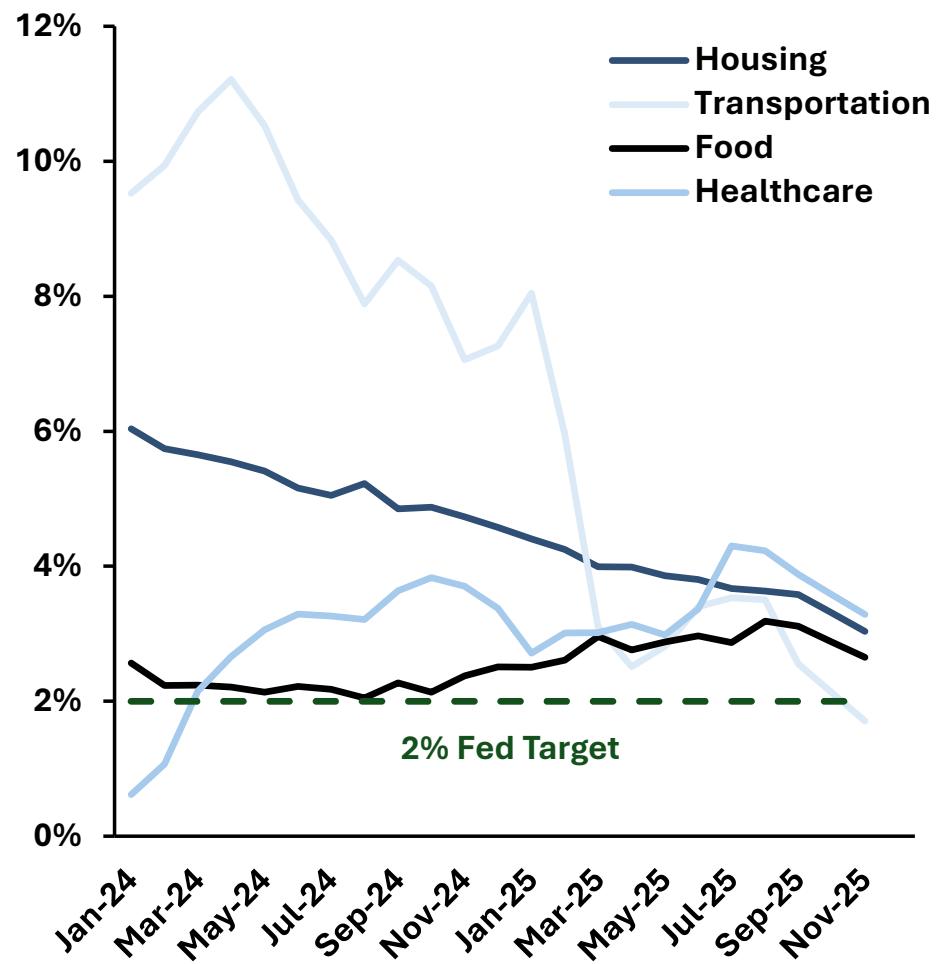
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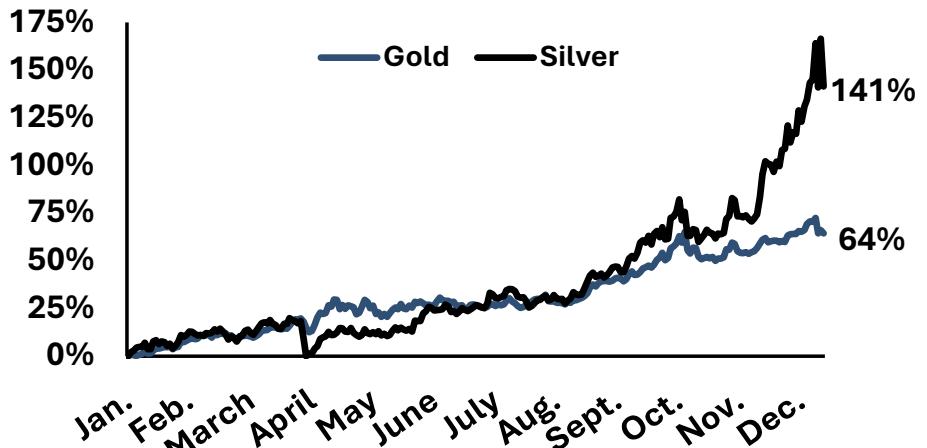
### Commodity Trends

Relative to 10-Year Price History

	Commodity / Currency	2025 Return	10-Year Period			
			Low \$	Current \$	High \$	
Energy	Crude Oil	-20%	\$ 12	\$ 57	\$ 124	
	Natural Gas	1%	\$ 2	\$ 3	\$ 10	
Stores of Value	Gold	64%	\$ 1,050	\$ 4,341	\$ 4,553	
	Silver	141%	\$ 12	\$ 71	\$ 78	
	Bitcoin	-7%	\$ 3,145	\$ 87,885	\$ 126,315	
	USD	-9%	\$ 89	\$ 98	\$ 114	
Agriculture	Corn	-4%	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 8	
	Soybeans	4%	\$ 8	\$ 10	\$ 18	
	Wheat	-8%	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 13	
	Coffee	9%	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 4	
Metals	Copper	41%	\$ 2	\$ 6	\$ 6	
	Aluminum	17%	\$ 1,452	\$ 2,972	\$ 3,873	
	Zinc	-9%	\$ 12,275	\$ 23,250	\$ 28,690	

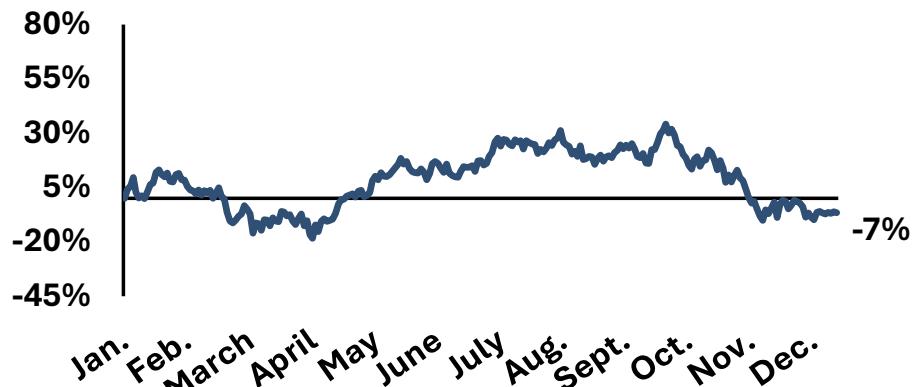
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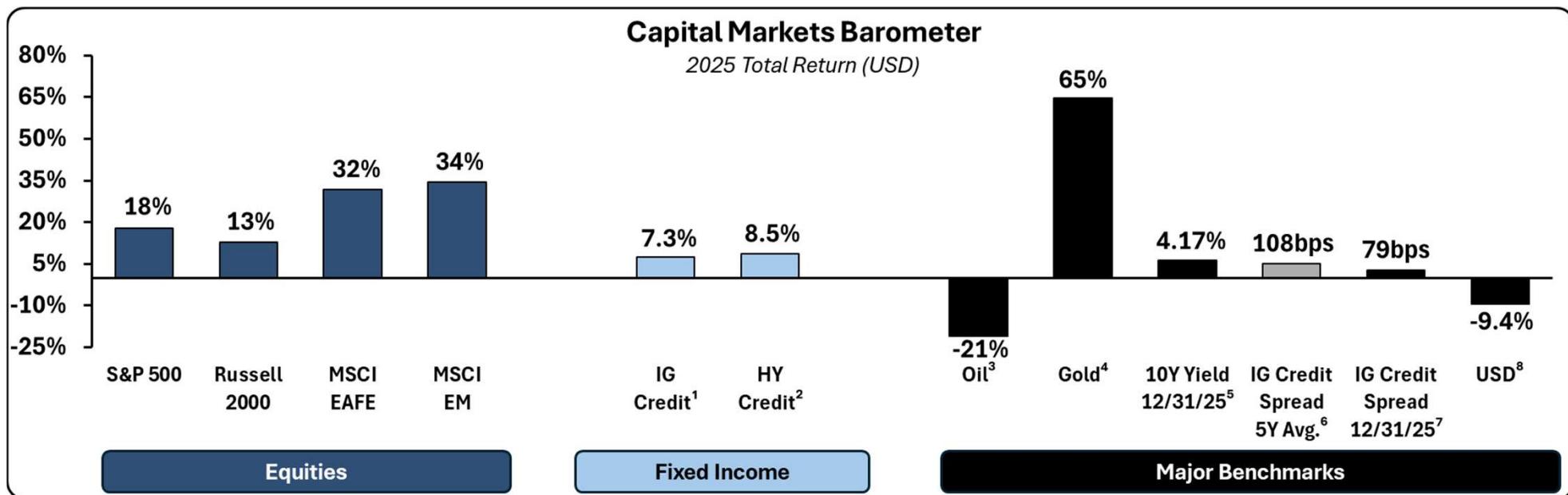


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