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Main BuyWrite

If you haven't already seen it, we would like to call your attention to a piece we recently published on our BuyWrite strategy, which combines income distribution with volatility management.

Below is a link to the piece on our website and it is also available in our Advisor Portal.

BuyWrite - Combining Income Distribution with Volatility Management
 For full contact on the Main Management BuyWrite ETF, please visit the [Investment Strategy](#) page.

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The Risk of Hedged Equity

Hedged equity strategies have seen a notable rise in popularity in recent years as investors seek alternative ways of managing uncertainty and generating income. By pairing equity exposure with covered call writing, hedged equity strategies aim to add cushion against market volatility in a world of heightened uncertainty, many investors are drawn to the finance these strategies offer—participation in market upside with an additional layer of risk management as well as potential income. This approach has appealed to risk-averse investors looking to stay invested but willing to offset the full downside risk that equity market swings can bring. As a result, hedged equity has become an increasingly important part of the portfolio conversation.

A Unique Process

Though the popularity of covered call strategies has surged in recent years—leading to a wave of new product launches—hedged equity has been a focus for a long time at Main Management. The firm has been managing our BuyWrite Strategy in the form of an SMA composite for over 20 years with a track record that dates back to the strategy's inception in 2004.

START ASSET ALLOCATION

The first step is a global equity ETF allocation based on fundamental-with-a-catalyst analysis that Main Management has been doing for 20 years.

NEXT: PREMIUM INCOME

Covered calls we sold against the underlying ETFs aligned with market and sector outlook, incorporate generated transactions premiums along with dividends from the underlying ETFs.

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The Main Management BuyWrite Strategy has a unique process which has stood the test of time, employing a dual-income approach that pairs hedge asset allocation with a dynamic option strategy which has the flexibility to write options in, or out of, the money. Many covered call products may have relatively tight parameters, coming with all predetermined levels and using fixed parameters—regardless of market conditions or opportunities for tactical adjustment. With a differentiated process, the BuyWrite Strategy was the pioneer to yield differentiated results. The firm's BuyWrite ETF was able to weather the market downturn earlier this year better than major competitors and the derivative income category, which offered any limited protection relative to the market in this particular instance.

Performance

Source: Main Management Data
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Use Cases for BuyWrite

The BuyWrite strategy offers attractive use cases, particularly in markets where traditional diversification may fall short. One use case that may provide diversified diversification benefits, which may be best during times of market volatility. For instance, in an environment where both equities and fixed income decline, the BuyWrite strategy offers the potential for potential additional premium, such as in 2022, when BuyWrite had positive returns, in periods of heightened volatility or correlation across asset classes, this may provide a particularly attractive alternative to a traditional BuyWrite has historically been based about \$200 per month in OCE since the past 12 months, making it an appealing candidate for income-oriented portfolios, which are often primarily fixed income, and may benefit from a diversified income stream.

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12 Month Distribution Yield

Comparing BuyWrite to Similar ETFs

When comparing BuyWrite to other ETFs in the Derivative Income category, the results of our differentiated process speak for themselves. Being a hedged equity is often used to add protection to a portfolio. Main places an emphasis on reducing volatility while still achieving an attractive return. It is evident that BuyWrite performs favorably in this respect relative to other ETFs in the Derivative Income category with returns that exceed the category average coupled with a mass downturn that is consistently among the lowest in the category.

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Interested in the BuyWrite?

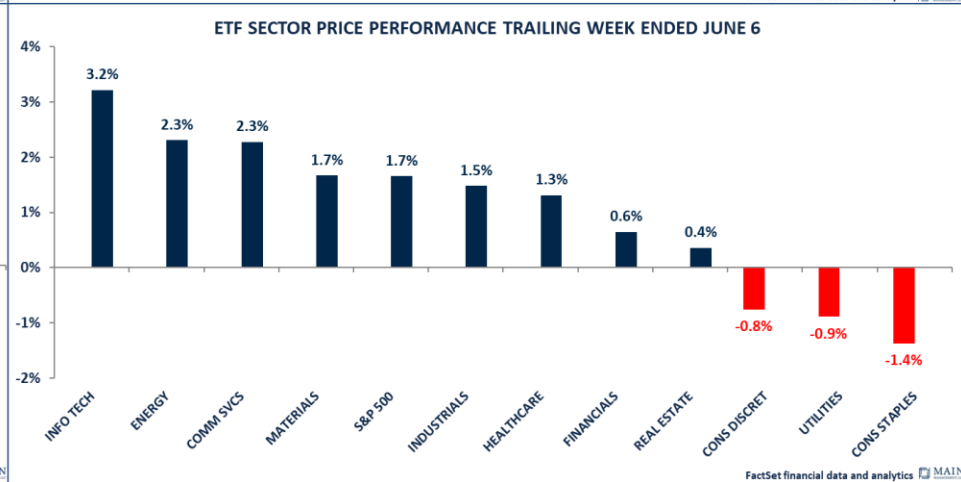
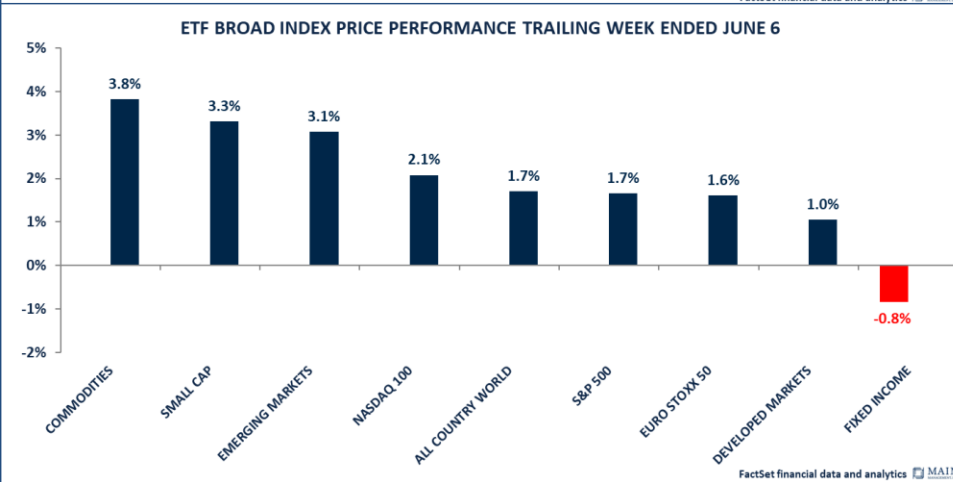
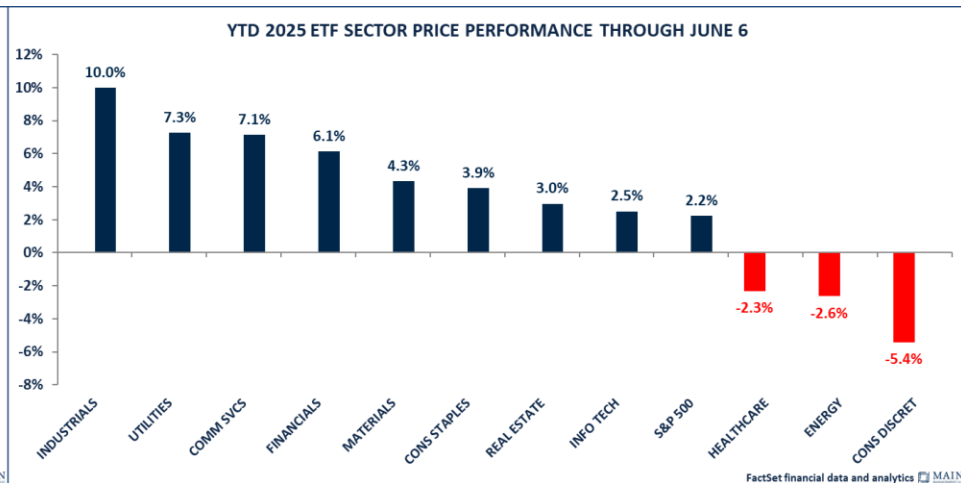
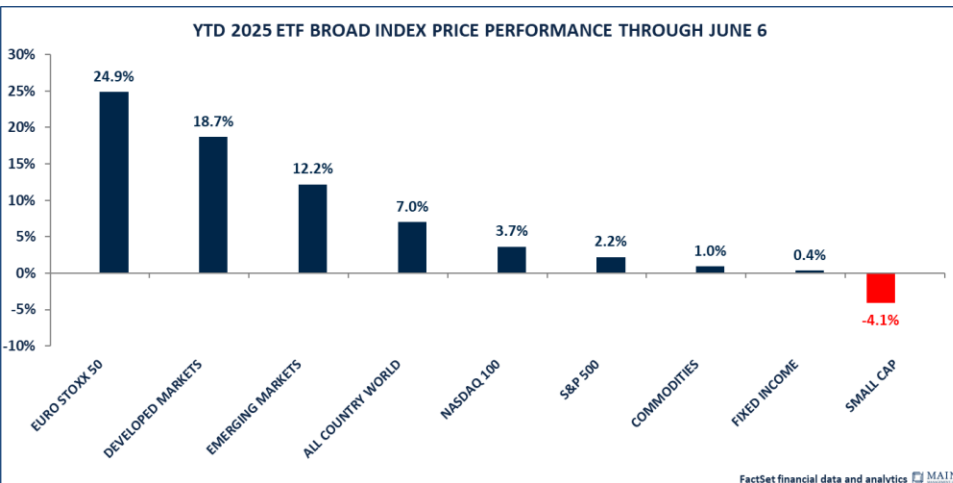
The BuyWrite is available in the form of a model on a number of different platforms and as a single ticker BuyWrite or most CUSTODIANS. If you want to learn more about BuyWrite and our investment process, please feel free to reach out to a member of our Research Team.

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Performance



Recession Dashboard

RECESSION START	INFLATION	CONSUMER	YIELD CURVE	HOUSING	SENTIMENT	AUTOS	EMPLOYMENT	PMI	RETAIL SALES
NOV 1973	↓	—	—	↓	—	—	↓	↓	—
JAN 1980	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	—
JUL 1981	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	—
JUL 1990	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↔	—
MAR 2001	↔	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↓	↓	↔
DEC 2007	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓
DEC 2019	↑	↑	↔	↔	↑	↔	↑	↔	↔
JUNE 2025	↔	↔	↔*	↔	↔	↔	↓	↔	↑
LAST CHANGE	GREEN DEC '24	GREEN APR '25	RED MAR '23	GREEN DEC '24	GREEN APR '25	RED JAN '25	BLUE SEP '22	GREEN APR '25	BLUE DEC '24

↑ Positive
↔ Neutral
↓ Negative

Inflation: Headline CPI. Source: St. Louis Fed. **Consumer:** Conference Board Consumer Confidence. Source: The Conference Board. **Yield Curve:** 10 year – 3 month Treasury spread. Source: FactSet financial data and analytics. **Housing:** Housing Starts & Existing Home Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed. **Sentiment:** Conference Board Consumer Confidence, UMich Consumer Sentiment, State Street Investor Confidence, CEO Confidence, VIX, AAll Autos: Auto Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed. **Employment:** Initial Weekly Unemployment Claims & Nonfarm Payrolls. Source: St. Louis Fed. **PMI:** Markit US Manufacturing PMI & US ISM Manufacturing PMI & Chicago PMI. Source: Markit, ISM. **Retail Sales:** Advance Retail Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed. * 10 year – 3 month Treasury spread inverted on 11/2/22.

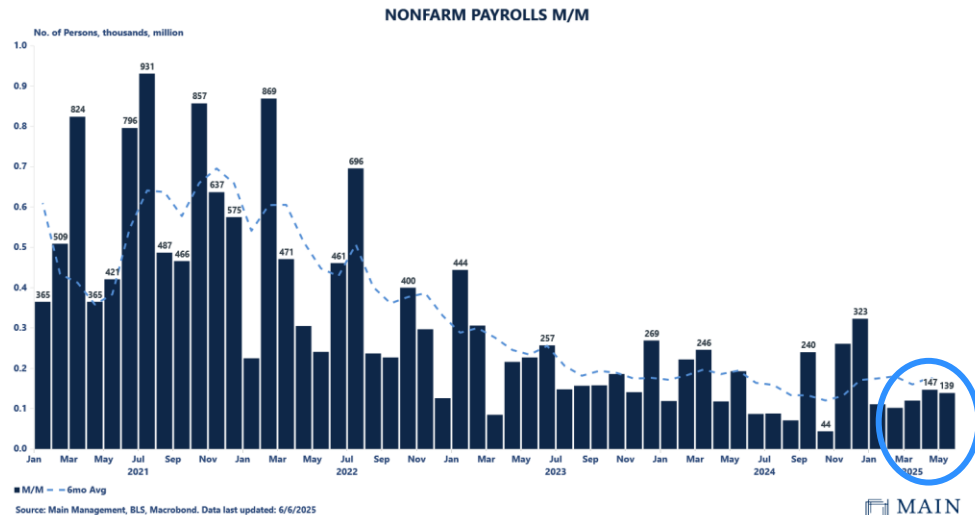
NonFarm Payrolls

May NonFarm Payrolls came in at +139k (right), above forecasts for 125-130k. However, March and April were revised lower by a combined -95k, which isn't ideal. The Unemployment Rate was unchanged at 4.2% but the Labor Force Participation Rate declined to 62.4% as the Labor Force shrunk by -625k.

US Employment

(All population/employment figures in 000s)

	May 2025	Prior Mo	12mo Ago	Y/Y	M/M
Total Nonfarm Employment	159,561	159,422	157,828	1.1%	0.1%
Total Nonfarm Employment (Δ From Prior Period)	139	147	193		
Civilian Non-Institutional Population	273,385	273,197	268,248	1.9%	0.1%
Civilian Non-Institutional Population (Δ From Prior Period)	188	174	182		
Civilian Labor Force	170,510	171,135	167,799	1.6%	-0.4%
Civilian Labor Force (Δ From Prior Period)	-625	544	-189		
Participation Rate	62.4%	62.6%	62.6%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Employed (Household data)	163,273	163,969	161,164	1.3%	-0.4%
Employed (Household data) (Δ From Prior Period)	-696	461	-331		
Employed / Population	59.7%	60.0%	60.1%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Unemployed	7,237	7,166	6,635	9.1%	1.0%
Unemployed (Δ From Prior Period)	71	83	143		
Unemployment Rate (U3)	4.2%	4.2%	4.0%	5.0%	0.0%
Unemployment Rate (U6)	7.8%	7.8%	7.4%	5.4%	0.0%
Part-time for Economic Reasons	4,624	4,690	4,415	4.7%	-1.4%
Want A Job Now (Δ From Prior Period)	1,033	-66	757		
Not in Labor Force	102,875	102,062	100,449	2.4%	0.8%
Not in Labor Force (Δ From Prior Period)	813	-369	371		
Not In Labor Force / Population	37.6%	37.4%	37.4%	0.5%	0.7%
Δ in NFPs Less Those Leaving the Labor Force	-674	516	-178		
Average Hourly Earnings	\$36.24	\$36.09	\$34.89	3.9%	0.4%
Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y change)	3.87%	3.86%	4.09%		
Private Weekly Hours Worked	34.3	34.3	34.3	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing Weekly Hours Worked	40.1	40.0	40.2	-0.2%	0.3%
Total Private Diffusion Index (256 Industries, 1mo Span)	50.0	51.8	52.6	-4.9%	-3.5%
Manufacturing Diffusion Index (74 Industries, 1mo Span)	41.7	44.4	46.5	-10.3%	-6.1%

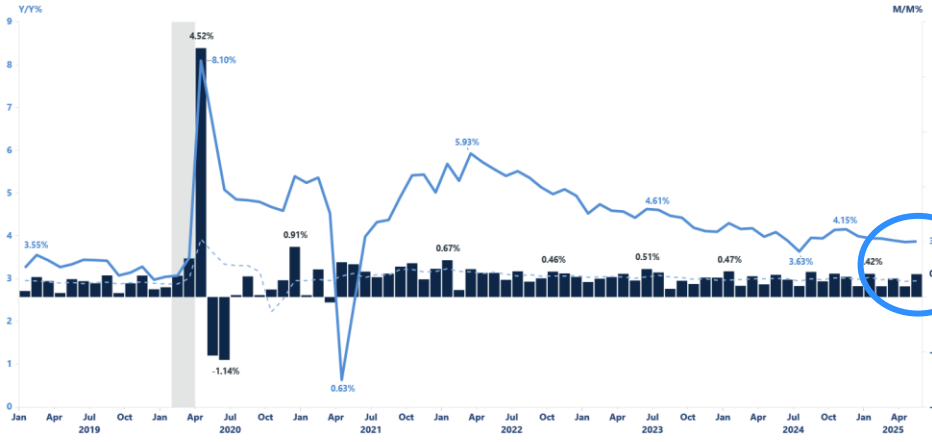


Source: Main Management, BLS, Macrobond. Data last updated: 6/6/2025

Industries and Wages

Wages (left) were a silver lining, accelerating to +0.42% M/M, above forecasts for a +0.3% gain. On a Y/Y basis, they ticked up to +3.87%, remaining solidly above the slowing inflation figures and giving real purchasing power to consumers. On an industry basis (right), Education & Health Services (incl. HC & Social Assist) added +87k jobs, followed by Leisure & Hospitality with +48k. The biggest losers were Temporary Help Services which shed -20.2k and Manufacturing down -8k.

Total Private Average Hourly Earnings
M/M (R) & Y/Y (L)



US Nonfarm Payrolls, per industry

(SA, in 1000s)

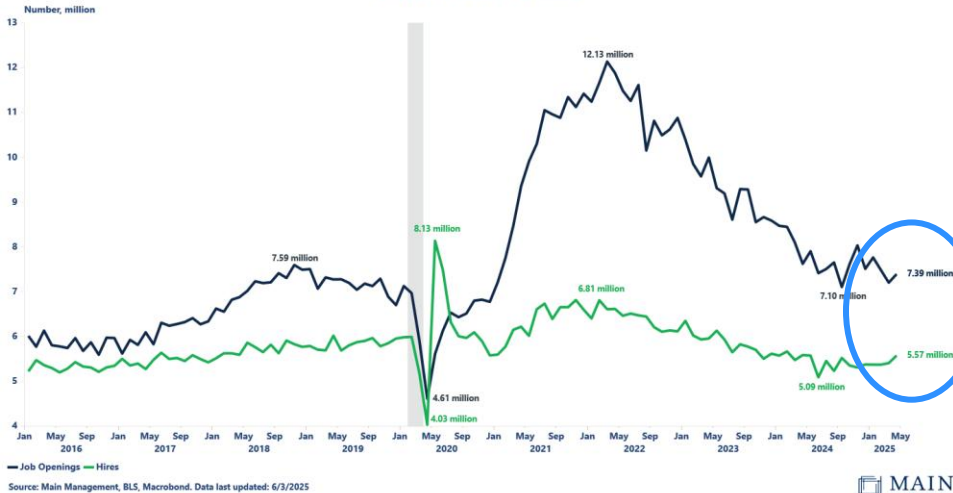
	May 2025	% of Total	M/M Change				Change 1m	Change 12m	1m ago	12m ago
			-25	0	25	50	75	100	125	150
Total Nonfarm	159,561	100.0								
Total Private	135,968	85.2								
Goods Producing	21,700	13.6								
Mining And Logging	625	0.4								
Construction	8,314	5.2								
Manufacturing	12,761	8.0								
Durable Goods	7,906	5.0								
Motor Vehicles And Parts	1,000	0.6								
Nondurable Goods	4,855	3.0								
Private Service-Providing	114,268	71.6								
Wholesale Trade	6,183	3.9								
Retail Trade	15,577	9.8								
Transportation & Warehousing	6,740	4.2								
Utilities	598	0.4								
Information	2,940	1.8								
Financial Activities	9,254	5.8								
Professional And Business Services	22,575	14.1								
Temporary Help Services	2,510	1.6								
Education And Health Services	27,310	17.1								
Health Care And Social Assistance	23,289	14.6								
Leisure And Hospitality	17,053	10.7								
Other Services	6,039	3.8								
Government	23,593	14.8								

■ Latest ● Previous Month

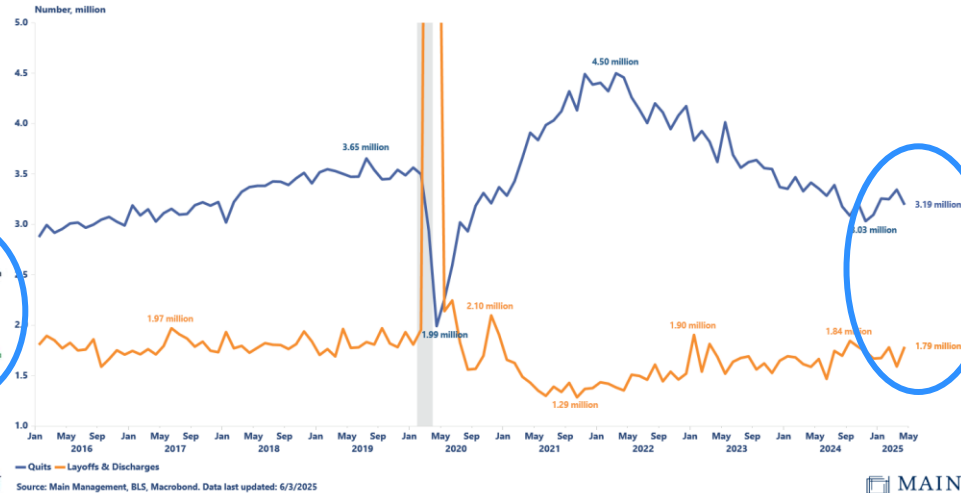
JOLTS

JOLTS (always delayed and ever useful) confirmed ongoing stability in the labor market in April. Openings (left) unexpectedly ticked up to 7.39mil, above forecasts for a 7.10m reading. Hires also increased, rising to 5.57m, their highest level since May 2024. Meanwhile, Quits (right) declined to 3.19m as Layoffs rose to 1.79m, choppily trending higher. The +196,000 M/M gain in Layoffs is the biggest monthly rise since July 2024.

JOLTS: OPENINGS & HIRES

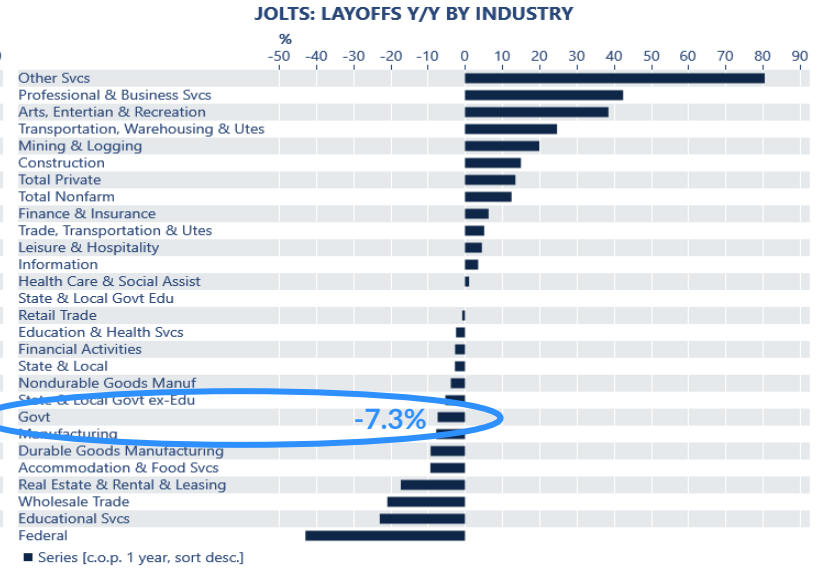
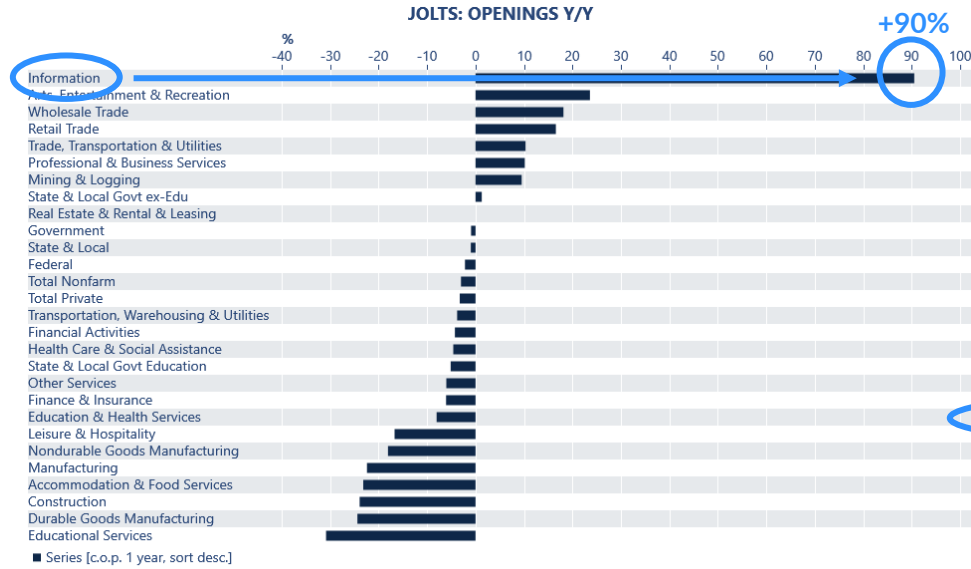


JOLTS: QUILTS & LAYOFFS



Industry Detail

Looking through at the industry level in April JOLTS, there are a couple of items worth pointing out. Information (Tech) openings are up +90% from a year ago, the highest since April 2022! And on the Layoff side of things, despite all the DOGE and government layoff data we've been hearing about (especially from the Challenger Job Cut reports), according to this JOLTS data, Government layoffs are **DOWN -7.3% Y/Y!**



Source: Main Management, BLS, Macrobond

Trade Balance

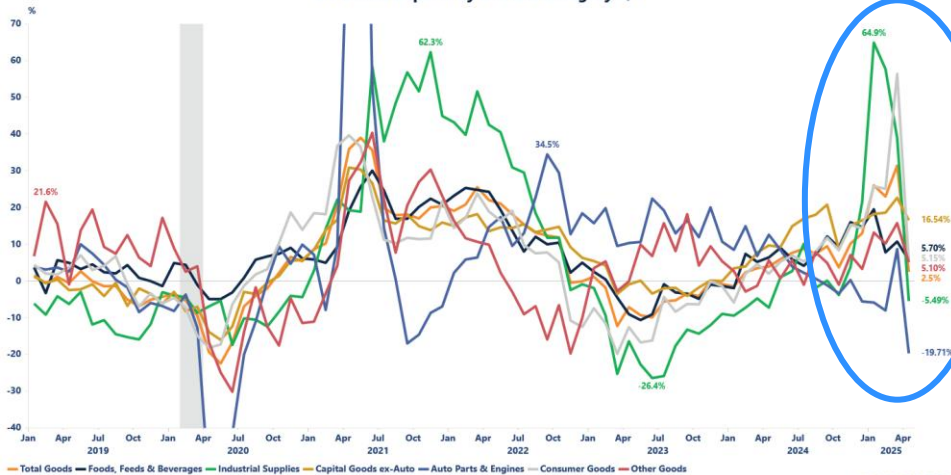
The April Trade Balance narrowed markedly to **-\$61.6b** (left), the smallest delta since September 2023. Imports plummeted back to **\$351b**, a clear reversal of the tariff front-running that occurred in February and March, while Exports rose to another all-time high at **\$289b**. The **-16.3% M/M** drop in Imports (right) is the biggest on record, while Exports rose **+3.0%**, the strongest since April 2022.



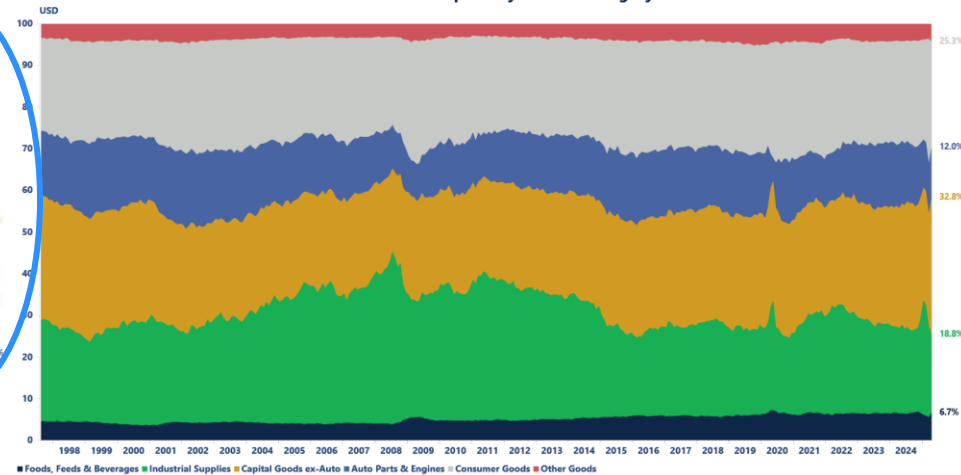
Goods Imports

Within Goods Imports, every single category decelerated on a Y/Y basis (left) with Industrial Supplies and Consumer Goods seeing the most marked slowdown. Autos lead to the downside, declining -19.7% from a year ago, followed by Industrial Supplies down -5.5%. Capital Goods slowed a bit but are still up +16.5% Y/Y and are the biggest share of Total Imports at 32.8% (right). Consumer Goods are the 2nd biggest category at 25.3% of Total Imports.

US Goods Imports by End Use Category Y/Y



Share of Total Imports by End Use Category

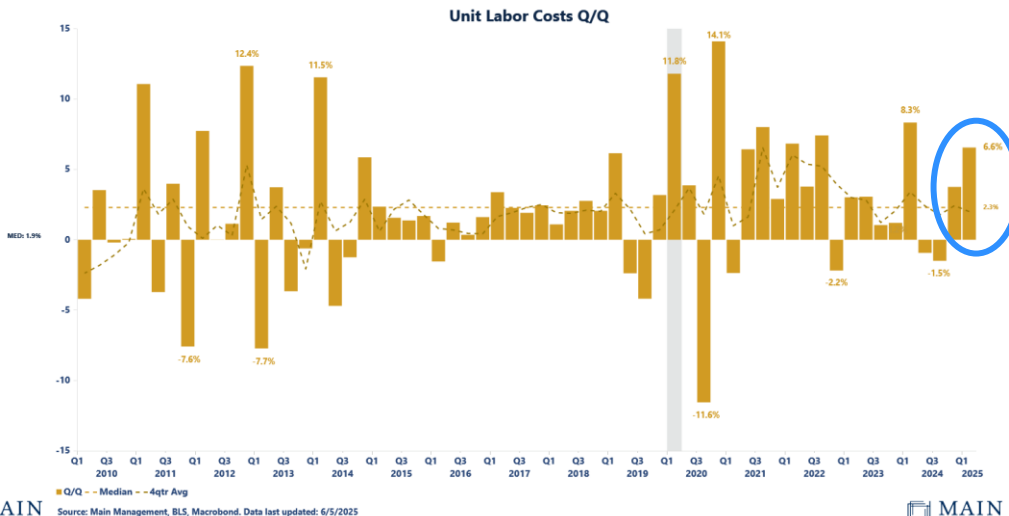
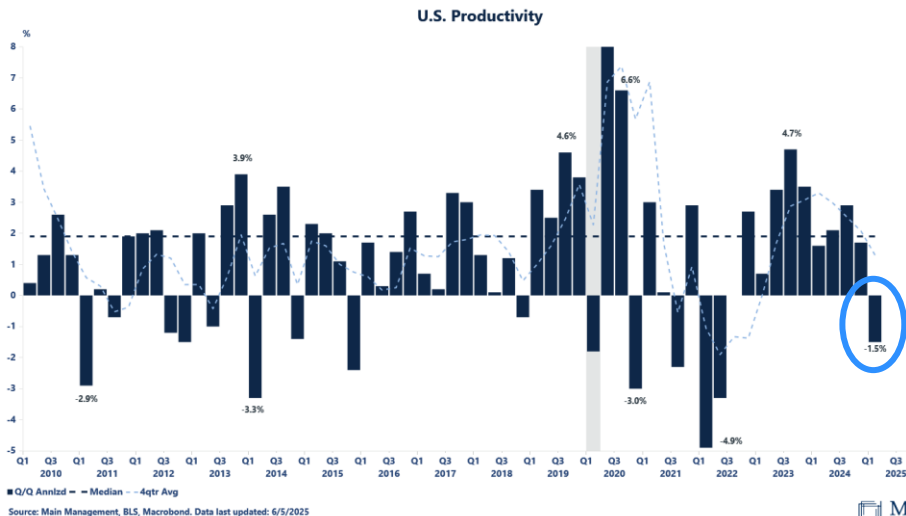


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Q1 Productivity

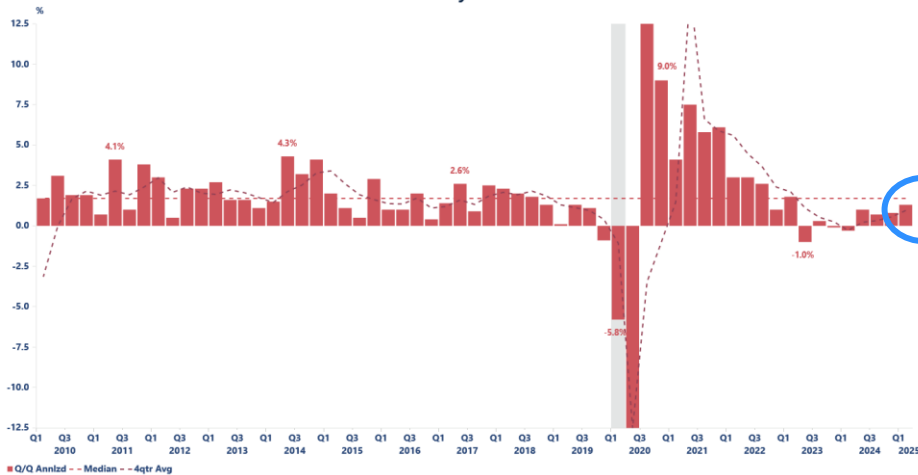
The final reading for Q1 Productivity was revised markedly lower to -1.5% Q/Q annualized, down from the initial reading of -0.8% and the first and biggest decline since Q2 2022. Unit Labor Costs, another inflation indicator, were revised up to +6.6% from +5.7%, but the silver lining is that this is for Q1, which is well in the rear-view mirror.



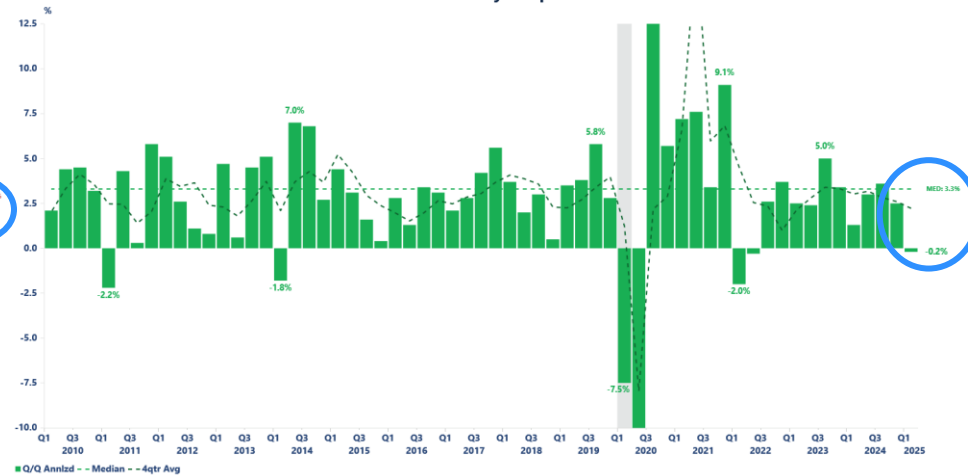
Hours Worked & Output

The drop in Productivity was driven primarily by a rise in Hours Worked (left) and a decline in Output (right), both of which were revised higher from the 1st estimate. Hours Worked finished at +1.3% Q/Q annualized, revised up from +0.6%, and the biggest increase since Q1 2023. Output was revised slightly higher to -0.2% from -0.3%, still marking the first Q/Q decline since Q2 2022.

Productivity: Hours Worked



Productivity: Output



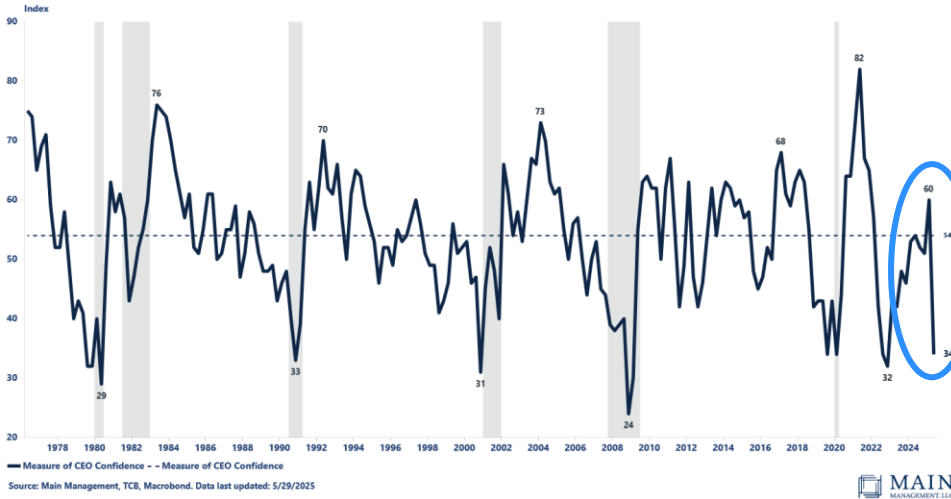
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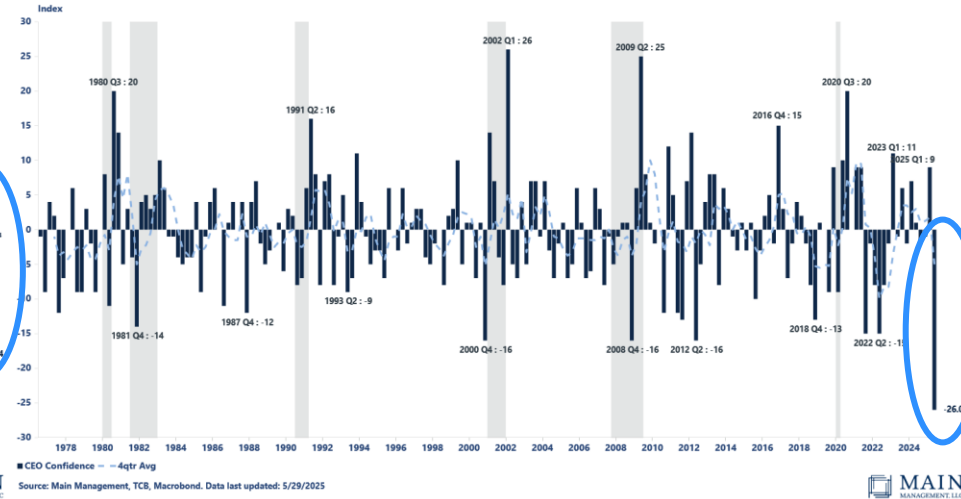
Q2 CEO Confidence

The Conference Board's quarterly CEO Confidence Index plummeted to 34 in Q2 (left), a 26-point drop from Q1's 60 reading. It's now back to its lowest level since Q4 2022. The Q/Q drop (right) of 26-points is the biggest in survey history, back to 1976! A massive 83% of respondents said they expect a recession in the next 12-18mos, nearly as high as 2022-2023. Geopolitical instability and trade & tariffs were cited as the 2 top business risks. The silver lining is that responses recorded after May 12 (China trade deal) were less pessimistic than those recorded prior to May 12.

Conference Board CEO Confidence



CEO Confidence Q/Q



Summary

- NonFarm Payrolls beat expectations at +139k but March and April were revised down by -95k. The Unemployment Rate was unchanged at 4.2%.
- April JOLTS showed a picture of ongoing stability in the labor market, with Openings, Hires, and Layoffs all rising.
- The April Trade Balance narrowed markedly as Imports fell -16.3% M/M, a clear reversal of the tariff front-running we saw in February and March.
- Q1 Productivity was revised down to -1.5% Q/Q, the first drop since Q2 2022.
- Q2 CEO Confidence fell to 34, the lowest since the end of 2022.
- Upcoming key data to watch:
 - CPI (Weds)
 - PPI (Thurs)
 - Preliminary Michigan Sentiment (Fri)

Appendix

Yields & Futures

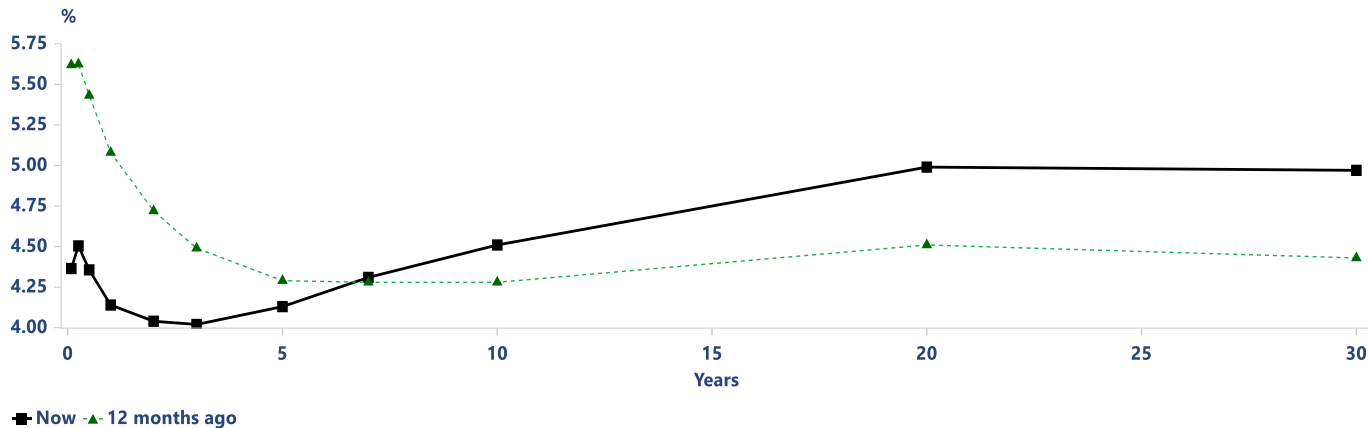
FED FUNDS FUTURES & 2-YEAR TREASURY YIELD



Source: Main Management, CME Group, U.S. Treasury, Macrobond. Data last updated: 6/6/2025



US TREASURY YIELD CURVE

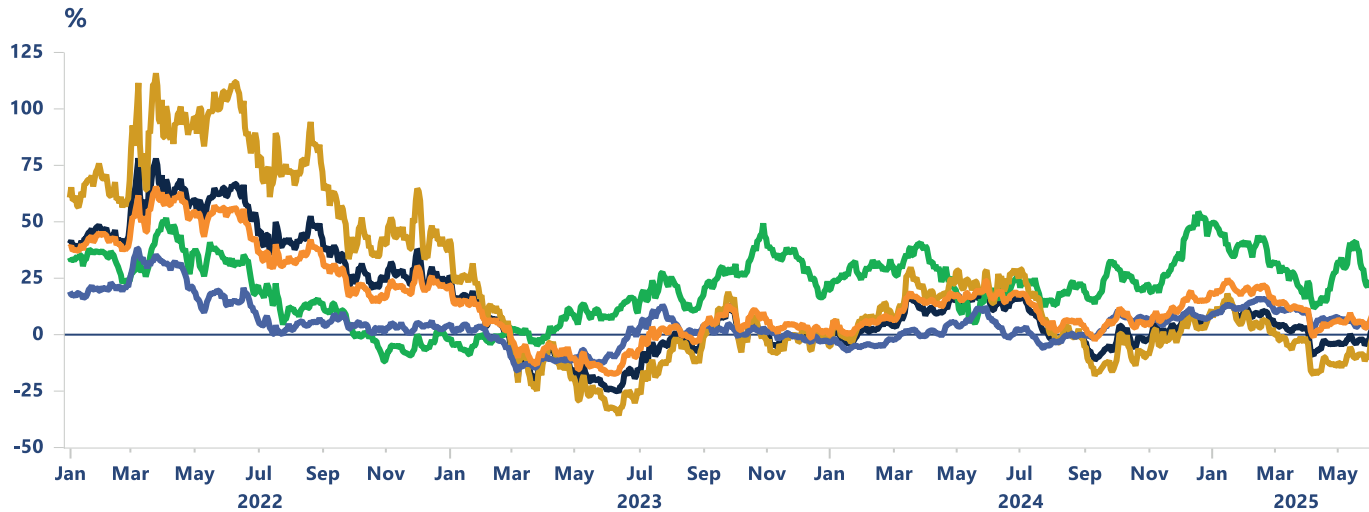


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Inflation Watch

MAJOR COMMODITY INDICES Y/Y



S&P GSCI Softs Index: 21.1%
S&P GSCI Non-Energy TR: 7.2%
RJ-CRB TR: 7.0%
S&P GSCI TR: 1.0%
S&P GSCI Energy TR: -4.8%

Source: Main Management, S&P Global, CoreCommodity Management, LME, EIA, LBMA, Macrobond, LPPM, NRCAN, ICCO, ICO, USDA, MIA, X, TREA, TMX, Macrobond. Data last updated: 6/6/2025

Commodity	1 Month	3 Months	YTD ↓	1 Year
Gold	3.6	14.9	28.7	44.1
Silver	10.9	11.2	23.3	21.0
Copper	6.2	5.1	13.2	-0.2
Coffee	-9.1	-10.9	12.5	53.8
Lumber	9.7	-8.5	10.1	23.9
Bitcoin	5.3%	16.5%	8.7%	43.9%
Soybeans	1.1	6.9	5.4	-10.8
BBG Commodity Index	2.0	-0.8	4.1	1.5
Gasoline	0.7	-6.0	3.1	-12.2
Natural Gas	5.7	-15.5	1.2	42.2
S&P GSCI	4.3	-0.7	0.6	3.0
Corn	-5.3	0.8	-4.2	-0.7
Cotton	-0.4	5.4	-4.4	-11.1
US Dollar (DXY)	-1.5	-6.6	-9.0	-5.2
Crude Oil	6.7	-7.5	-12.5	-14.5

Source: Main Management, S&P Global, CME Group, ICE, LME, Macrobond. Data last updated: 6/6/2025

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