

Long-term asset class forecasts

Forecasts
Q2 2026

Our longer-term asset class forecasts are forward-looking estimates of total return and risk premia, generated through a combined assessment of current valuation measures, economic growth, inflation prospects, yield conditions as well as historical price patterns. We also include shorter-term return forecasts that incorporate output from our multi-factor tactical asset allocation models. Outlined below is the process we use to arrive at our return forecasts for the major asset classes.

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Inflation

The starting point for our nominal asset class return projections is an inflation forecast. We incorporate both estimates of long-term inflation and the inflation expectations implied in current bond yields. US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) provide a market observation of the real yields that are available to investors. The difference between the nominal bond yield and the real bond yield at longer maturities furnishes a marketplace assessment of long-term inflation expectations.

Cash

Our long-term forecasts for global cash returns incorporate what we view as the normal real return that investors can expect to earn over time. Historically, cash investors have earned a modest premium over inflation but we also take current and forward-looking global central bank policy rates into consideration in formulating our cash forecast.

Bonds

Our return forecasts for fixed income are derived from current yield conditions together with expectations as to how real and nominal yield curves will evolve relative to historical precedent. We then build our benchmark forecasts from discrete analysis of relevant maturities. For corporate bonds, we also analyse credit spreads and their term structures, with separate assessments of investment grade and high yield bonds. We also take into account the default probability for high yield bonds in the foreseeable future.

Figure 1: Forecasted long-term annualized return
Long-term (10+ years)



Source: State Street Investment Management Investment Solutions Group as of March 31, 2026. Forecasted returns are based upon estimates and reflect subjective judgements and assumptions. These results were achieved by means of a mathematical formula and do not reflect the effect of unforeseen economic and market factors on decision-making. The forecasted returns are not necessarily indicative of future performance, which could differ substantially. Indices used for each asset class above are highlighted in **bold** in Figure 2.

Equities

Our long-term equity market return forecasts combine estimates of real return potential, derived from dividend yields, forecasted real earnings growth rates and potential for expansion or contraction of valuation multiples. Our way of estimating real earnings growth rates incorporates forecasts of GDP levels, historical earnings per share (EPS) growth rates and domestic and international revenue exposures. This approach allows for more region-appropriate forecasts for both developed and emerging market equities.

Smart Beta

Smart Beta forecasts are developed using MSCI World index forecasts as a starting point and adding expected alpha and beta adjustments as appropriate.

Private Equity

Our long-term forecast for private equity is based upon past performance patterns of private equity funds relative to listed equity markets and our extrapolation of these performance patterns on a forward basis. According to several academic studies^{1,2,3} the annual rate of return of private equity funds over the long term appears to be largely in line with that of listed equities after appropriate adjustments for leverage are made. Private equity funds seem to have been outperforming relative to listed equities before fees, but generally in line with them (on a leverage-adjusted basis) after fees.

REITs

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) have historically earned returns between bonds and stocks due to their stable income streams and potential for capital appreciation. Hence, we model it as a blend of two approaches. The first approach is to apply the average historical spread of the yields over Treasuries to forecast the expected return. The second approach is to account for inflation and long-term capital appreciation with the current dividend yield.

Commodities

Our long-term commodity forecast is based on our forecasts of US Inflation and Dollar Index. Since the exposure to commodities is primarily held through Futures market, rolling the futures would be a source of return. For this, we use the long term roll return along with the latest positioning of commodities futures. We also consider that collateral held for maintaining the exposure to futures may generate a return.

Long Horizon Risk

We believe that over the long term, prices are anchored to some sort of a slow-moving, fundamentals-anchored process, while in the short term, these same prices cycle quasi-randomly around such anchors. Thus, the returns on most financial assets can be effectively separated into a long-term component linked to

economic fundamentals and a transient part linked to “excess volatility” or other noise. Such property of asset returns rhythms nicely with the investors’ need to balance strategic portfolio optimality with the short-term risk control. With that in mind, we expanded our Long-Term Return Forecasts to include long-horizon risk estimates alongside ordinary, short-horizon ones.

Figure 2: State Street Investment Management asset class return forecasts

As of March 31, 2026

| Asset class | Benchmark | Short term 1 year (%) | Intermediate term 3–5 years (%) | Long term 10+ years (%) | Long horizon risk (std dev) (%) | Long-term risk (std dev) (%) |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Global Equities (ACWI) | MSCI ACWI | 7.4 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 14.7 |
| Global Equities (ACWI) ex US | MSCI ACWI Ex USA | 6.3 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 4.7 | 13.9 |
| Global Developed (World) | MSCI World | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 14.9 |
| Global Developed ex US | MSCI World ex USA | 5.6 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 4.6 | 14.0 |
| Global Developed ex US Small Cap | MSCI World ex US Small Cap | 6.1 | 7.2 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 15.7 |
| US Large Cap | S&P 500 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 4.7 | 15.9 |
| US Mid Cap | S&P MidCap 400 | 8.0 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 19.1 |
| US Small Cap | S&P Small Cap 600 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 20.8 |
| Europe | MSCI Europe | 4.4 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 14.7 |
| Euro | MSCI Euro | 3.7 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.2 | 17.5 |
| Developed Pacific | MSCI Pacific | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 15.4 |
| Australian Equities | MSCI Australia | 5.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 14.6 |
| New Zealand Equities | MSCI New Zealand | 2.0 | 6.0 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 14.5 |
| Canadian Equities | S&P/TSX 60 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 4.2 | 14.0 |
| Global Value | MSCI World Index Value | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 15.1 |
| Global Growth | MSCI World Index Growth | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 16.0 |
| Global Quality | MSCI World Quality | 7.5 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 14.0 |
| Global Momentum | MSCI World Momentum | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 15.2 |
| Global Minimum Variance | MSCI World Minimum Vol | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 10.9 |
| Emerging Markets (EM) | MSCI EM | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 5.7 | 16.7 |
| EM Asia | MSCI EM Asia | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 18.2 |
| EM EMEA | MSCI EM EMEA | 9.2 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 5.4 | 16.1 |
| EM Latin America | MSCI EM Latin America | 10.4 | 10.0 | 9.5 | 5.3 | 18.5 |
| Global Government Bonds | BofA Global Government Bond Index | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 4.4 |
| Global Corporate | Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 8.5 |
| Canadian Government bonds | FTSE Canada Non - Agency Bond | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 5.1 |

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| Canadian Corporate bonds | FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 5.0 |
| Canadian Universe bonds | FTSE Canada Universe Bond | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 5.5 |
| Non-US Government Bonds | Citi WGBI NonUSD | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 4.4 |
| Non-US Corporate Bonds | BOFA ML Large Cap Corporate ex US | 3.4 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 12.0 |
| US Government Bond | Barclays US Aggregate Government | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 1.4 | 5.2 |
| US Investment Grade Bond | Barclays US Agg Bond | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 1.4 | 5.1 |
| US High Yield Bond | BofA US High Yield | 4.9 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 9.5 |
| US TIPS Bond | Barclays US Treasury Inflation Protected Notes (TIPS) | 3.0 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 6.8 |
| US Long Treasury STRIPS Bond | Barclays Treasury US STRIPS 20Y+ | 9.3 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 25.2 |
| Euro Government Bonds | BofA Euro Government | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 5.9 |
| Euro Corporate Bonds | BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Corporate | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 5.2 |
| Euro High Yield Bonds | BofA Euro High Yield | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 10.6 |
| Australian Government Bonds | BofA Merrill Lynch Australia Government | 4.0 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 5.7 |
| Australian Corporate Bonds | BofA Merrill Lynch Australia Corporate | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 |
| New Zealand Government Bonds | BofA Merrill Lynch New Zealand Government | 1.4 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 1.6 | 5.1 |
| Japanese Government Bonds | Citi Japanese GBI JPY | 2.1 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| Japanese Corporate Bonds | BofA Japan Corporate | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| UK Government Bonds | Citi UK GBI GBP | 3.9 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 2.4 | 9.1 |
| UK Corporate Bonds | BofA UK Corporate | 4.6 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 8.9 |
| Emerging Markets Bonds | JPM EMBI Plus | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 3.1 | 9.9 |
| Emerging Markets LC Bonds | JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified Composite | — | — | 5.8 | 1.6 | 4.8 |
| Global Real Estate (REITs) | FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed | 5.0 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 6.4 | 18.0 |
| Commodities | Bloomberg Commodity | 5.7 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 6.0 | 16.9 |
| Hedge Funds | HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 5.5 |
| Private Equity | Burgiss Private Equity | 0.0 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 10.6 |
| Core Private Credit | Burgiss Private Senior Debt | — | — | 6.7 | 4.6 | 7.9 |
| Opportunistic Private Credit | Burgiss Private Distressed Debt | — | — | 11.9 | 6.6 | 10.4 |
| Direct Real Estate—US | Burgiss Real Estate | — | — | 8.1 | 9.2 | 10.9 |
| US Cash | BofA 3 Month T-Bill | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| UK Cash | JPM UK Cash Index | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| EMU Cash | JPM EUR Cash Index | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Canada Cash | JP Morgan Cash Index Canada (3 M) | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Australia Cash | JP Morgan Cash Index Australia (3 M) | 4.5 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| New Zealand Cash | JP Morgan Cash Index New Zealand (3 M) | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 |

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| US Inflation | — | — | 2.0 | 1.9 | — | — |
| UK Inflation | — | — | 2.2 | 2.2 | — | — |
| EMU Inflation | — | — | 2.2 | 2.1 | — | — |
| Canada Inflation | — | — | 1.8 | 1.9 | — | — |
| Australia Inflation | — | — | 2.4 | 2.5 | — | — |
| New Zealand Inflation | — | — | 1.9 | 2.0 | — | — |

Source: The forecasted returns are annual arithmetic averages based on State Street Investment Management's Investment Solutions Group March 31, 2026 forecasted returns and long-term standard deviations. The forecasted performance data is reported on a gross of fees basis. Additional fees, such as the advisory fee, would reduce the return. For example, if an annualized gross return of 10% was achieved over a five-year period and a management fee of 1% per year was charged and deducted annually, then the resulting return would be reduced from 61% to 53%. The performance includes the reinvestment of dividends and other corporate earnings and is calculated in the local (or regional) currency presented. It does not take into consideration currency effects. The forecasted performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance, which could differ substantially.

Please reach out to your representative in case of any further questions on our forecasts or methodologies.

Note: Forecasts apply to the listed primary benchmarks and other asset class benchmarks as long as they are substantially similar.

Note: Private asset forecasted returns are Net of Fees, Public asset forecasted returns are Gross of Fees.

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Glossary

Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index A fixed-income benchmark of US dollar-denominated, high-yield and fixed-rate corporate bonds. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. Bonds from issuers with an emerging markets country of risk, based on Barclays' emerging markets country definition, are excluded.

Commodities A generic, largely unprocessed, good that can be processed and resold. Commodities traded in the financial markets for immediate or future delivery include grains, metals, and minerals.

Credit Spreads The spread between Treasury securities and non-Treasury securities that are identical in all respects except for quality rating.

Dividend Equities and Dividend Yield Equity securities that pay dividends. A dividend is a distribution of a portion of a company's earnings, decided by the board of directors, to a class of its shareholders. Dividends can be issued as cash payments, as shares of stock, or other property. Equity, also known as stock, is a type of security that signifies ownership in a corporation and represents a claim on part of the corporation's assets and earnings. The dividend yield is the ratio of the dividend paid per share of issued equity over the share price.

Inflation An overall increase in the price of an economy's goods and services during a given period, translating to a loss in purchasing power per unit of currency. Inflation generally occurs when growth of the money supply outpaces growth of the economy.

Central banks attempt to limit inflation, and avoid deflation, in order to keep the economy running smoothly.

MSCI World Index The MSCI World Index is a free-float weighted equity index. It includes about 1,600 stocks from developed world markets, and does not include emerging markets.

Nominal Bond Yield The annual income that an investor receives from a bond divided by the par value of the security. The result, stated as a percentage, is the same as the rate of interest the security pays.

Private Equity An umbrella term for large amounts of money raised directly from accredited individuals and institutions and pooled in a fund that invests in a range of business ventures.

Real Interest Rates, or Real Yields An interest rate that takes into consideration the actual or expected inflation rate, which is the actual amount of yield an investor receives. The real rate is the calculation of the "nominal" interest rate minus the inflation rate as follows: Real Interest Rate = Nominal Interest Rate — Inflation.

REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Publicly traded companies that pool investors' capital to invest in a variety of real estate ventures, such as apartment and office buildings, shopping centers, medical facilities, industrial buildings, and hotels.

Tactical Asset Allocation Models Illustrate a dynamic approach to asset management that emphasises exposure to asset classes that are designed to enhance returns or control drawdowns.

Yield Curve (e.g., US Treasury Curve) A graph or line that plots the interest rates or yields of bonds with similar credit quality but different durations, typically from shortest to longest duration. When the yield curve is said to be "flat," it means the difference in yields between bonds with shorter and longer durations is relatively narrow. When the yield curve is said to be "steep," it means the difference in yields between bonds with shorter and longer durations is relatively wide.

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Hedge funds are typically unregulated private investment pools made available to only sophisticated investors who are able to bear the risk of the loss of their entire investment. An investment in a hedge fund should be viewed as illiquid and interests in hedge funds are generally not readily marketable and are generally not transferable. Investors should be prepared to bear the financial risks of an investment in a hedge fund for an indefinite period of time. An investment in a hedge fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, but rather is intended for investment as part of a diversified investment portfolio.

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A Smart Beta strategy does not seek to replicate the performance of a specified cap-weighted index and as such may underperform such an index. The factors to which a Smart Beta strategy seeks to deliver exposure may themselves undergo cyclical performance. As such, a Smart Beta strategy may underperform the market or other Smart Beta strategies exposed to similar or other targeted factors. In fact, we believe

that factor premia accrue over the long term (5-10 years), and investors must keep that long time horizon in mind when investing.

The value of the debt securities may increase or decrease as a result of the following: market fluctuations, increases in interest rates, inability of issuers to repay principal and interest or illiquidity in the debt securities markets; the risk of low rates of return due to reinvestment of securities during periods of falling interest rates or repayment by issuers with higher coupon or interest rates; and/or the risk of low income due to falling interest rates. To the extent that interest rates rise, certain underlying obligations may be paid off substantially slower than originally anticipated and the value of those securities may fall sharply. This may result in a reduction in income from debt securities income.

Increase in real interest rates can cause the price of inflation-protected debt securities to decrease. Interest payments on inflation-protected debt securities can be unpredictable.

Investing in REITs involves certain distinct risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general.

Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of credit extended. REITs are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation. REITs, especially mortgage REITs, are also subject to interest rate risk (i.e., as interest rates rise, the value of the REIT may decline).

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