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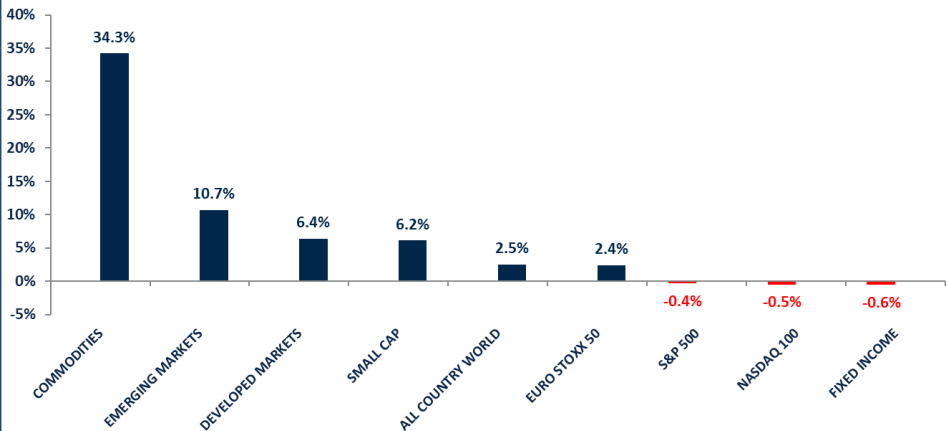
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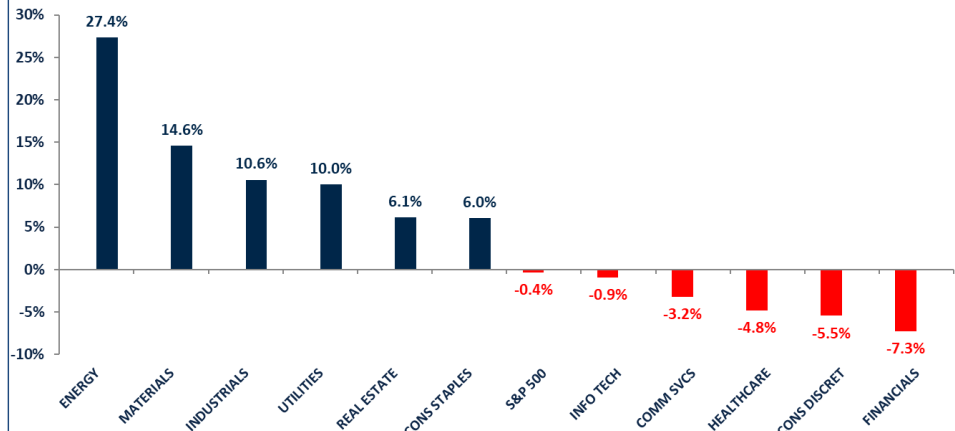
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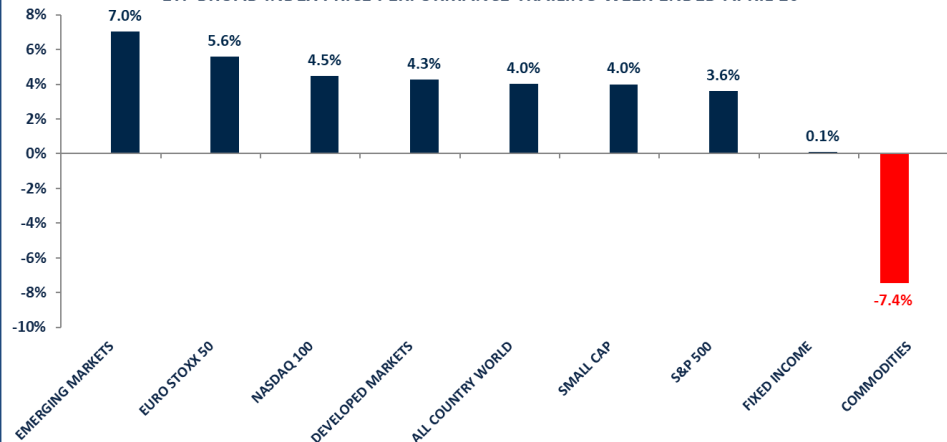
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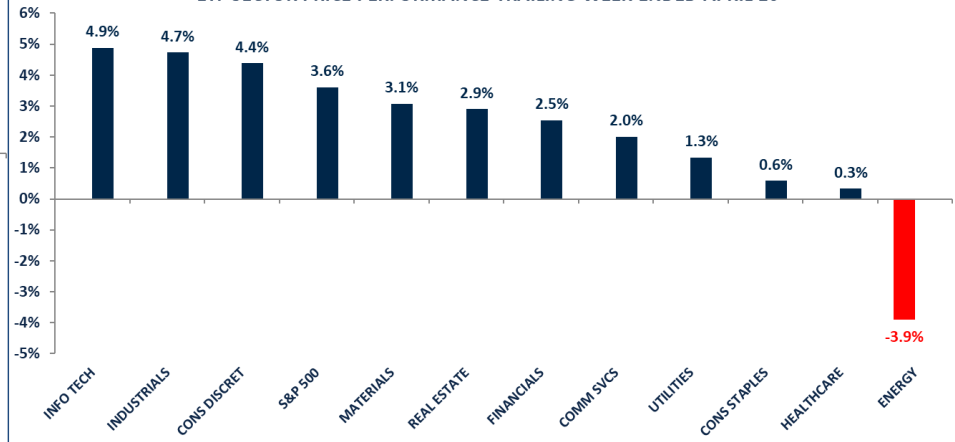
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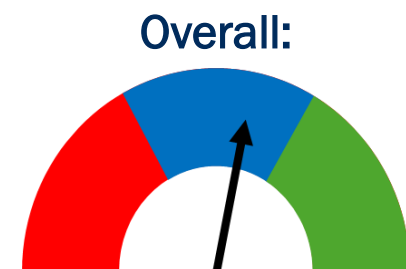
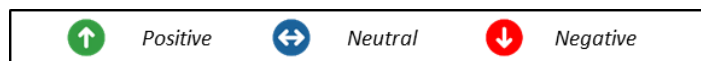
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# Recession Dashboard

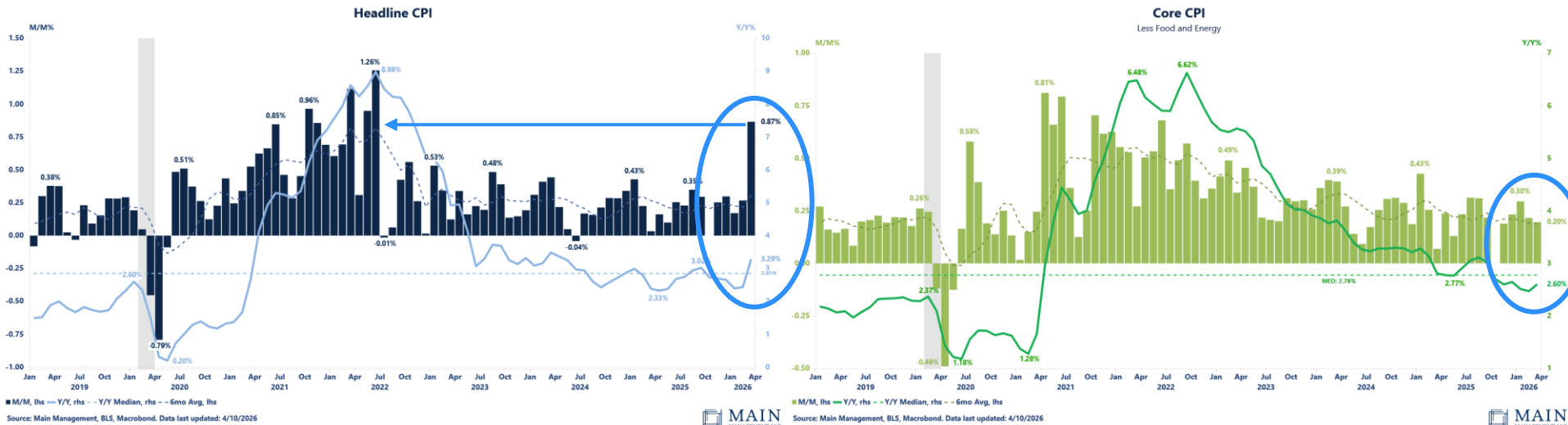
RECESSION START	INFLATION	CONSUMER	YIELD CURVE	HOUSING	SENTIMENT	AUTOS	EMPLOYMENT	PMI	RETAIL SALES
NOV 1973	↓	—	—	↓	—	—	↓	↓	—
JAN 1980	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	—
JUL 1981	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	—
JUL 1990	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↔	—
MAR 2001	↔	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↓	↓	↔
DEC 2007	↓	↓	↓	↓	↔	↓	↓	↓	↓
DEC 2019	↑	↑	↔	↔	↑	↔	↑	↔	↔
APR 2026	↔	↔	↑*	↔	↔	↔	↔	↑	↑
LAST CHANGE	BLUE APR '26	GREEN APR '25	BLUE JAN '26	GREEN DEC '24	GREEN APR '25	RED JAN '25	RED JUL '25	BLUE JUL '25	BLUE DEC '24



**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, AAI **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.

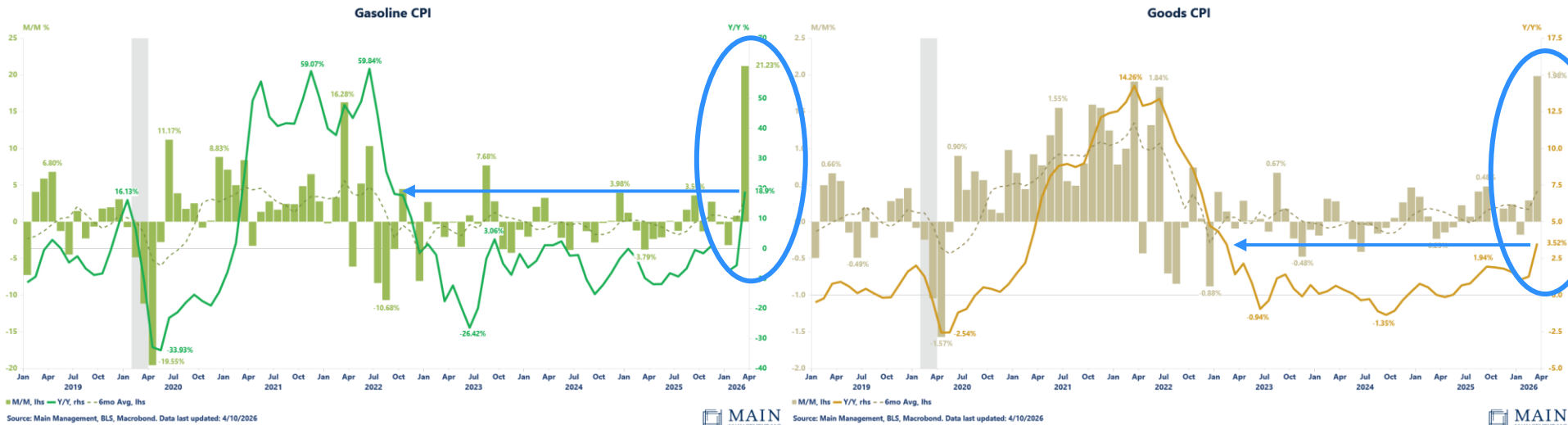
# CPI

Headline CPI (left) surged +0.87% M/M in March, the biggest monthly increase since June 2022! It was actually a little below consensus for a +1% reading, but still a huge move as the war in Iran caused a spike in energy prices. On a Y/Y basis, Headline CPI jumped to +3.29%, fastest since April 2024! The difference between Headline and Core CPI, which excludes food & energy, was clearly on display in today's reading as Core (left) was up just +0.24% M/M, below forecasts for a +0.3% rise. The Y/Y figure ticked up to +2.60%. The concern here is that while energy prices show up very quickly in some price indices, there are other areas where it takes longer to show up through the supply chain and may result in inflation remaining higher for longer...



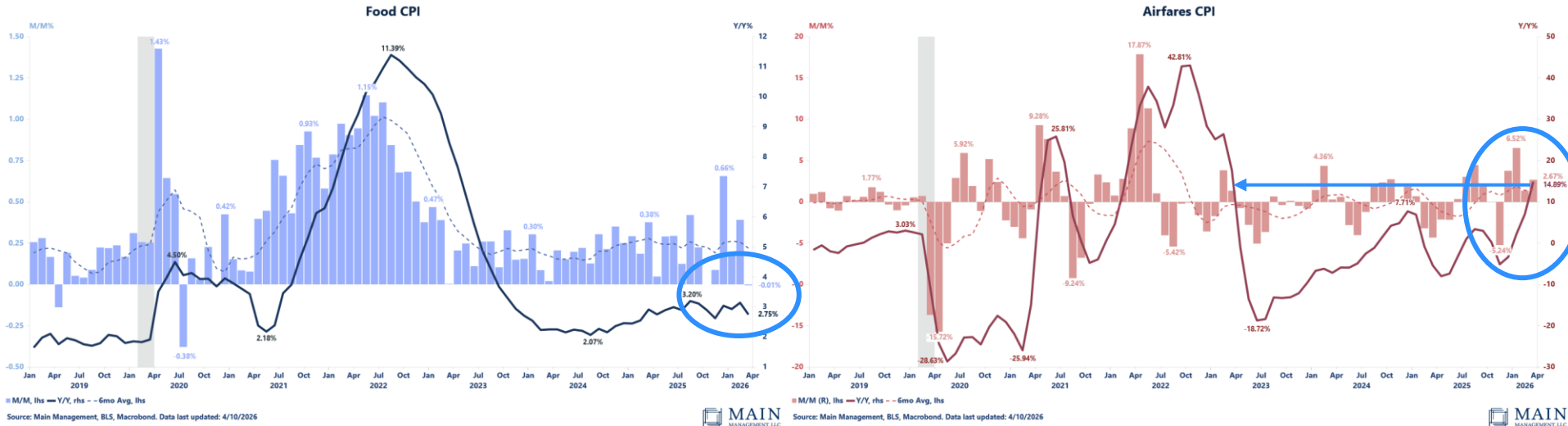
# Gasoline & Goods CPI

Gasoline (left) was up a staggering +21.23% M/M, the biggest monthly rise on record! It's now up +18.92% y/y, the most since Aug. 2022. Consumers are already feeling these prices at the pump and it's weighing heavily on sentiment (more on that later). It's also worth noting that gas prices were negative on a Y/Y basis for most of the last few years, so this is a big, negative change for consumers and the concern is that it could weigh on overall spending as people tighten their purse strings. The energy increases fed into overall Goods (right), which jumped +1.98% M/M, the most since June 2009! On a Y/Y basis, Goods accelerated to +3.52%, the highest since January 2023. Within Goods, NonDurables were up +2.59% M/M while Durables were up just +0.08% M/M.



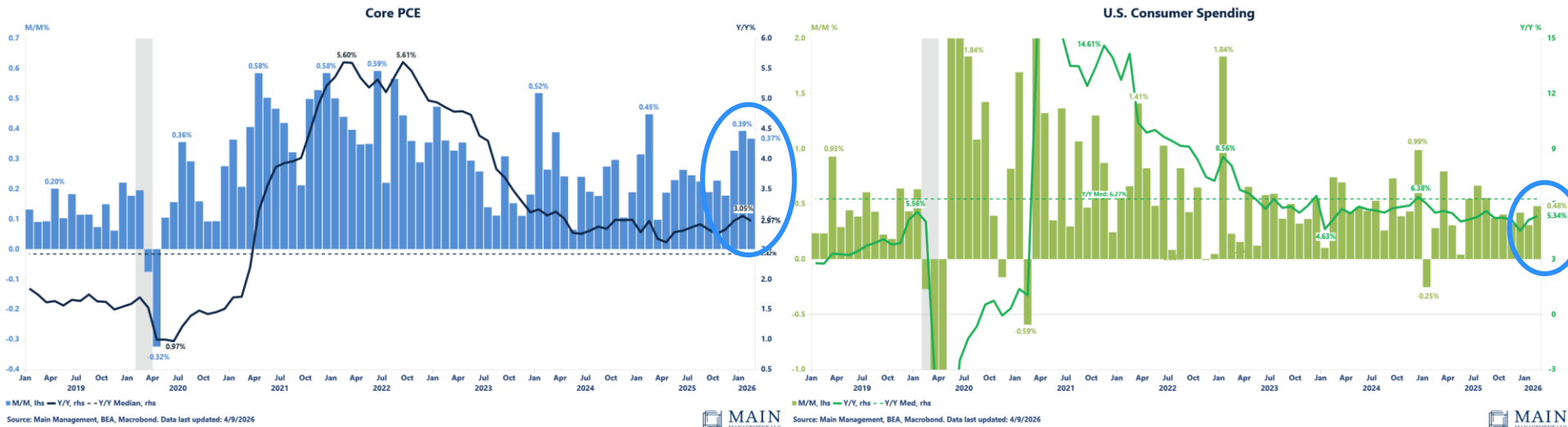
# Food & Airfare CPI

As mentioned before, a big concern is over supply chain effects from the energy price shock that could show up in the coming months as higher input/energy prices work their way through. One example is in Food (left) where the March reading was actually down -0.01% M/M, the first decline since July 2020. On a Y/Y basis, it slowed to +2.75%. However, the spike in fertilizer prices likely hasn't shown up yet and could push prices higher in coming readings. As an aside, for those keeping score at home, Eggs are now down -45% Y/Y! On the right, we show Airfares, which have increased for 4 straight months and are now up +14.89% Y/Y, the most since March 2023! We're already seeing responses to the jump in jet fuel prices, as Delta and Southwest both raised checked bag prices this week...



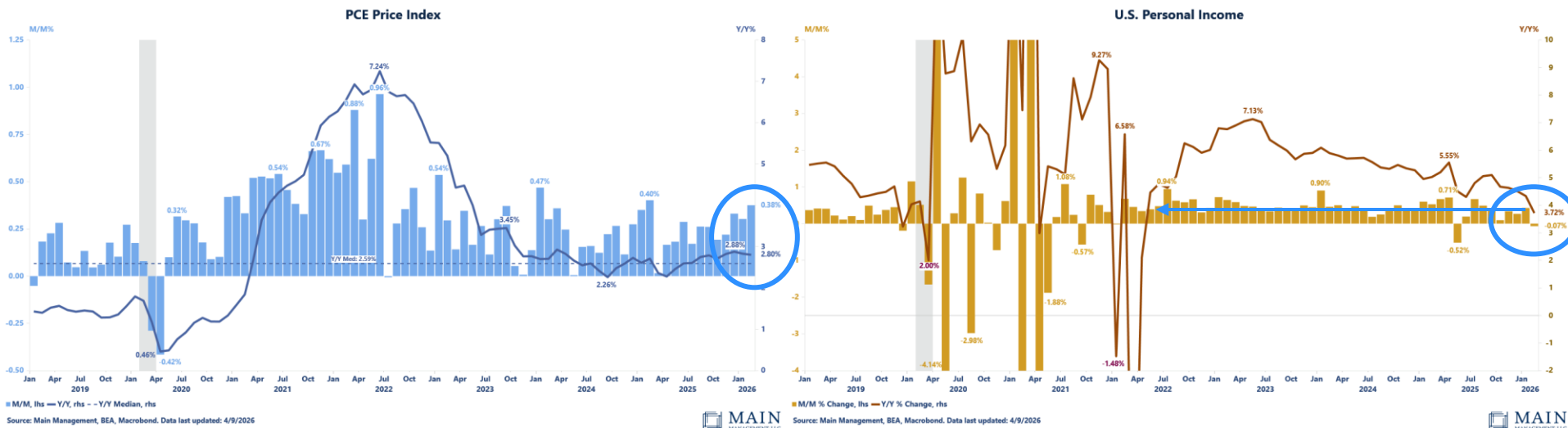
# Core PCE

The Fed's preferred inflation measure, Core PCE (left) posted a +0.37% M/M gain in February, in line with consensus and the 3<sup>rd</sup> monthly reading above +0.3% in a row. The Y/Y figure ticked down to +2.97% on easy comparisons as a +0.45% figure rolled off. Consumer Spending (right) was up +0.48% M/M, the biggest gain since August 2025, and accelerated to +5.34% Y/Y. While Core PCE may be fairly insulated from the energy price increases when we get the March reading, we might see a slowdown in consumer spending as people react to higher fuel prices.



# PCE Prices & Incomes

The PCE Price Index (left) was up +0.38% M/M, the most since February 2025, but also ticked down on a Y/Y basis to +2.80% on an easy comp. Personal Incomes (right) declined -0.07% M/M, the first dip in 8 months and only the 2<sup>nd</sup> since January 2022. This was a big miss relative to forecasts which were predicting a +0.3% rise. On a Y/Y basis, Incomes are now up just 3.72%, the lowest since April 2022! We anticipate the PCE Price Index will move higher in the coming months given the energy price increases we've seen since the war in Iran started.



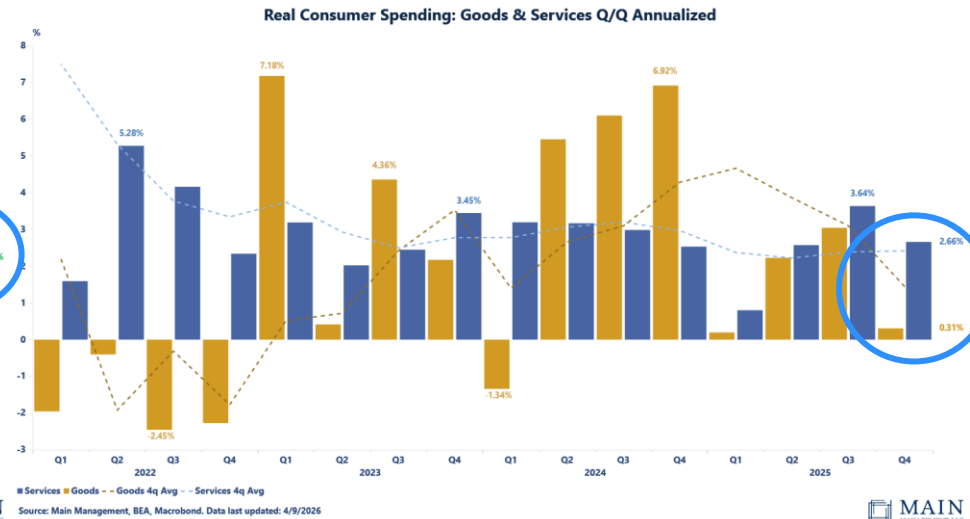
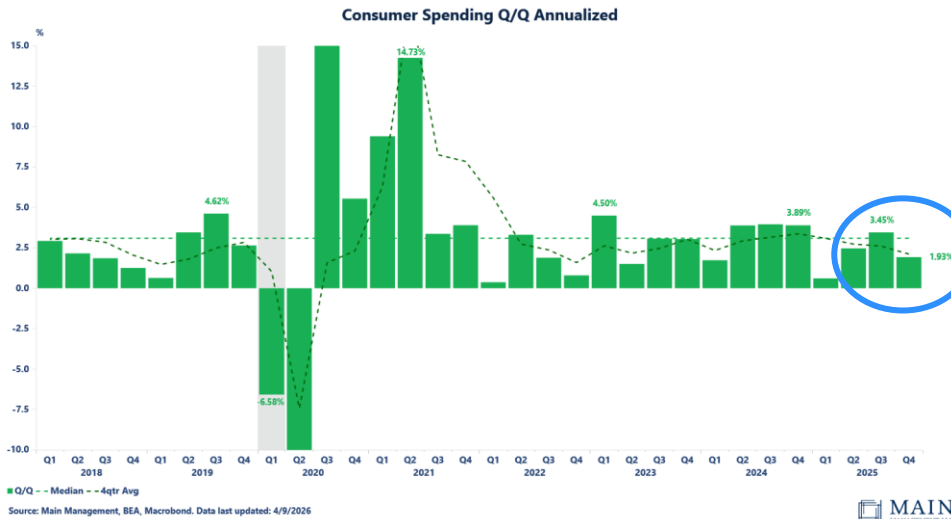
# Q4 2025 U.S. GDP

The final reading for Q4 2025 U.S. GDP (left) was revised even lower to +0.48% Q/Q. The govt shutdown was the primary culprit for the weaker print, as spending fell -5.64% (right), taking a full percentage point off the headline GDP figure. Gross Private Domestic Investment was also a drag, finishing at +2.31% Q/Q, a marked downward revision from the initial +3.83% estimate. If you remember, the first GDP estimate was +1.4%, and even that was less than half of forecasts for a 3% rise. The good news is that the govt shutdown effect should reverse in Q1 2026.



# Consumer Spending

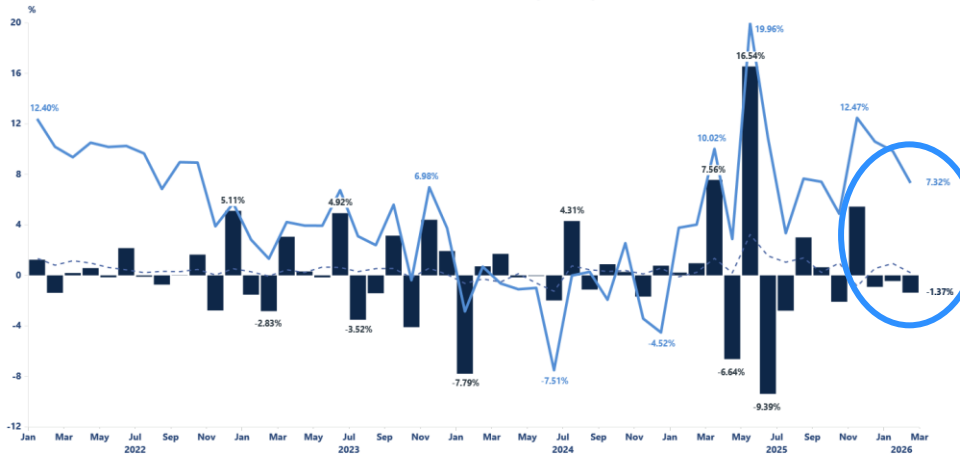
Consumer Spending (left) finished the quarter up +1.93%, down from the first estimate of +2.35%. Spending on Services (right, blue) was up +2.66%, revised down from +3.45%, while Goods spending (right, gold) was one of the few components revised higher, finishing at +0.31% versus the first estimate of -0.07%. It will be interesting to see the Q1 2026 figures which should reflect some of the energy price increases that have taken place since war in Iran broke out.



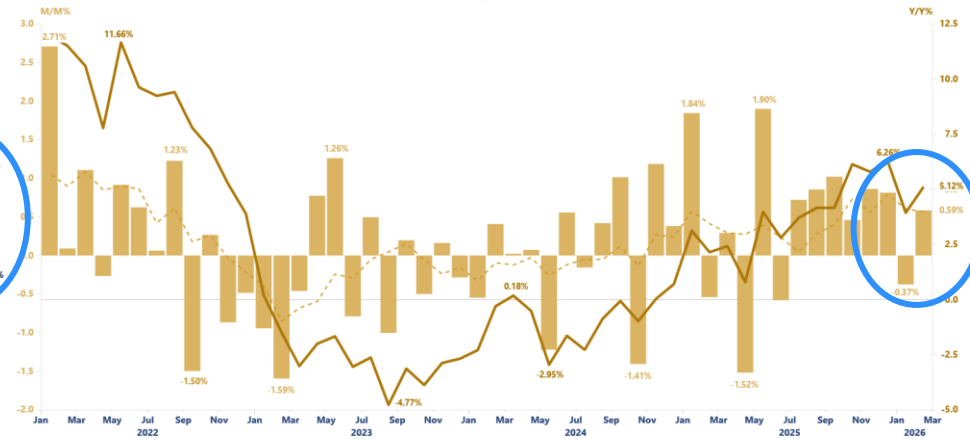
# Durable Goods Orders

Total Durable Goods Orders (left) declined -1.37% M/M in February, their 3<sup>rd</sup> straight monthly decline, dragged down by a -28.6% M/M drop in non-defense aircraft. On a Y/Y basis, total orders slowed to +7.32% but appear to still be in the choppy uptrend that began in mid-2024. Orders for Non-Defense Capital Goods (right), aka Core Capital Goods, are an important proxy for business spending. They rebounded from January's dip to post a +0.59% M/M increase and accelerated back to +5.12% Y/Y. They've posted positive gains for 7 out of the last 8 months.

Durable Goods Orders M/M & Y/Y



Non-Defense Capital Goods ex-Aircraft Orders M/M & Y/Y  
Core Capital Goods

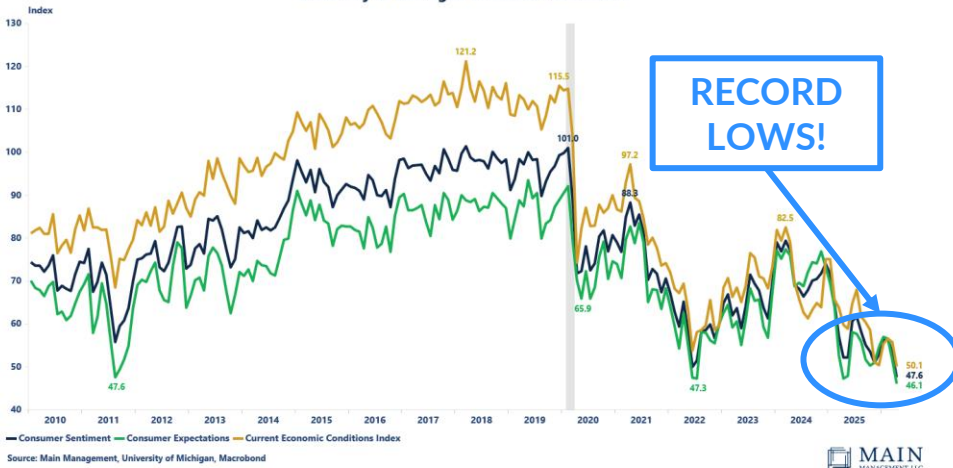


Source: Main Management, USCB, Macrobond. Data last updated: 4/7/2026

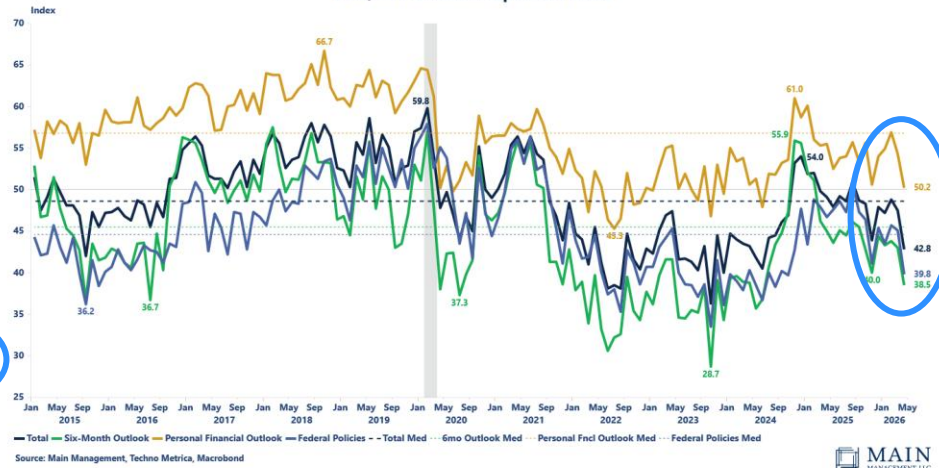
# Sentiment

The preliminary April reading for the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (left) fell to a record low of 47.6! Current Economic Conditions also fell to an all-time low at 50.1 and Consumer Expectations are down to 46.1, the lowest since May 1980! The survey was conducted before the ceasefire announcement and saw declines across all demographics. We'll see if the final reading gets revised higher following the ceasefire. The RCM/TIPP Economic Optimism Index (right) also fell hard in April as the headline index dropped to 42.8, the lowest since June 2024. The 6mo Outlook moved down to 38.5, Personal Financial Outlook down to 50.2, and Support for Federal Policies down to 39.8, all at their lowest levels since mid-late 2024.

University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment



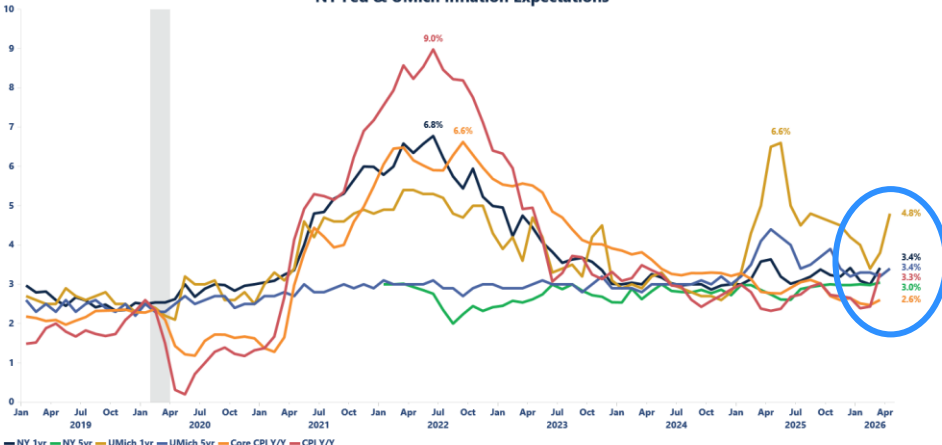
RCM/TIPP Economic Optimism Index



# Inflation Expectations

The conflict in Iran is clearly weighing on consumer sentiment and pushing up inflation expectations as energy prices have surged. The Michigan inflation expectations (left) for 1yr out jumped a full percentage point to 4.8%, the highest since August 2025. 5yr expectations moved up to 3.4%. The NY Fed's April figures are not out yet, but did move higher in March: 1yr expectations (left, black) rose to 3.42% and 5yr expectations (left, green) are at 3.05%, the highest on record! On a more granular level (right), the NY Fed's SCE showed that gas price expectations surged to +9.4% (right, gold), the highest since March 2022. Food cost expectations also ticked up to +6.0%, the highest since Feb. 2023.

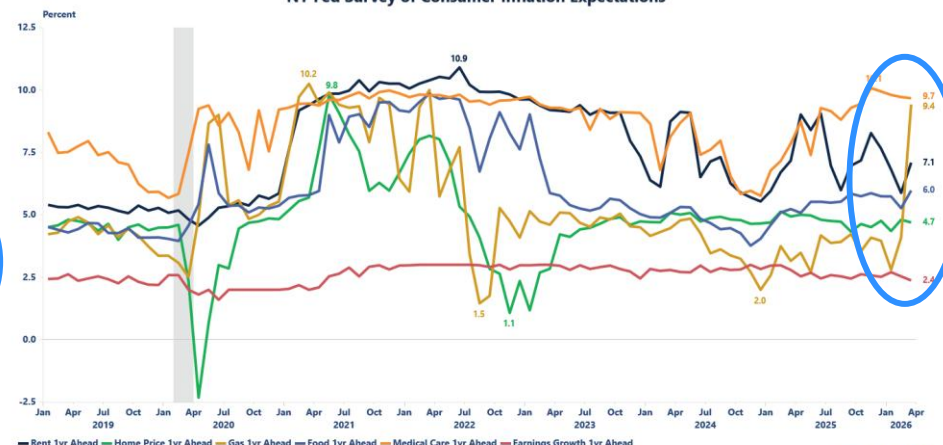
NY Fed & UMich Inflation Expectations



Source: Main Management, New York Fed, University of Michigan, BLS, Macrobond



NY Fed Survey of Consumer Inflation Expectations



Source: Main Management, New York Fed, Macrobond



# Summary

- **Headline CPI surged +0.9% M/M in March, the most since June 2022, as energy prices soared. It's now up +3.3% Y/Y. Gas prices jumped +21% M/M, a new record!**
- **February Core PCE was in line with forecasts, up +0.4% M/M, while Consumer Spending posted its best month since August 2025. Incomes declined for the first time in 8mos.**
- **Q4 2025 U.S. GDP saw the final revision moved down to +0.5% Q/Q as the govt shutdown weighed on growth along with downward revisions in investment.**
- **Overall Durable Goods Orders were down due to transports but Core Capital Goods, a business spending proxy, posted their 7<sup>th</sup> gain in the last 8 months.**
- **Consumer sentiment soured in March and April due to the conflict in Iran while inflation expectations increased markedly, especially for 1yr out.**
- **Upcoming key data:**
  - Existing Home Sales (Mon)
  - PPI and NFIB (Tues)
  - Import / Export Prices, NY Fed Manufacturing, and NAHB (Weds)
  - Industrial & Manufacturing Production (Thurs)

# Appendix

# Yields & Futures

## FED FUNDS FUTURES & 2-YEAR TREASURY YIELD

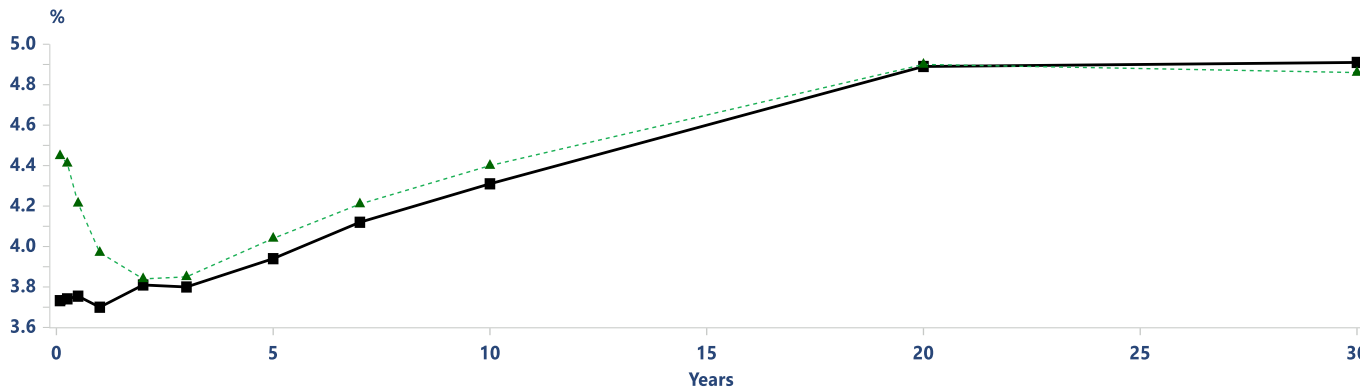


— Fed Funds Futures Dec '26 — 2yr Treasury Yield

Source: Main Management, CME Group, U.S. Treasury, Macrobond. Data last updated: 4/10/2026



## US TREASURY YIELD CURVE



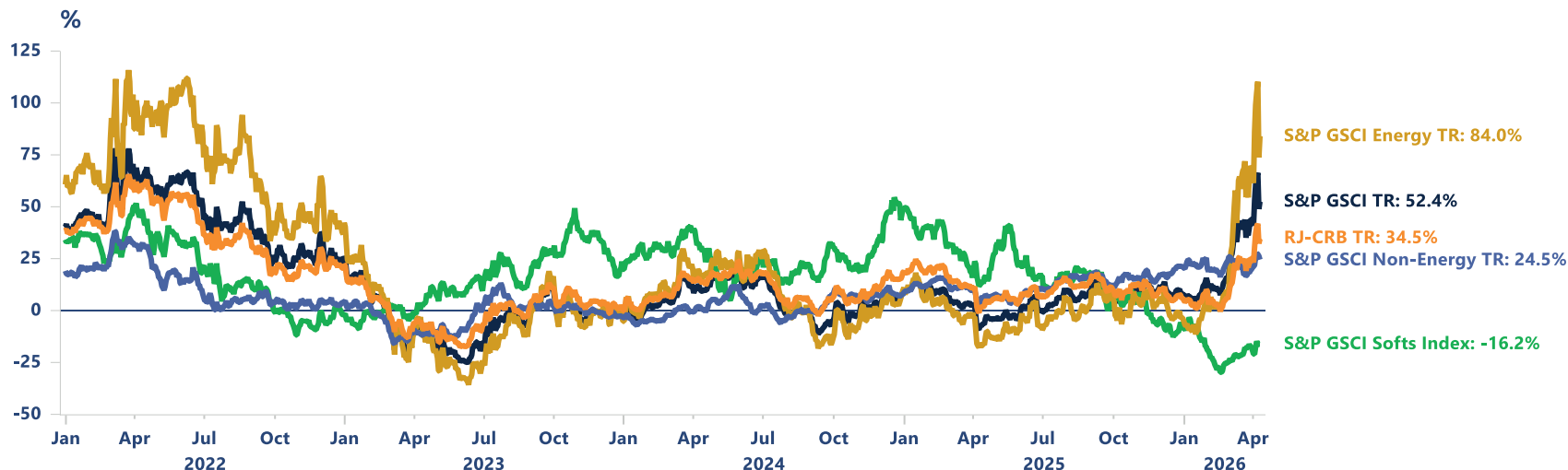
■ Now ▲ 12 months ago

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# Inflation Watch

## MAJOR COMMODITY INDICES Y/Y



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: 4/10/2026

Commodity	1 Month	3 Months	YTD ↓	1 Year
Gasoline	9.3	70.5	76.0	50.7
Crude Oil	-4.1	70.0	72.5	72.7
S&P GSCI	4.9	34.1	36.0	54.9
BBG Commodity Index	0.8	19.0	20.8	36.1
Cotton	15.9	13.7	14.0	11.8
Soybeans	-1.7	11.3	13.1	17.4
Gold	-7.9	6.4	10.2	59.8
Silver	-9.0	2.1	8.8	157.8
Lumber	3.6	9.7	7.9	1.4
Copper	-1.7	-1.1	1.0	45.9
Corn	-0.7	-0.4	0.9	-5.3
US Dollar (DXY)	-0.2	-0.1	0.5	-4.0
Coffee	-1.3	-21.1	-15.8	-14.3
Bitcoin	5.3%	-21.2%	-18.0%	-5.9%
Natural Gas	-16.2	-21.6	-27.6	-22.9

Source: Main Management, S&P Global, CME Group, ICE, LME, Macrobond. Data last updated: 4/10/2026

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