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# Russell 2000 Index quarterly chartbook

April 2026

Covering Q1 2026 index performance



## Learn more: The Russell 2000 Index is the investable small cap market

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**KEY ANNOUNCEMENT:** [Russell US Indexes moving to a semi-annual index reconstitution frequency starting in December 2026.](#)



## Indexes driven by the market. Not picked by a committee.

The Russell US equity indexes define the market and year after year the Russell 2000 Index sets the standard for small cap measurement. The Index provides a pure and objective exposure to small cap stocks. Its transparent methodology and the quarterly additions of IPOs ensure that small cap stays small and perhaps more importantly, doesn't miss out on small cap opportunities.



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# Market performance

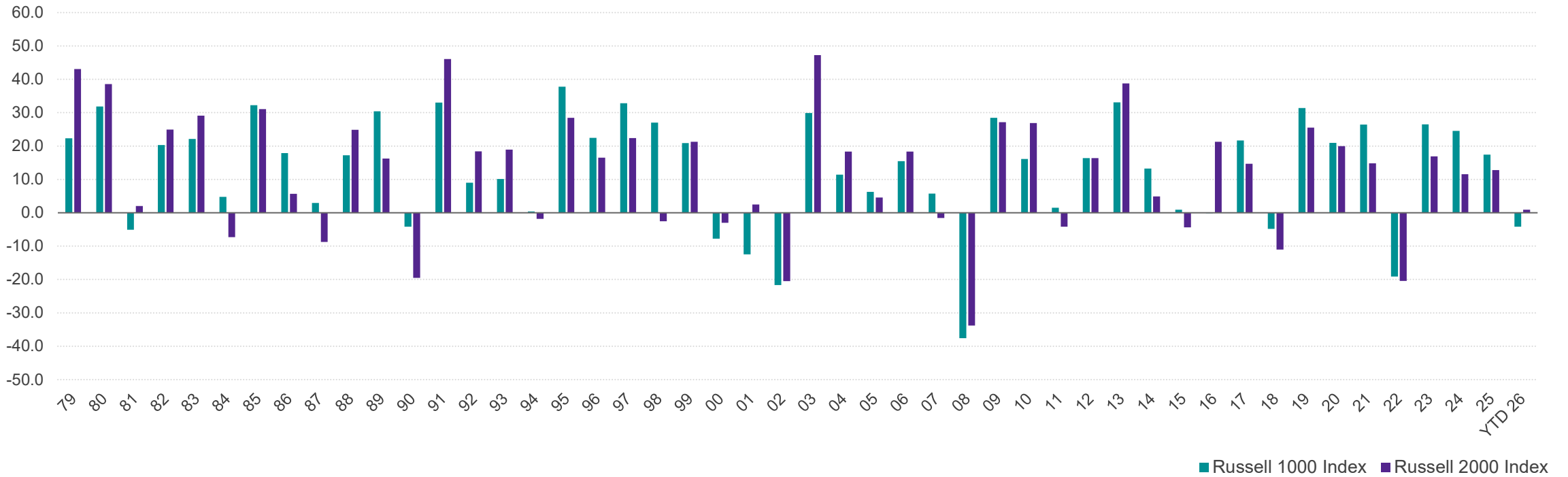
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## **SMALL CAPS TELL US MORE**

The Russell 2000 Index provides live index tracking data, with historical performance dating back to January 1984. Academic and practitioner research confirms that large-cap stocks behave differently to small-cap stocks and performance is variable. There are sub-periods during which the Russell 1000 outperforms the Russell 2000 and vice versa. Quarterly performance assessments provide valuable datapoints for understanding market sentiment and US economic activity.

# Exhibit 1

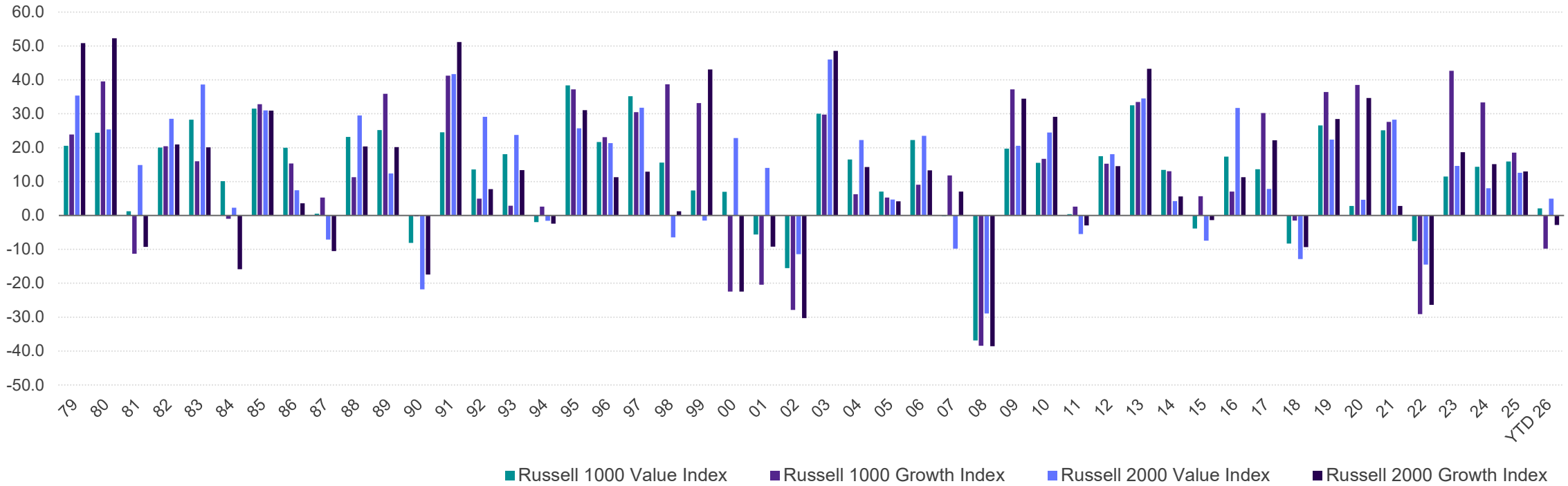
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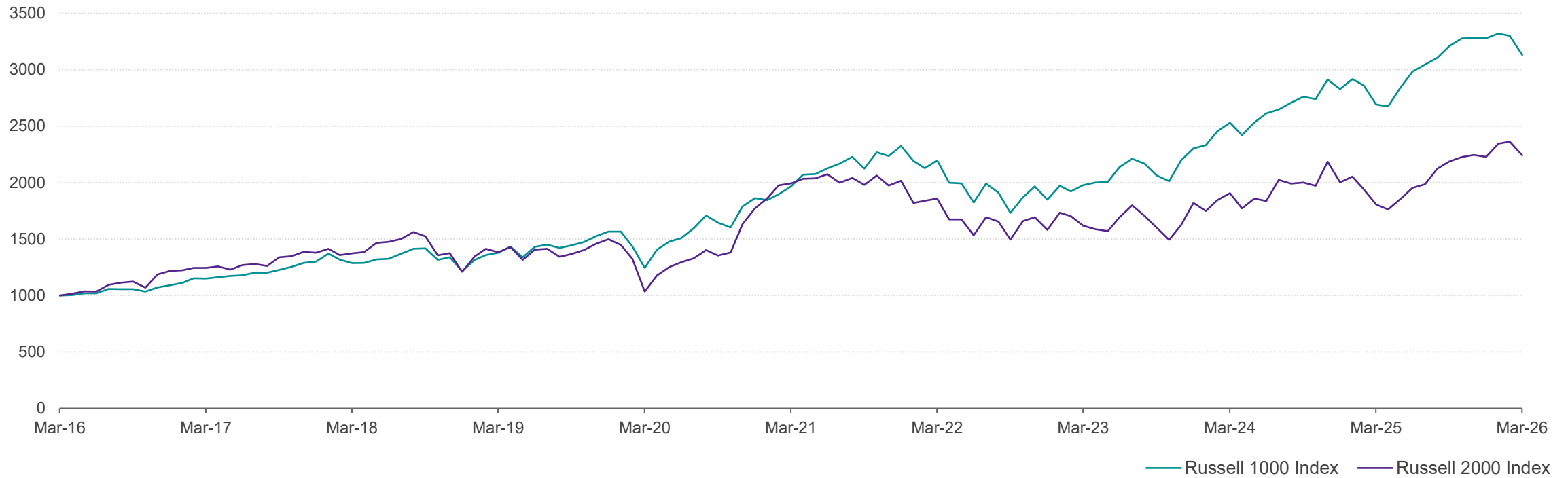


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## Exhibit 2

# Performance: Growth of a unit

Total return (growth of 1,000) 10 years



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## Exhibit 3

# Market cap performance

## Total return (%)

	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	12 months
Russell 3000® Index	-4.0	2.4	8.2	11.0	18.1
Russell Top 200® Index	-5.5	3.0	8.7	11.8	18.2
Russell 1000® Index	-4.2	2.4	8.0	11.1	17.7
Russell Midcap® Index	1.3	0.2	5.3	8.5	16.0
Russell 2000® Index	0.9	2.2	12.4	8.5	25.7
Russell Microcap® Index	1.5	6.3	17.0	15.5	45.8

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## Exhibit 4

# Style performance

## Total return (%)

	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q2 2025	12 months
Russell 1000 Growth Index	-9.8	1.1	10.5	17.8	18.8
Russell 2000 Growth Index	-2.8	1.2	12.2	12.0	23.6
Russell 1000 Value Index	2.1	3.8	5.3	3.8	15.9
Russell 2000 Value Index	5.0	3.3	12.6	5.0	28.1
Russell 1000 Defensive Index	-4.1	2.4	6.6	4.3	9.1
Russell 2000 Defensive Index	2.4	0.9	6.3	4.1	14.4
Russell 1000 Dynamic Index	-4.3	2.5	9.3	18.0	26.6
Russell 2000 Dynamic Index	-0.3	3.3	18.2	13.2	37.8

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# Exhibit 5

## Style box performance

Total return (%)

	Value	Core	Growth
<b>YTD 2026</b>			
Large	2.10	-4.18	-9.78
Mid	3.68	1.29	-6.35
Small	4.96	0.89	-2.81
<b>2025</b>			
Large	15.91	17.37	18.56
Mid	11.05	10.60	8.66
Small	12.60	12.81	13.01

	Value	Core	Growth
<b>2024</b>			
Large	14.37	24.51	33.36
Mid	13.07	15.34	22.10
Small	8.06	11.54	15.15
<b>2023</b>			
Large	11.46	26.53	42.68
Mid	12.71	17.23	25.87
Small	14.65	16.93	18.66

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# Industries

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## **SMALL CAPS REVEAL A SHIFTING ECONOMY**

The US has experienced a massive shift in the nature of its economy over the last half century. The US was traditionally a manufacturing-focused economy, supplying a variety of raw materials and consumer and industrial products domestically and abroad. Today, data shows the US economy is most heavily represented by service-oriented industries such as Technology, Health Care and Financials and less so by the industrial industries such as Energy, Basic Materials and Industrials. However, the leading industries are always in a state of change indicative of economic, consumer, and industry trends.

## Exhibit 6a

# First quarter IPOs

Quarter end

Russell 2000 Index IPOs by Industry

Industry	Number of IPOs	Total market cap (\$B)
Financials	2	0.43
Health Care	3	0.82
Industrials	4	1.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.68</b>

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## Exhibit 6b

# First quarter IPOs

## Quarter end

### Russell 2000 Index IPOs company detail

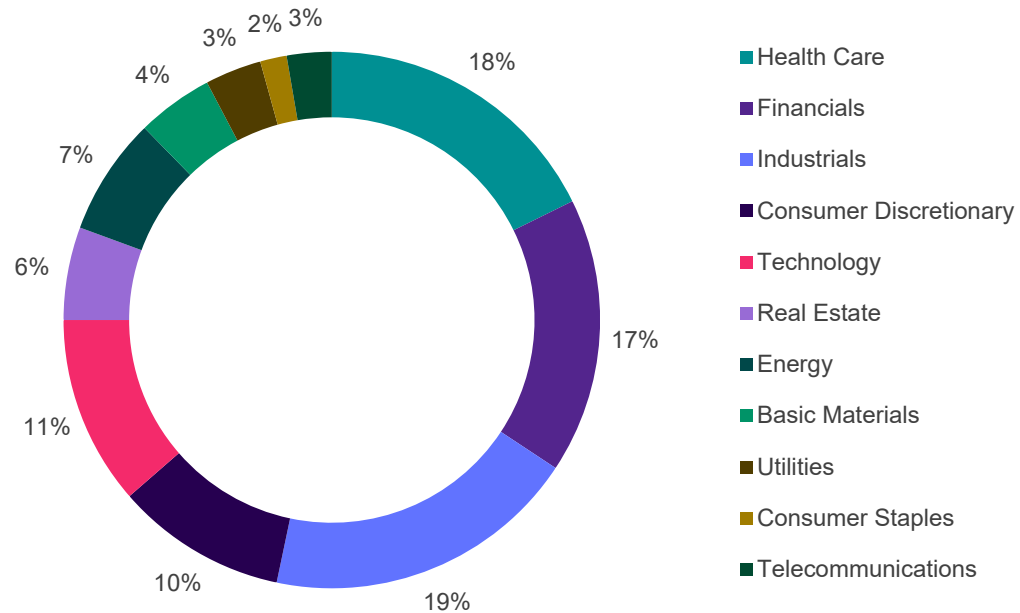
Industry	Company name	Ticker	Total market cap (\$B)
Financials	EXZEO GROUP	XZO	0.11
	WEALTHFRONT CORP	WLTH	0.32
Health Care	AKTIS ONCOLOGY	AKTS	0.36
	EVOMMUNE INC	EVMN	0.24
	LUMEXA IMAGING HOLDINGS	LMRI	0.22
Financials	BETA TECHNOLOGIES INC	BETA	0.48
	CARDINAL INFRASTRUCTURE	CDNL	0.50
	PUBLIC POLICY HOLDING CO	PPHC	0.05
	YORK SPACE SYSTEMS INC	YSS	0.39

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# Exhibit 7

## Quarterly industry weightings

Quarter end (%)



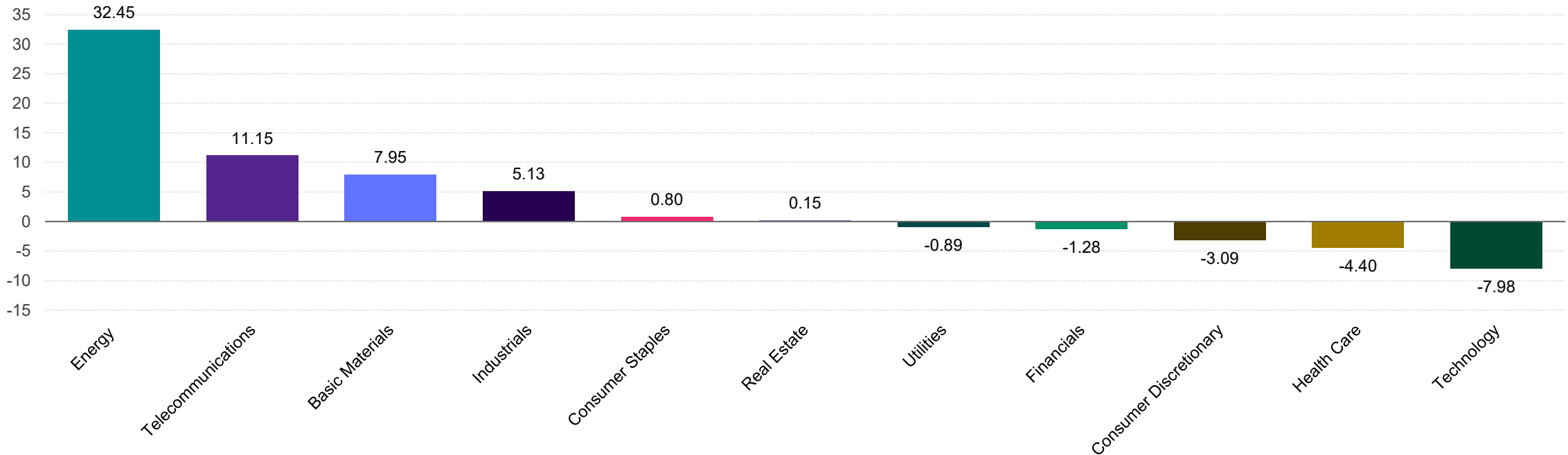
	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Q2 2025
Health Care	17.7	18.7	16.0	16.0
Financials	16.6	17.2	17.5	18.6
Industrials	19.0	18.1	18.9	18.6
Consumer Discretionary	10.3	10.9	11.7	12.1
Technology	11.4	12.3	12.9	12.3
Real Estate	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.5
Energy	7.1	5.3	5.2	5.1
Basic Materials	4.6	4.0	3.9	3.3
Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.8
Consumer Staples	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0
Telecom	2.7	2.5	2.3	1.9

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## Exhibit 8

# Quarterly industry performance review

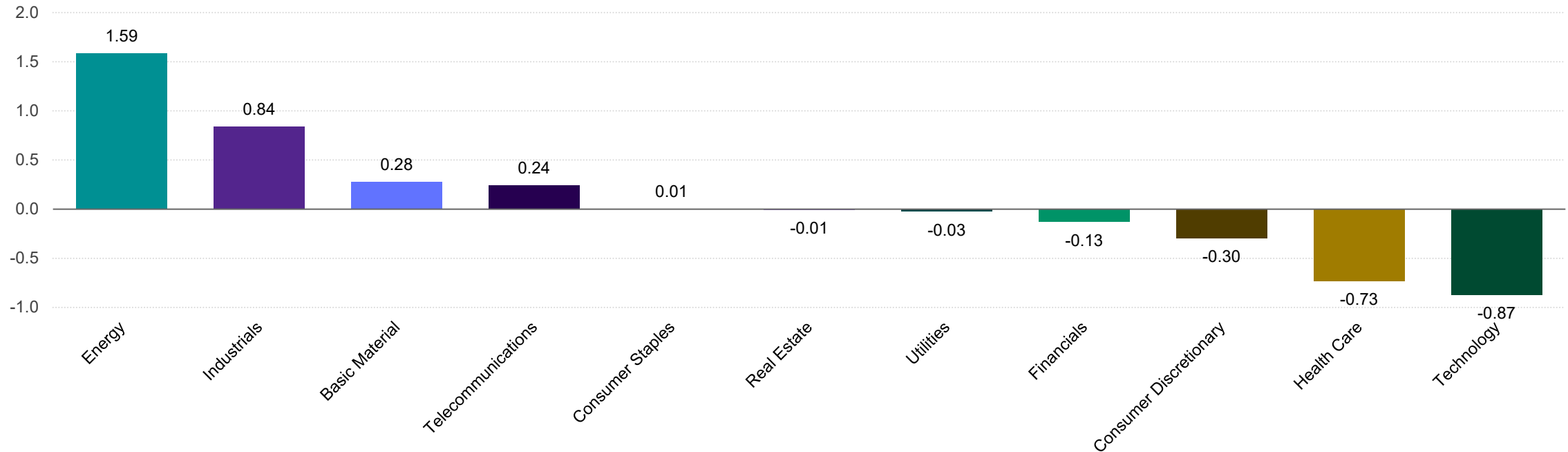
Total return (%)



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# Industry contribution to return Year to date (%)

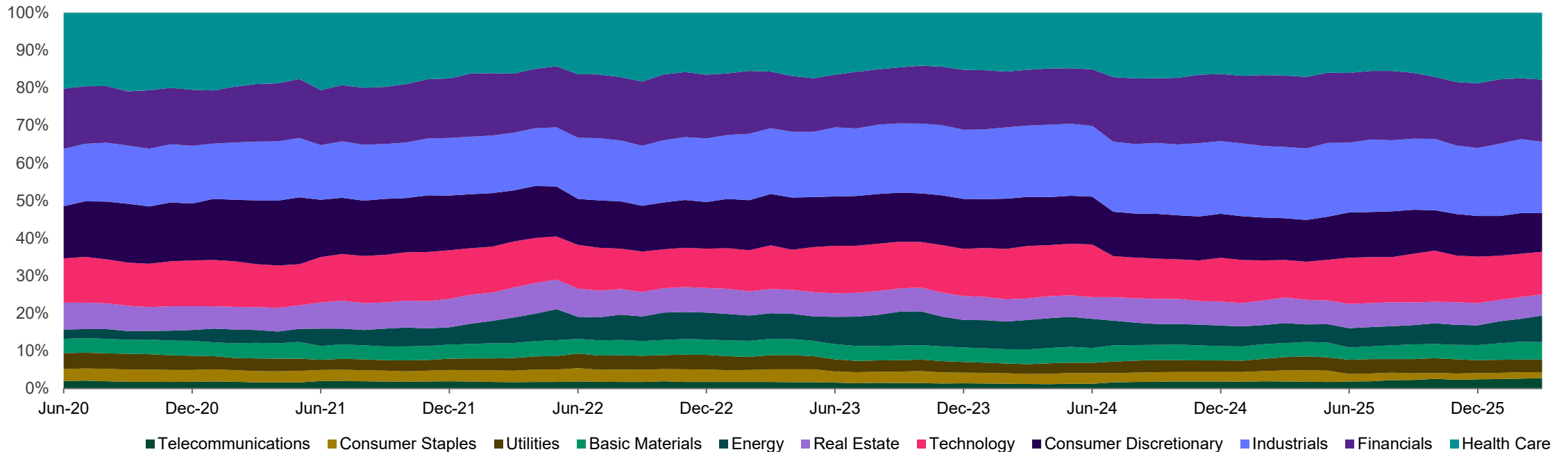


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# Exhibit 10a

## Industry history

### ICB historical monthly weightings (%)

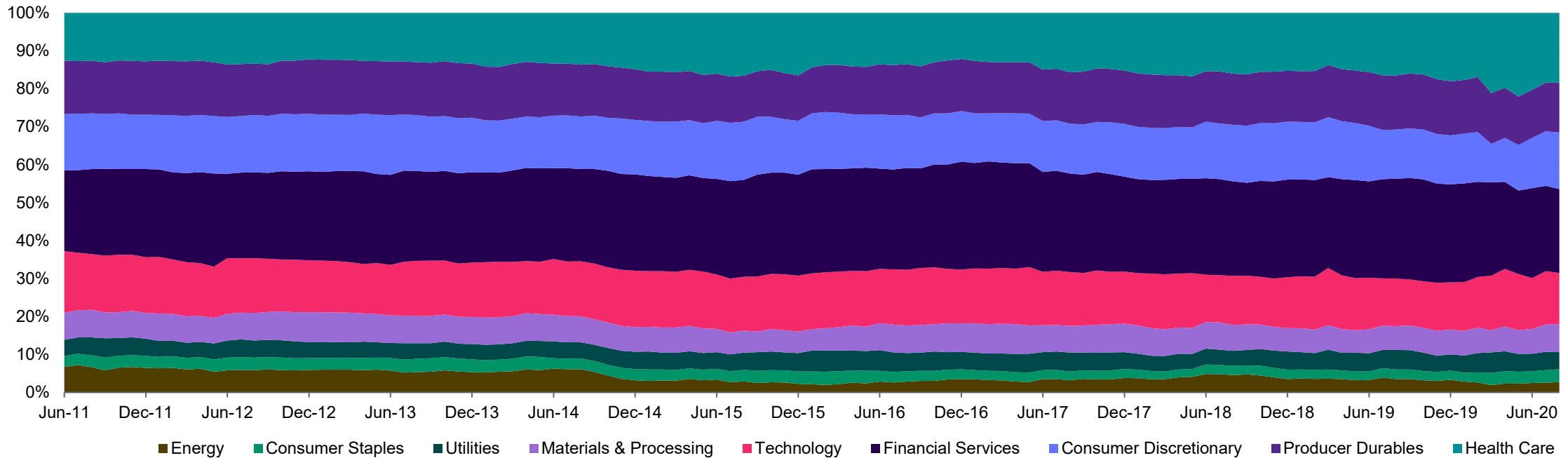


Source: FTSE Russell Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) data is shown starting June 30, 2020. Historical index weightings reflect Russell Global Sectors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please see important legal disclosures at the end of this report.

## Exhibit 10b

# Sector history

## RGS historical monthly weightings (%)



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# Risk/characteristics

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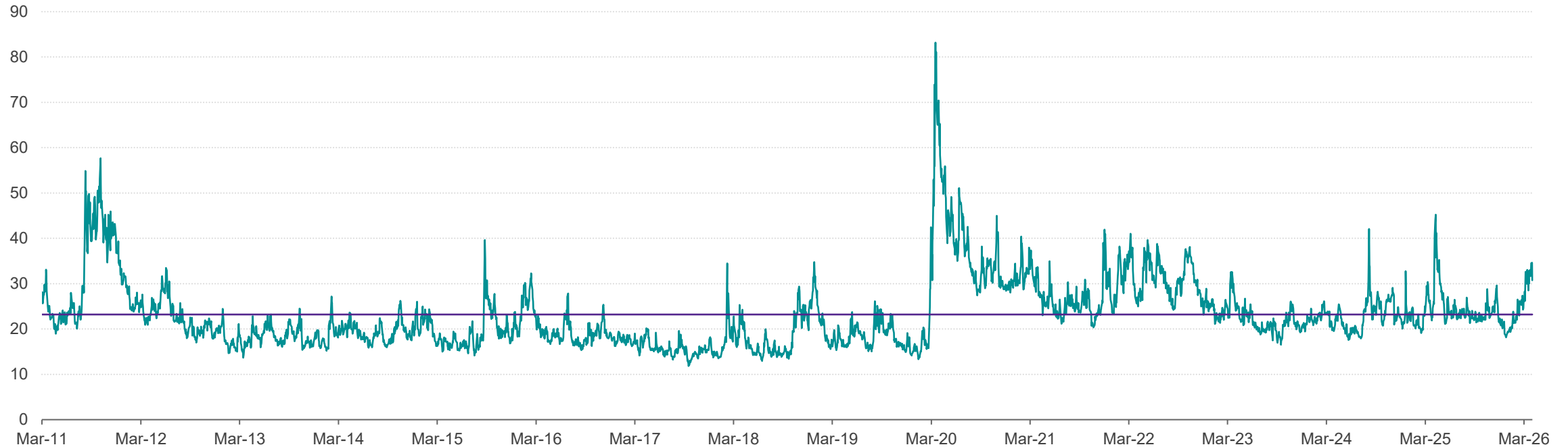
## **SMALL CAPS REFLECT THE MARKET**

Russell 2000 companies tend to be more specialized than those of the more diversified Russell 1000 constituents, this suggests that Russell 2000 companies are less resilient to economic or industry specific shocks. That riskiness has likely contributed to the historically higher volatility of Russell 2000 returns. However, it is important to note that more recently, large and small cap markets seem to be converging as illustrated by similarities in metrics.

## Exhibit 11

# Implied volatility

CBOE Russell 2000 Volatility Index (RVX) 3/01/2011 – 3/31/2026



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## Exhibit 12a

# Fundamental characteristics: Q1 2026

## Quarterly market snapshots

Index	Growth		Quality			
	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	EPS Variability (10 Yr)	ROA (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	9.77	14.31	146.31	2.22	0.64	1.27
Russell 1000 Index	11.95	16.56	118.49	13.48	0.75	1.27

Index	Valuation			Risk—Standard Deviation (%)		
	P/E (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	14.62	2.29	14.15	11.78	19.10	19.81
Russell 1000 Index	18.97	4.81	15.97	9.79	12.19	15.33

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## Exhibit 12b

# Fundamental characteristics: Q4 2025

## Quarterly market snapshots

Index	Growth		Quality			
	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	EPS Variability (10 Yr)	ROA (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	9.86	13.93	153.46	2.16	0.64	1.24
Russell 1000 Index	12.55	16.44	113.54	13.47	0.77	1.16

Index	Valuation			Risk—Standard Deviation (%)		
	P/E (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	16.33	2.26	14.60	0.62	0.51	0.23
Russell 1000 Index	22.67	5.14	17.18	1.15	1.36	0.71

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## Exhibit 12c

# Fundamental characteristics: Q3 2025

## Quarterly market snapshots

Index	Growth		Quality			
	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	EPS Variability (10 Yr)	ROA (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	9.71	12.16	149.76	2.33	0.62	1.28
Russell 1000 Index	12.48	14.94	114.95	13.17	0.82	1.17

Index	Valuation			Risk—Standard Deviation (%)		
	P/E (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	16.38	2.21	14.65	19.68	20.88	21.58
Russell 1000 Index	23.17	5.19	17.75	12.64	13.48	15.99

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## Exhibit 12d

# Fundamental characteristics: Q2 2025

## Quarterly market snapshots

Index	Growth		Quality			
	Sales per Share Growth (5 Yr)	Long Term Forecasted Growth (I/B/E/S Median)	EPS Variability (10 Yr)	ROA (5 Yr Avg)	Debt/Equity	Dividend Yield
Russell 2000 Index	9.52	13.35	149.43	2.56	0.64	1.44
Russell 1000 Index	12.23	14.20	113.40	12.71	0.79	1.23

Index	Valuation			Risk—Standard Deviation (%)		
	P/E (I/B/E/S 1 Yr) Forecasted	Price/Book	Price/Cash Flow	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr
Russell 2000 Index	15.05	1.99	13.11	20.84	22.22	21.58
Russell 1000 Index	22.15	4.97	17.04	12.48	15.83	16.46

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**Value leads in Q1 & March; small caps gave up lead in March amid higher inflation & rates outlook**

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March may mark a macro regime shift.  
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In Focus—Broad-based selloff masks underlying trends.

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**Chart 2: Economic Policy uncertainty and Russell 2000 index volatility**

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