US Strategy Views: Supply and demand

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1. US EQUITY OUTLOOK: The path still remains bumpy, but earnings growth should continue to lift US equities. We expect the S&P 500 to rise 9% to 7,700 by year-end 2026 and 10% to 8,400 by year-end 2027, driven by continued earnings growth, a resilient US economy and the AI buildout supported by capital spending. Our bull case is 8,800 by year-end 2027, anchoring on near-term earnings, and the outlook for earnings to remain strong.

1. 美国股票展望：前行之路依然多有起伏，但盈利增长应能继续推动美国股票上涨。我们预计，标普500指数到2026年底将上涨9%至7,700点，到2027年底将上涨10%至8,400点，这一预测基于持续的盈利增长、具有韧性的美国经济以及资本开支支撑的AI基础设施建设。我们的牛市情景预测，2027年底指数将达到8,800点，这一预测以近期盈利为锚，并认为盈利前景将保持强劲。

Exhibit 1 Continued earnings growth should drive equities higher over the next year
图表1：盈利的持续增长有望推动股市在未来一年走高

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

2. EQUITY FINANCE: Record AI-capex increases will not derail the bull market in 2026. There has been a lot of concern about the AI capex boom, but we think it will be fully fungible with the AI revenue boom that we expect, on average, next year and 2027 as we have discussed in our Mid-Year Outlook. Moreover, we think the AI capex boom will be financed by cash flow and debt, not equity.

2. 股票融资：创纪录的AI资本开支增长不会破坏2026年的牛市。市场对AI资本开支热潮存在诸多担忧，但我们认为，正如我们在年中展望中所讨论的，AI资本开支将与我们预期的明年及2027年平均AI收入增长完全可互换。此外，我们预计AI资本开支热潮将由现金流和债务而非股权提供资金。

3. TECHNICAL: Bullish momentum but not yet overbought. Our technical indicators remain bullish. The S&P 500 is trading 8.5% above its 200-day moving average, 2.1% above its 50-day moving average, and 2.5% above its 21-day moving average. The percentage of S&P 500 stocks above their 50-day moving average is 71.1%, which is not overbought. Only 1.4% of S&P 500 stocks are overbought on the RSI 14 measure, which is also not overbought. Bullish momentum is evident, but not yet overbought.

3. 技术面：动能看涨但尚未超买。我们的技术指标保持看涨。标普500指数目前高于200日移动平均线8.5%，高于50日移动平均线2.1%，高于21日移动平均线2.5%。标普500成分股中高于50日移动平均线的股票占比为71.1%，尚未超买。仅1.4%的标普500成分股在RSI 14指标上超买，同样未超买。动能看涨，但尚未超买。

4. VALUATION: Our estimate for roughly $700 billion of corporate buybacks in 2026 is unchanged. The S&P 500 is trading at 21.5x our 2026 EPS estimate of $358 and 19.9x 2027 EPS estimate. Next, 1,112 companies (22% of the market cap) have reported 1Q26 results. Buybacks totaled $166 billion, unchanged from 4Q25.

4. 估值：我们对2026年约7,000亿美元企业回购的预测维持不变。标普500指数目前交易于我们2026年358美元每股收益预测的21.5倍，以及2027年每股收益预测的19.9倍。其次，1,112家公司（占市值22%）已公布2026年第一季度业绩。回购总额为1,660亿美元，与2025年第四季度持平。

Exhibit 2: Forecasts for buybacks and dividends remain unchanged
图表2：对回购和股息的预测维持不变

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

5. INDEX INCLUSION: Some index providers have announced changes to their methodology. We have been discussing for some time that there are likely to be changes that allow for entry for large IPOs. For some indices, the entry will be immediate for companies with a $15 billion in positive assets and likely more than $1.5 billion in annual revenue. For others, it will be after a 3-month seasoning period. Still others will require at least 12 months of trading and have quarters of positive earnings before entry. We think the first two will be the most impactful for the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 indices.

5. 指数纳入：部分指数提供商已宣布方法变更。我们已讨论一段时间，预计部分指数的规则变动将允许大型IPO公司快速纳入。对于某些指数，纳入将立即生效，适用于净资产达150亿美元且年营收可能超过15亿美元的公司。对于其他指数，纳入将在3个月的观察期后生效。还有一些指数则要求公司至少交易12个月且季度盈利为正后方可纳入。我们认为，前两类变动对标普500指数和纳斯达克100指数的影响最为显著。

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6. 回购：回购仍是最大的需求来源。回购仍是美国股票最大的需求来源。我们对2026年约7,000亿美元企业回购的预测维持不变。标普500指数目前交易于我们2026年358美元每股收益预测的21.5倍，以及2027年每股收益预测的19.9倍。其次，1,112家公司（占市值22%）已公布2026年第一季度业绩。回购总额为1,660亿美元，与2025年第四季度持平。

Exhibit 3: Approximate pro forma index weights of hypothetical company if it were added to the S&P 500 at a 50% free float
图表3：假设某公司以50%自由流通比例纳入标普500指数，其预计指数权重

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

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Exhibit 4: Pro-forma weights of a hypothetical large company considering inclusion
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Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

8. MARKET VOLATILITY: Recent volatility is a normal correction. Volatility has been rising as the S&P 500 has corrected from its all-time high. The index is trading in the 90th historical percentile, driven by a narrow group of stocks. Our Volatility Composite Indicator (VCI) is also elevated, but not at levels that have historically led to lasting bear markets (see "Fuel for the Fire" in our last Strategy Update). Instead, the VCI is at levels that have historically led to short-term corrections. Our Liquidity Composite Indicator (LCI) is also elevated, but not yet at levels that historically have led to durable bear markets. Currently, the LCI is at levels that have led to short-term corrections. Our Fundamental Composite Indicator (FCI) is also elevated, but not yet at levels that historically have led to durable bear markets. Currently, the FCI is at levels that have led to short-term corrections. Our Liquidity Composite Indicator (LCI) is also elevated, but not yet at levels that historically have led to durable bear markets. Currently, the LCI is at levels that have led to short-term corrections. Our Fundamental Composite Indicator (FCI) is also elevated, but not yet at levels that historically have led to durable bear markets. Currently, the FCI is at levels that have led to short-term corrections.

8. 市场波动：近期波动属于正常回调。随着标普500指数从历史高点回调，该指数目前处于历史第90百分位，主要受少数股票驱动。我们的波动综合指标（VCI）也有所上升，但尚未达到历史上曾引发持续熊市的水平（详见我们上次策略更新中的“Fuel for the Fire”）。相反，VCI处于历史上曾引发短期回调的水平。我们的流动性综合指标（LCI）同样有所上升，但尚未达到历史上曾引发持续熊市的水平。目前，LCI处于曾引发短期回调的水平。我们的基本面综合指标（FCI）也有所上升，但尚未达到历史上曾引发持续熊市的水平。目前，FCI处于曾引发短期回调的水平。我们的流动性综合指标（LCI）同样有所上升，但尚未达到历史上曾引发持续熊市的水平。目前，LCI处于曾引发短期回调的水平。我们的基本面综合指标（FCI）也有所上升，但尚未达到历史上曾引发持续熊市的水平。目前，FCI处于曾引发短期回调的水平。

Exhibit 5: Our Volatility Composite Indicator is elevated but not yet overbought
图表5：我们的波动综合指标处于高位但尚未超买

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

9. INVESTOR SENTIMENT: Investor sentiment remains bearish, which is bullish from a contrarian perspective. Sentiment has been bearish. Our Panic/Euphoria Sentiment Indicator stands at +0.2, the lowest level since April 2025 and in the 2nd percentile since 2000.

9. 投资者情绪：投资者情绪持续看跌，从逆向角度来看是利好。投资者情绪一直偏空。我们的恐慌/狂热情绪指标为+0.2，为2025年4月以来的最低水平，处于2000年以来的第2百分位。

Exhibit 6: Investor sentiment is at 2-1/2 decade lows
图表6：投资者情绪处于二十五年来的低点

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

10. VALUATIONS: Equity valuations are high versus history, but the rally has been driven by earnings, not multiple expansion. Valuations are high. The S&P 500 is trading at 21.5x our 2026 EPS estimate and 19.9x our 2027 EPS estimate. Next, 1,112 companies (22% of the market cap) have reported 1Q26 results. Buybacks totaled $166 billion, unchanged from 4Q25. Valuations are high versus history, but the rally has been driven by earnings, not multiple expansion. Valuations are high. The S&P 500 is trading at 21.5x our 2026 EPS estimate and 19.9x our 2027 EPS estimate. Next, 1,112 companies (22% of the market cap) have reported 1Q26 results. Buybacks totaled $166 billion, unchanged from 4Q25.

10. 估值：股票估值相对历史偏高，但涨势由盈利驱动，而非估值扩张。估值偏高。标普500指数目前交易于我们2026年358美元每股收益预测的21.5倍，以及2027年每股收益预测的19.9倍。其次，1,112家公司（占市值22%）已公布2026年第一季度业绩。回购总额为1,660亿美元，与2025年第四季度持平。估值相对历史偏高，但涨势由盈利驱动，而非估值扩张。估值偏高。标普500指数目前交易于我们2026年358美元每股收益预测的21.5倍，以及2027年每股收益预测的19.9倍。其次，1,112家公司（占市值22%）已公布2026年第一季度业绩。回购总额为1,660亿美元，与2025年第四季度持平。

Exhibit 7: The S&P 500 Index at 21.5x forward EPS
图表7：标普500指数目前交易于21.5倍预期每股收益

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

11. CAPEMINGS: S&P 500 EPS growth of 14% in 2026 and 12% in 2027 is the fundamental engine for the bull market. Capemings are the sum of earnings and capex. Capex is a key driver of earnings, including some non-Home Runs, and the median stock outperforms the index when capex is rising. Capemings are currently running at 26% and will likely remain elevated as companies push both narrow and distributive ai-ready infrastructure. Capemings have been a key driver of earnings and the median stock outperforms the index when capex is rising. Capemings are currently running at 26% and will likely remain elevated as companies push both narrow and distributive ai-ready infrastructure.

11. 资本盈利：2026年14%和2027年12%的标普500每股收益增长是牛市的基本面引擎。资本盈利是指盈利与资本开支之和。资本开支是盈利的关键驱动因素，包括一些非全垒打因素，且当资本开支增加时，中位数股票的表现优于指数。目前资本盈利运行在26%的水平，并且随着公司推进广泛且实用的AI就绪型基础设施建设，这一水平很可能将维持高位。资本盈利是盈利的关键驱动因素，且当资本开支增加时，中位数股票的表现优于指数。目前资本盈利运行在26%的水平，并且随着公司推进广泛且实用的AI就绪型基础设施建设，这一水平很可能将维持高位。

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13. MACRO: Macro backdrop remains supportive. The macro backdrop remains supportive. The macro backdrop remains supportive. The macro backdrop remains supportive.

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14. RISKS: Risks to our view include a sharp rise in oil prices, a hawkish Fed and a sharp rise in bond yields. Risks to our view include a sharp rise in oil prices, a hawkish Fed and a sharp rise in bond yields. Risks to our view include a sharp rise in oil prices, a hawkish Fed and a sharp rise in bond yields.

14. 风险：我们观点的风险包括油价大幅上涨、美联储鹰派以及债券收益率大幅上涨。我们观点的风险包括油价大幅上涨、美联储鹰派以及债券收益率大幅上涨。我们观点的风险包括油价大幅上涨、美联储鹰派以及债券收益率大幅上涨。

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Exhibit 8: Speculative activity is not overheated
图表8：投机活动并未过热

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

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