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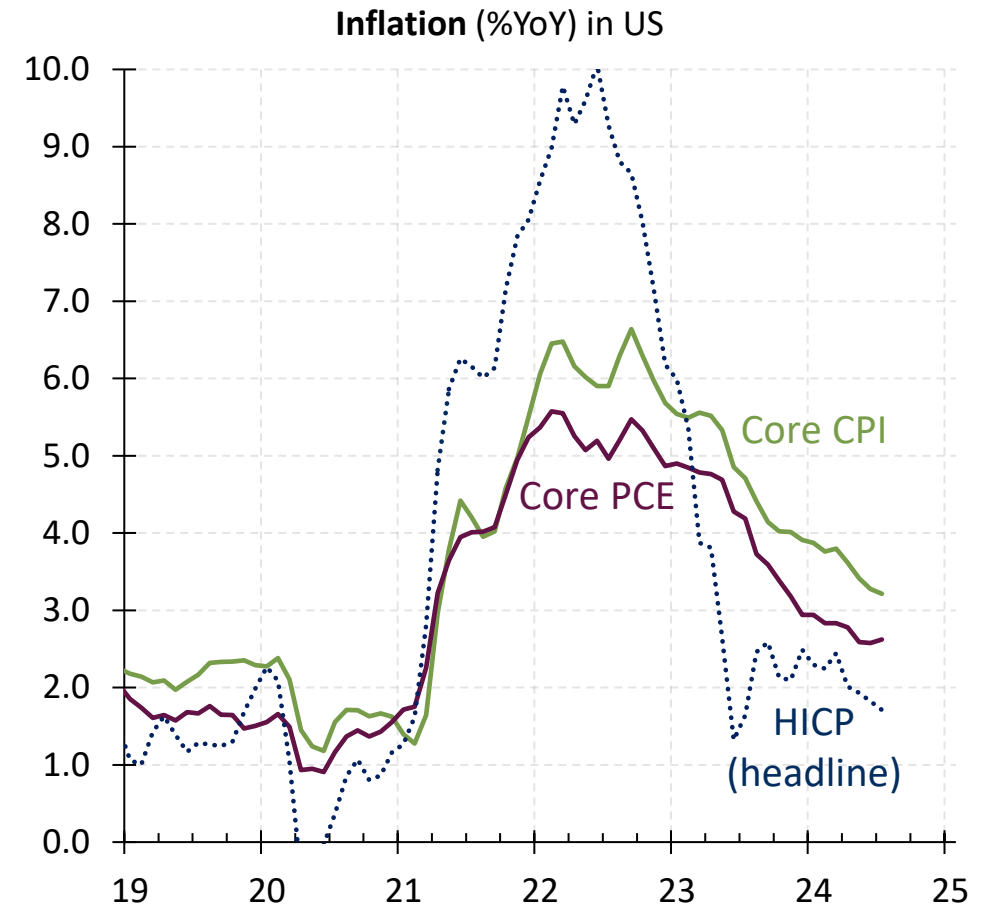
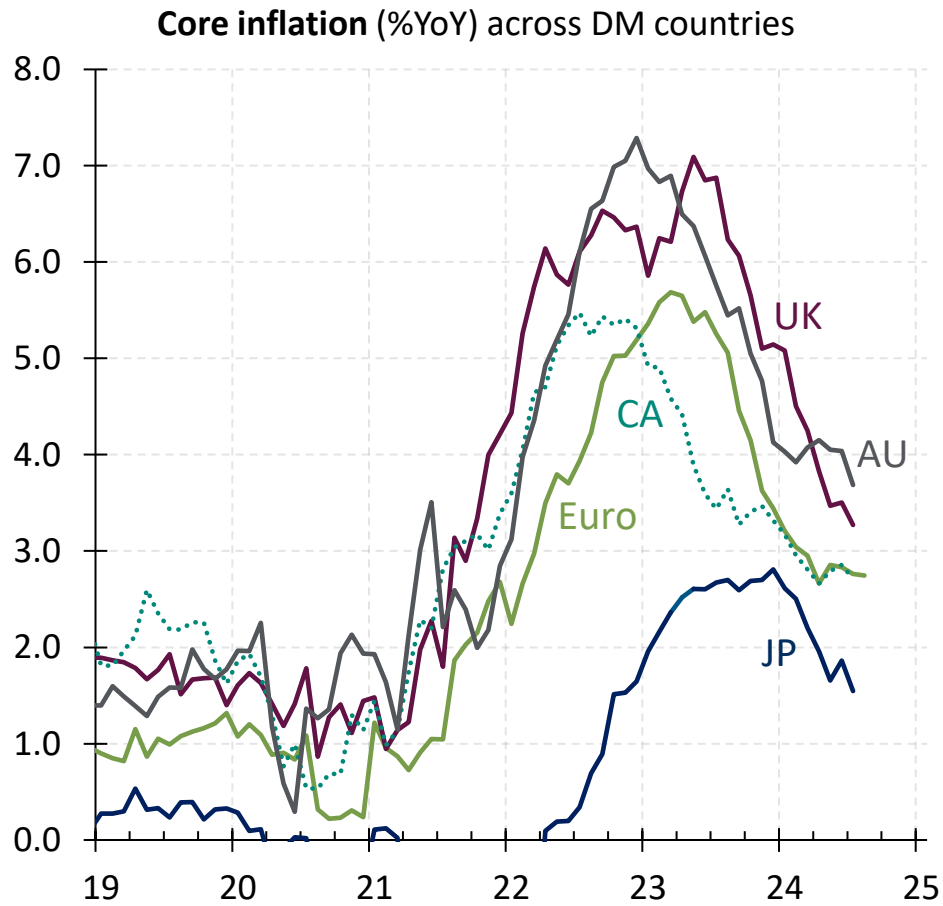
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- Investing in the **bond market** is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk. The value of most bonds and bond strategies are impacted by changes in interest rates. Bonds and bond strategies with longer durations tend to be more sensitive and volatile than those with shorter durations; bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise, and low interest rate environments increase this risk. Reductions in bond counterparty capacity may contribute to decreased market liquidity and increased price volatility. Bond investments may be worth more or less than the original cost when redeemed.
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- **Diversification** does not ensure against loss.

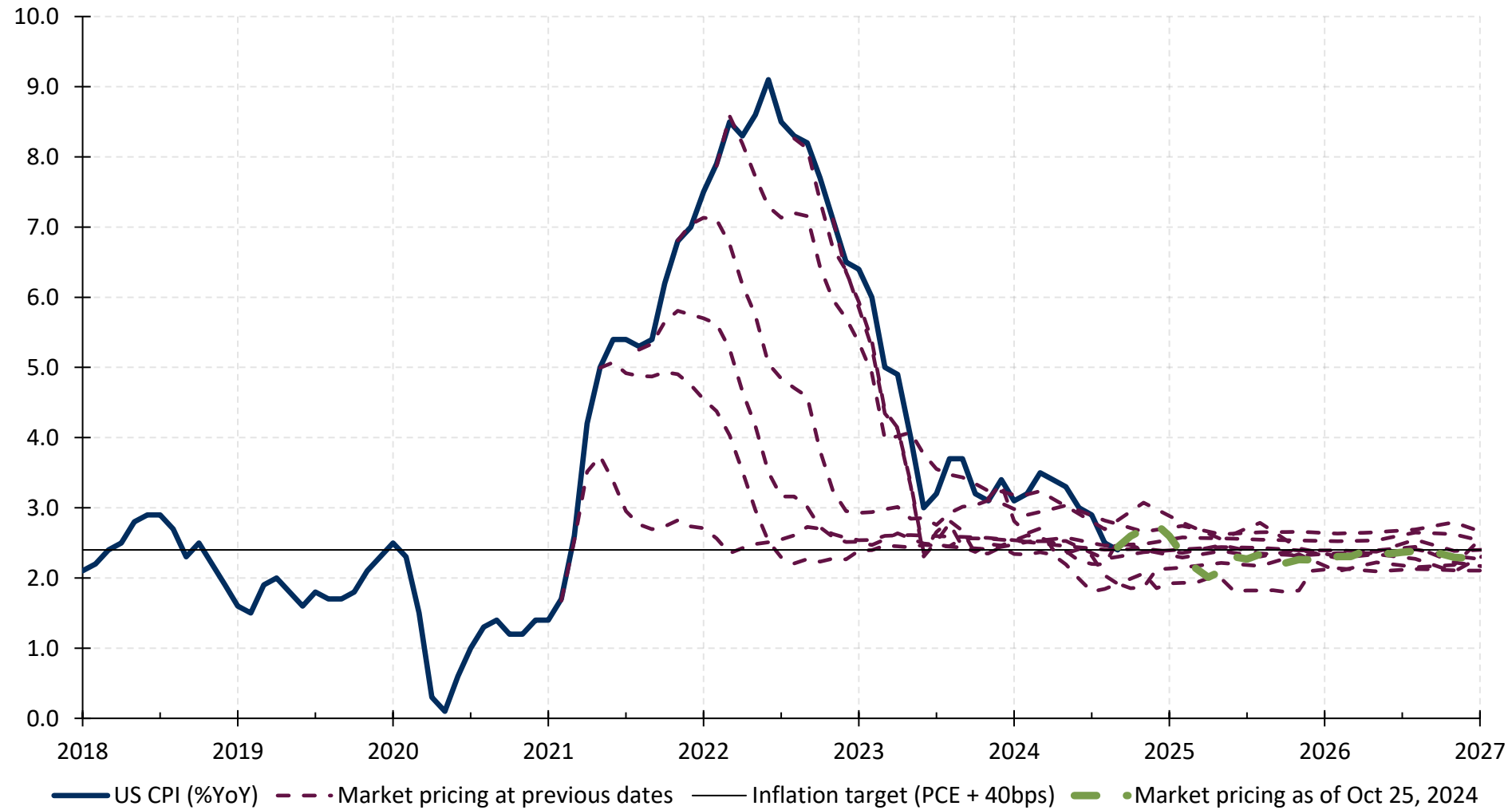
# Inflation nearing targets: Developed market inflation back in the “two-point-something” percent range



Source: PIMCO calculations, various stats offices, as of September 2024. **For illustrative purposes only**  
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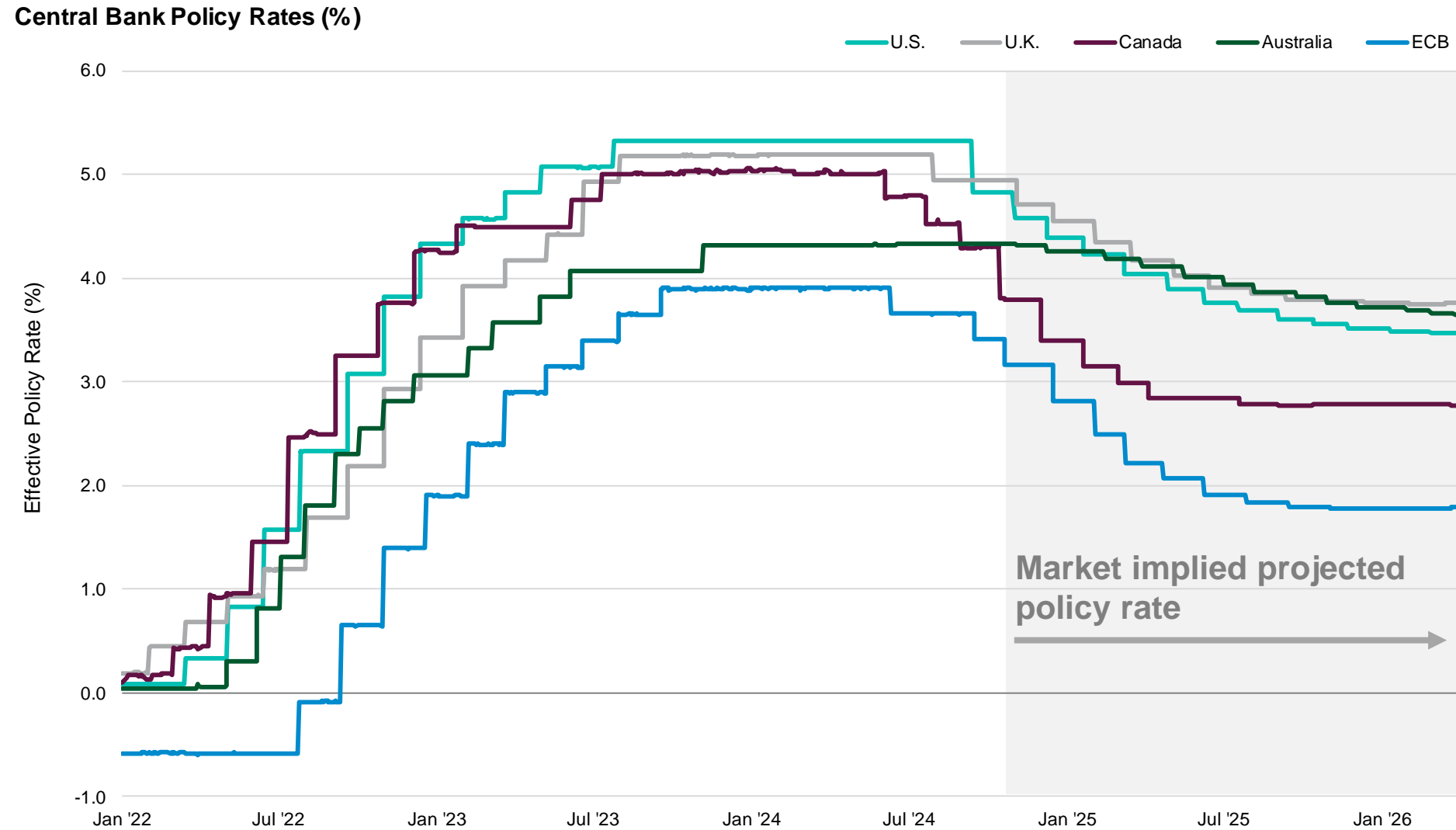


# Anchored inflation expectations: Monetary policy credibility has been intact throughout the pandemic



Source: PIMCO calculations, BBG, various stats offices. As of October 25, 2024. For illustrative purposes only  
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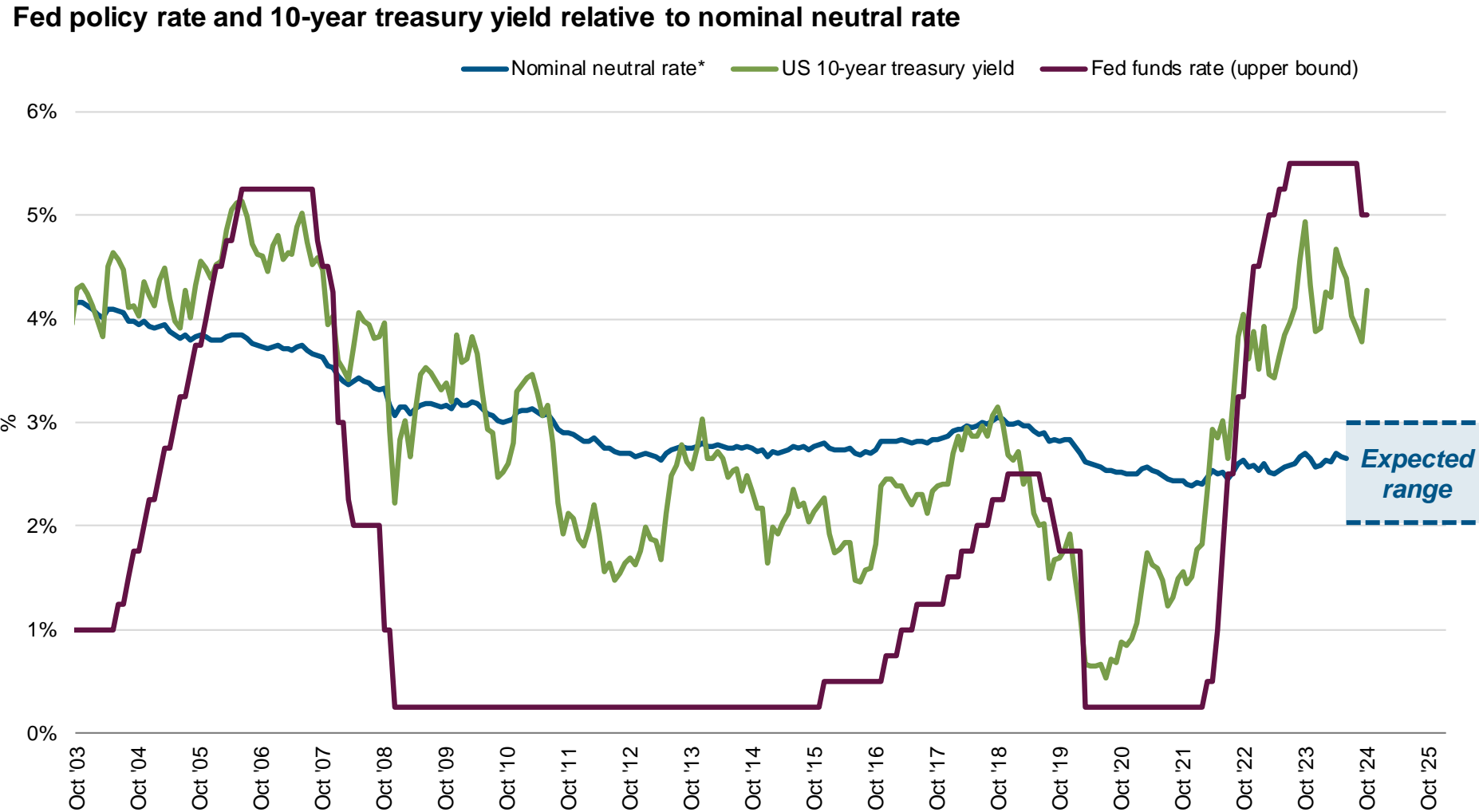
# Central banks pivoting to rate cuts: With scope for divergence ahead



As of 29 October 2024. Source: Bloomberg, PIMCO. For illustrative purposes only.  
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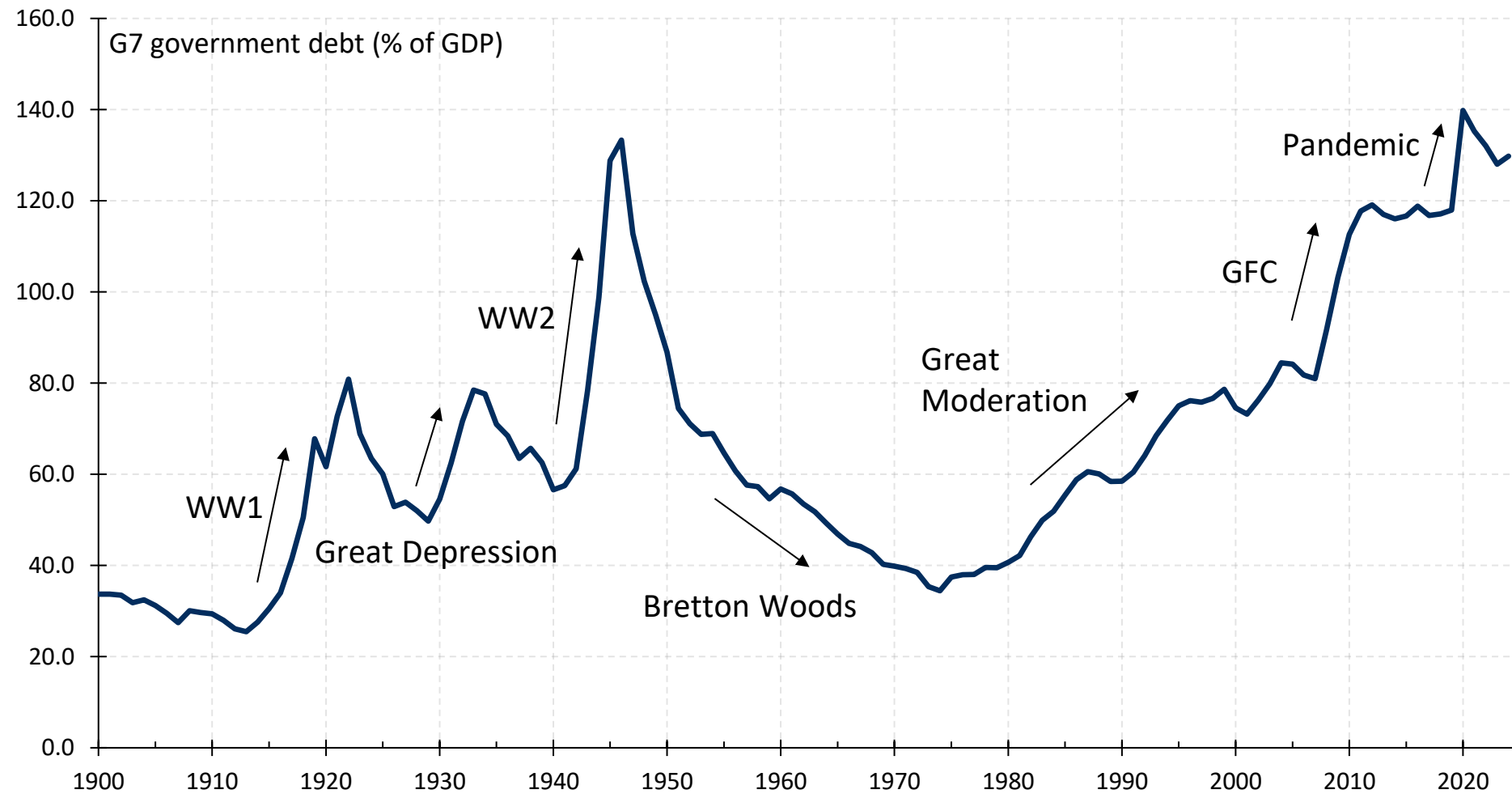
# Today's bond market advantage

## Rates – and yields – are well above neutral estimates



As of 29 October 2024. Source: Bloomberg, PIMCO, Mills-Davis. Data is monthly. \*Nominal neutral rate is calculated by adding 2% to the Mills-Davis r-star estimates. For illustrative purposes only. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions which will fluctuate. Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information.

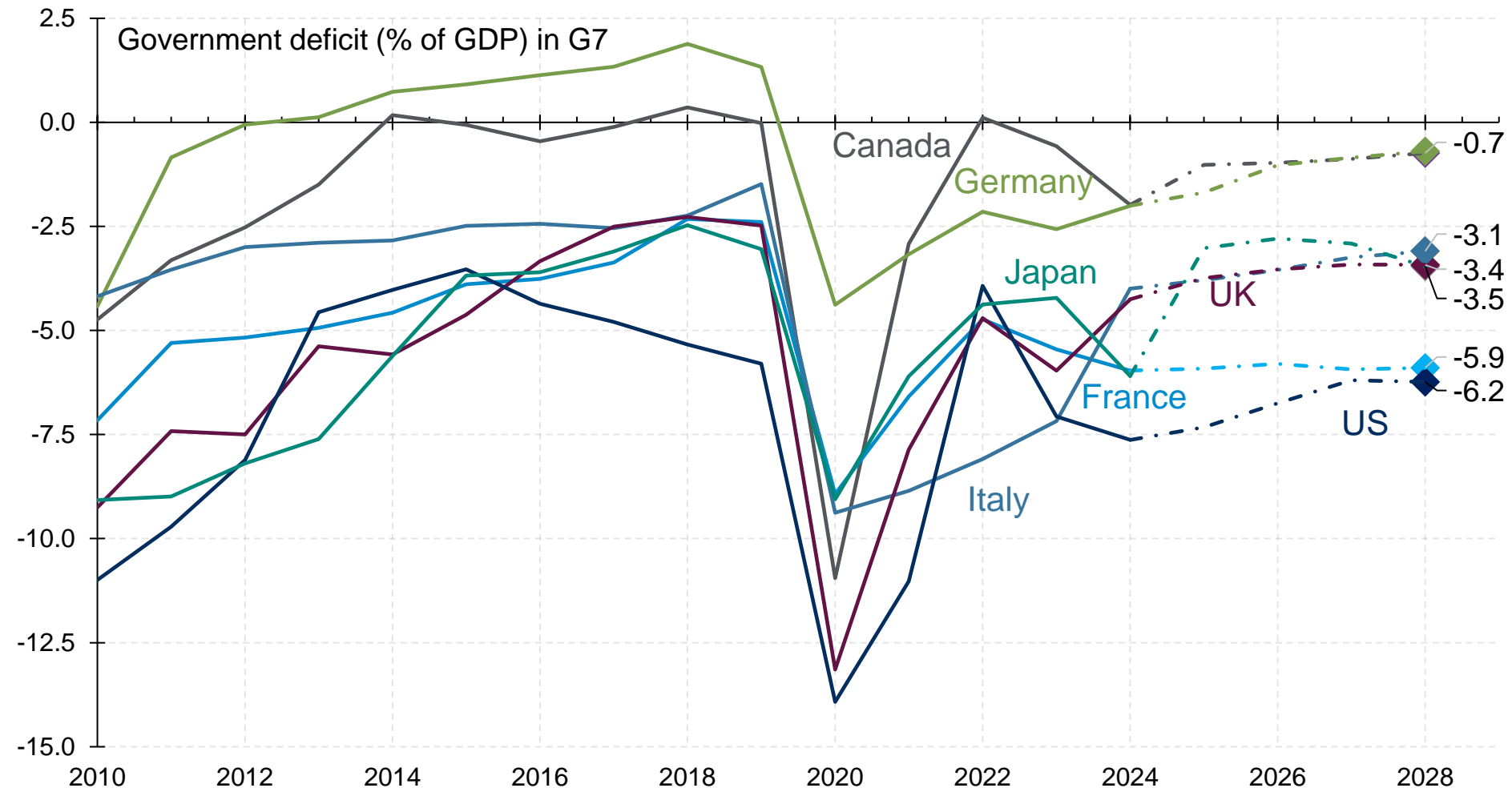
# Government debt sustainability: Public debt levels are close to record highs



Source: IMF Public Finances in Modern History (Debt), JST macro-history database (GDP weights), IMF WEO (for 2023-24), PIMCO calculations. IMF data as of October 22, 2024. **For illustrative purposes only.** Note: Chart plots debt-to-GDP across G7 countries, GDP-weighted. Last data point is 2024. There is no guarantee that the trends mentioned above will continue. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions which will fluctuate. **Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information/**

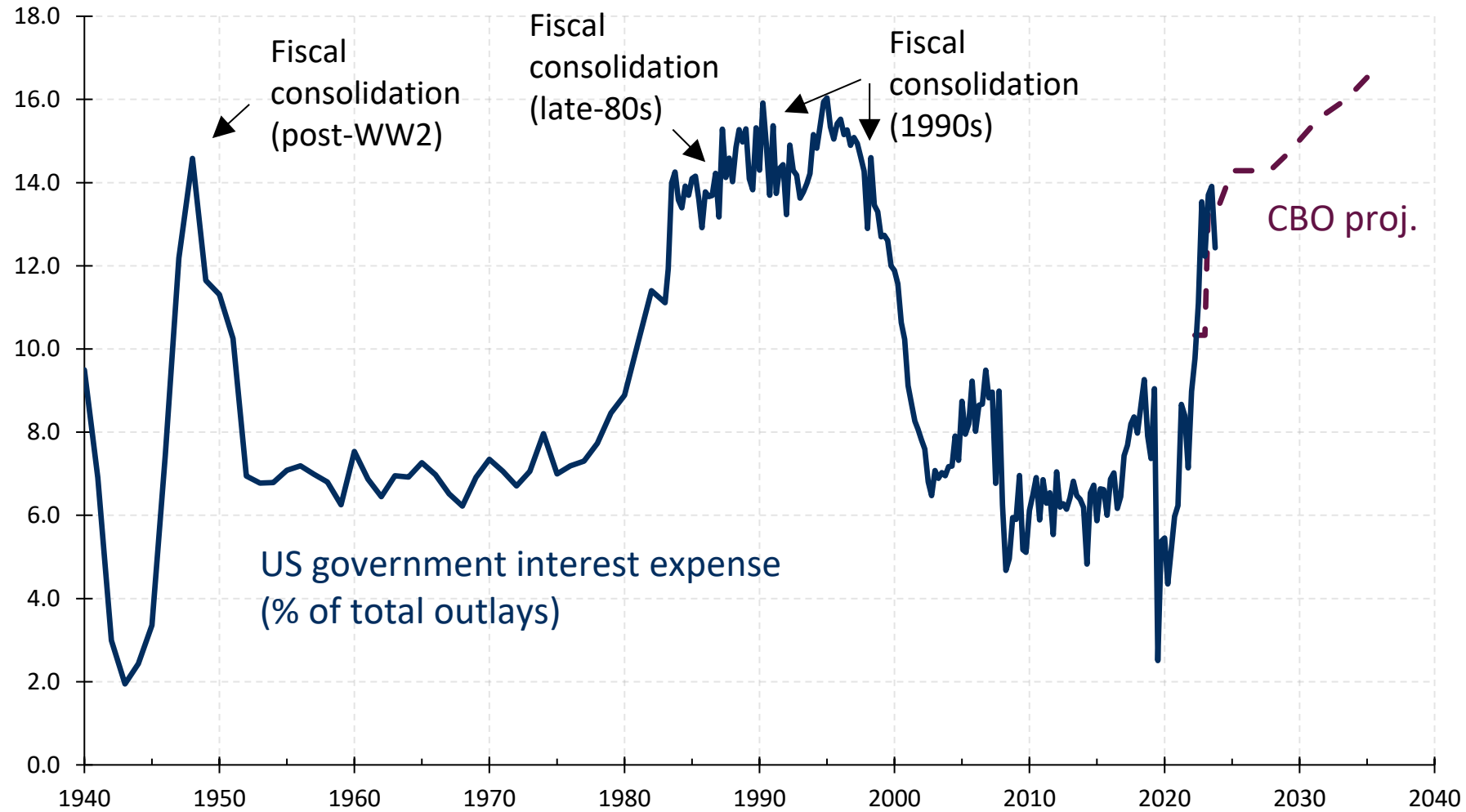


# Fiscal deficits remain high: The outlook looks particularly concerning in the US



Note: Chart plots government deficit-to-GDP across G7 countries, plus projections (dashed line) from IMF. Source: IMF WEO, PIMCO calculations. IMF data as of October 22, 2024. **For illustrative purposes only.**  
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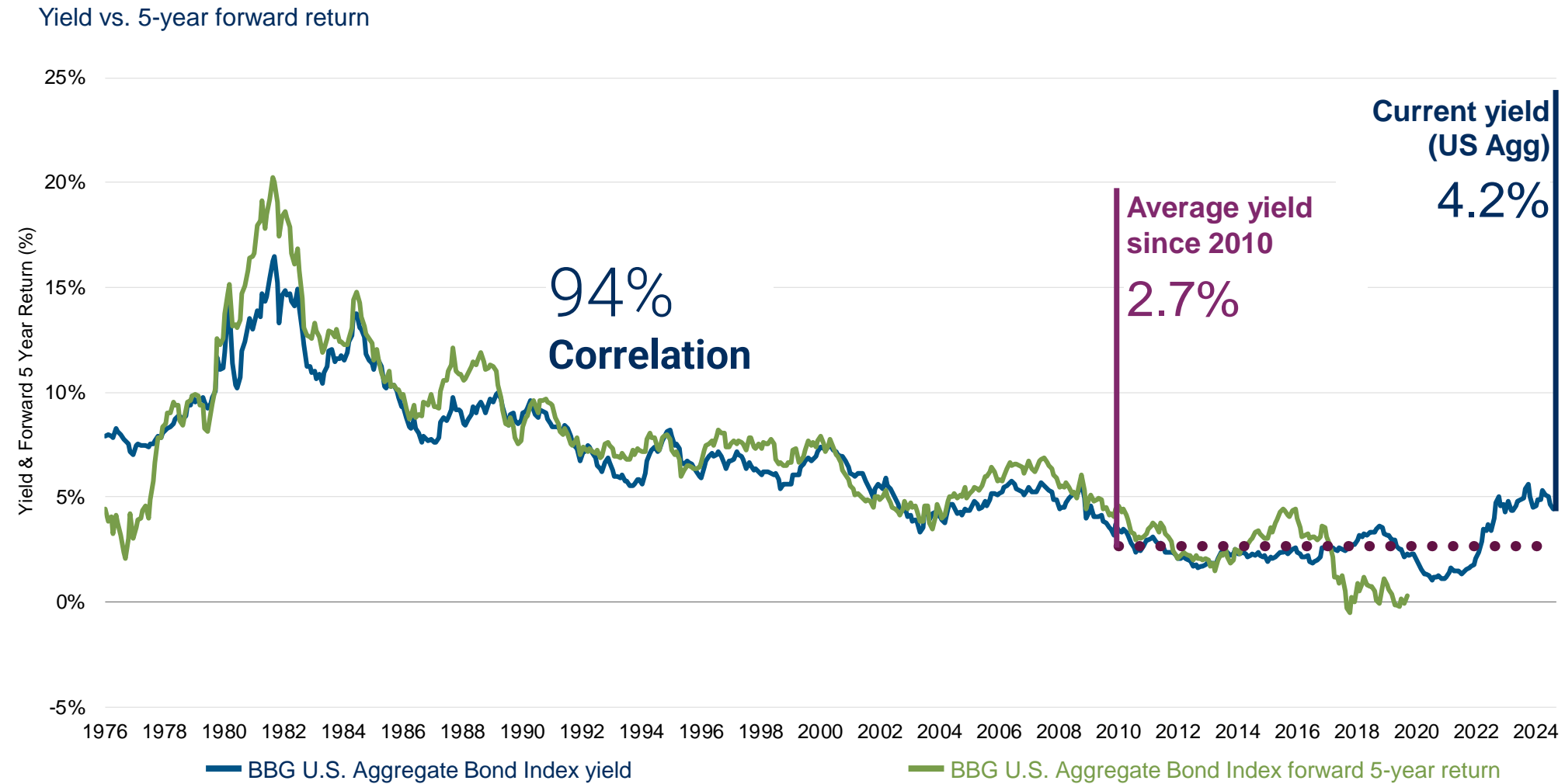
# Fiscal tightening likely over time: Rising interest payments have preceded tightening in the past



Source: US Treasury, CBO, PIMCO calculations. As of September 2024. CBO projections as of March 2024. **For illustrative purposes only.**  
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# Attractive yields create attractive outlook

## Starting yields are strongly correlated with 5-year forward returns

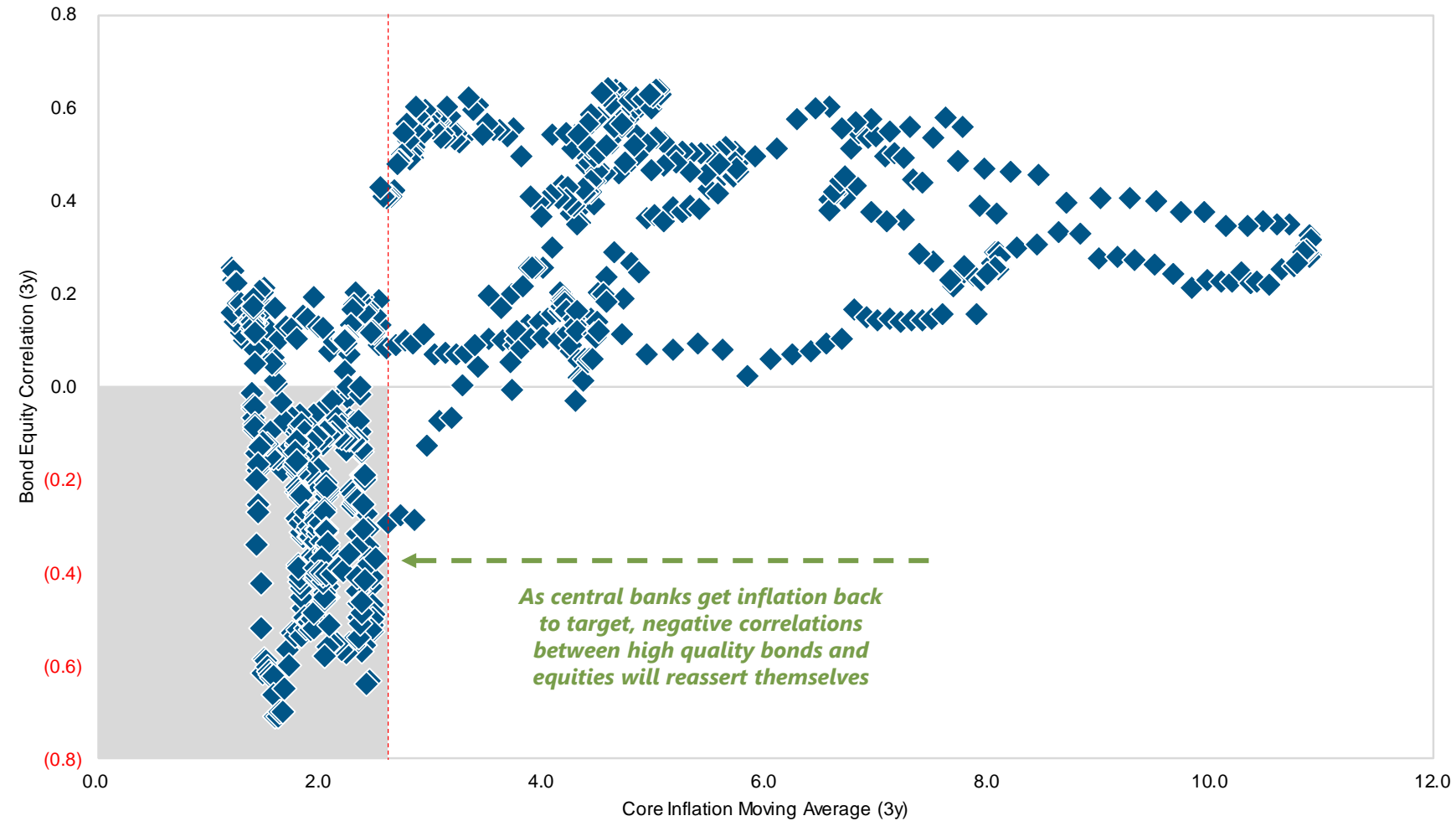


As of 30 September 2024. Source: Bloomberg, PIMCO.  
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 Yield and return are for the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions which will fluctuate.  
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# Diversification benefits

## Negative correlation between equities and bonds is reasserting itself

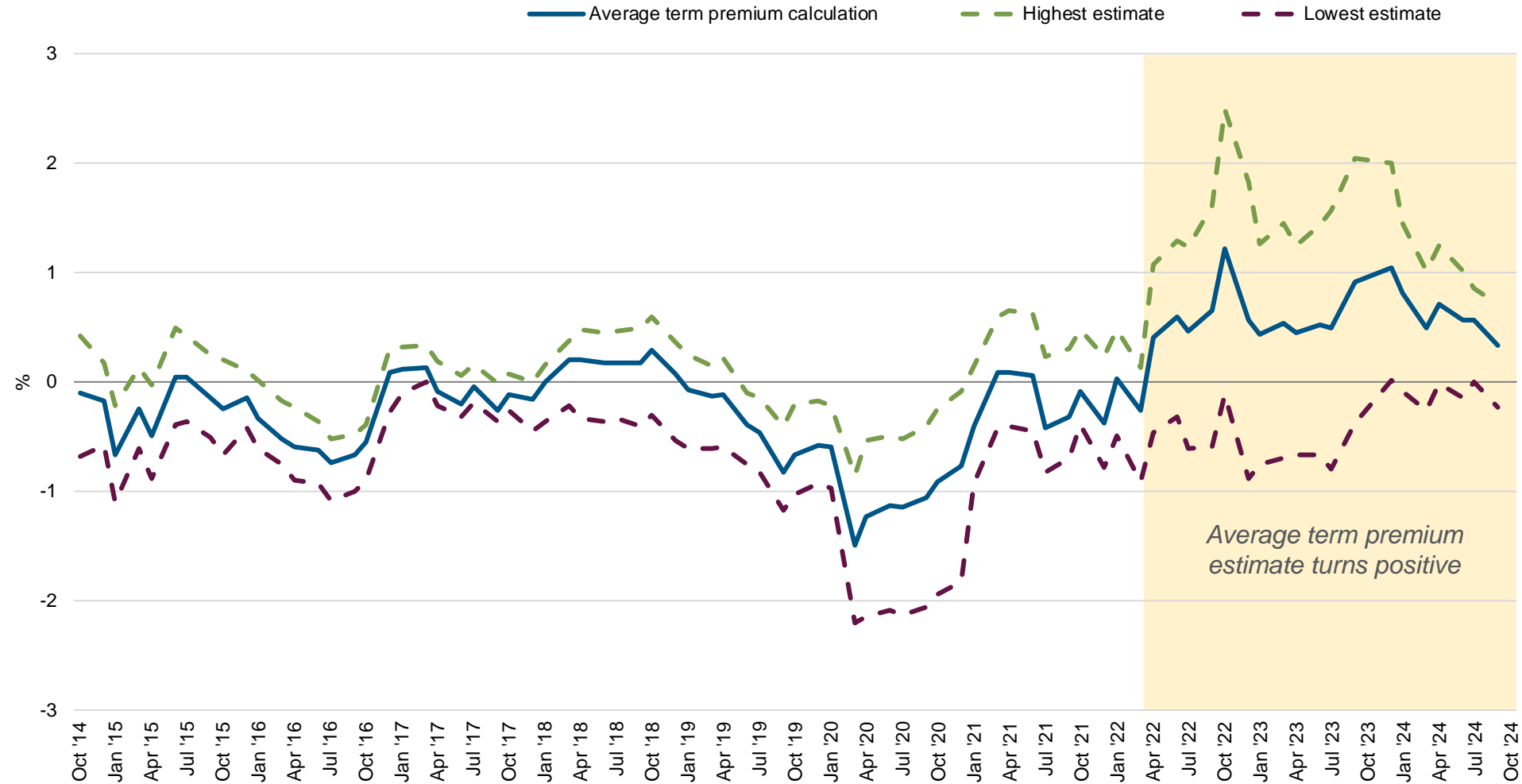
Rolling Bond-Equity correlation as a function of core inflation



As of 30 September 2024; Source: PIMCO, proprietary PIMCO model calculations. **For illustrative purposes only.** Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions which will fluctuate. Refer to Appendix for additional index, correlation, and risk information

# Rising compensation: Term premium continues to rebuild, position for curve steepeners

Average Treasury Term Premium from Four Term Premium Models

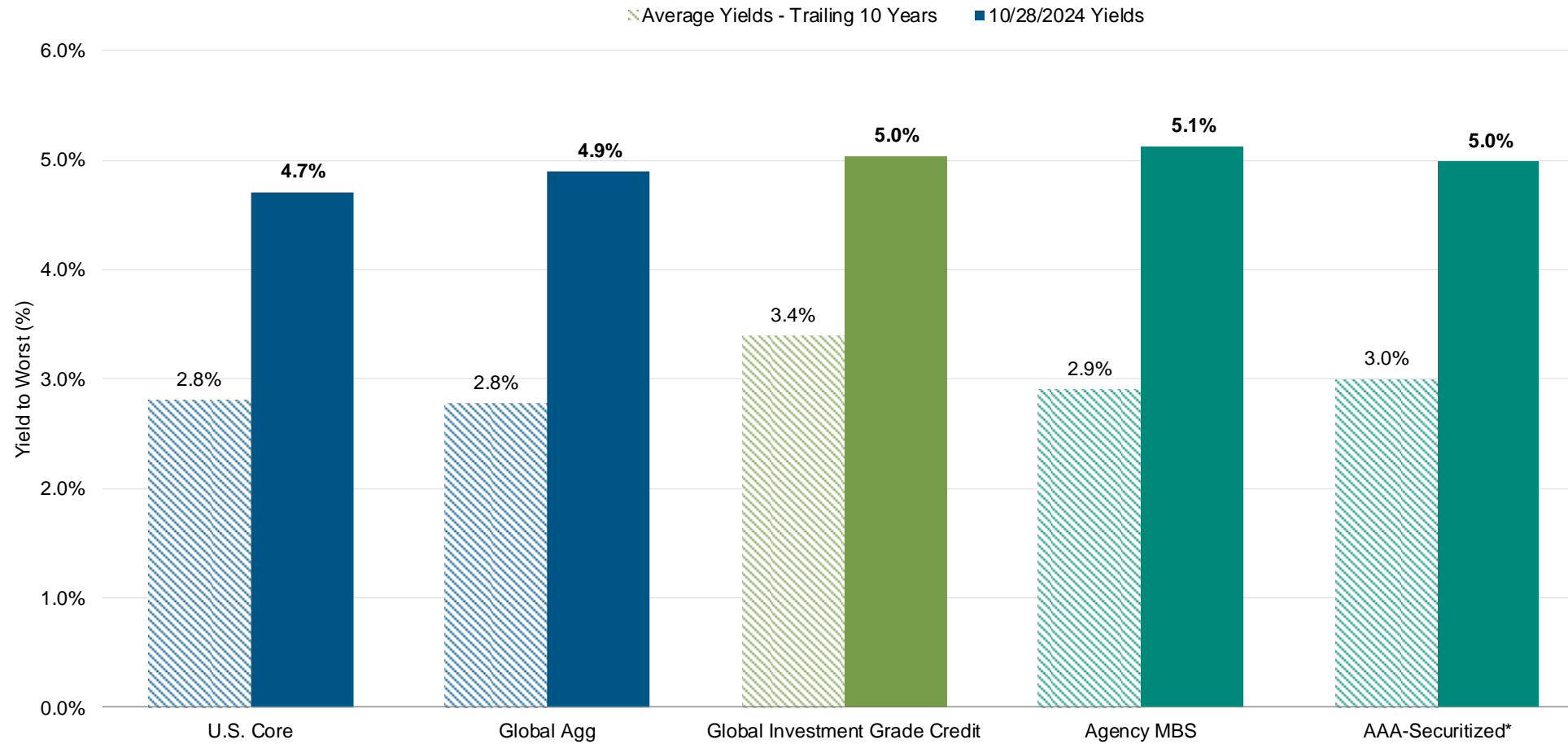


\*Average of the term premium from the ACM, CR, NY Fed Primary Dealer Survey, and Phil. Fed Survey models. See footnote for details

As of 9 September 2024. Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Haver Analytics, Bloomberg, PIMCO. **For illustrative purposes only.** "ACM" refers to the model developed by New York Fed economists Tobias Adrian, Richard K. Crump, and Emanuel Moench. "CR" refers to the model developed by Jens H.E. Christensen and Glenn D. Rudebusch of the San Francisco Fed. "NY Fed Primary Dealer Survey" refers to the median response to the York Fed's Survey of Primary Dealers' question "provide your estimate of your expectation for the average federal funds rate over the next 10 years"; the implied term premium is backed out by subtracting the survey response from the contemporaneous 10-year yield. "Phil. Fed Survey" refers to the median response to the Philadelphia Fed's Survey of Professional Forecasters' inquiry for projections of the annualized average 3-month t-bill return over the next 10 years; the implied term premium is backed out by subtracting the survey response from the contemporaneous 10-year yield. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions which will fluctuate. **Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information.**

# Global fixed income opportunities

## Yields remain close to multi-decade highs



As of 28 October 2024. SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO. For illustrative purposes only.

Proxies for asset classes displayed are as follows: U.S. Core: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate, Global Agg: Bloomberg Global Aggregate USD Hedged, Global Investment Grade Credit: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit USD Hedged, Agency MBS: Bloomberg US MBS Fixed, \* AAA-Securitized YTW computed as average of AAA CLOs, CMBS, and ABS from JPMorgan and Bloomberg. The yield to worst is the yield resulting from the most adverse set of circumstances from the investor's point of view; the lowest of all possible yields. There is no guarantee that the trends mentioned above will continue. Statements concerning financial market trends are based on current market conditions which will fluctuate. Refer to Appendix for additional index, outlook, valuation and risk information.

## Key Takeaways

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Pandemic-related distortions, including inflation, are fading

Central banks to normalise policy

Ongoing risks to fiscal policy and debt sustainability

Fixed income attractive due to high yields and potential capital appreciation during cutting cycles



## Appendix



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## CHART

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## YIELD TO WORST (YTW)

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# Appendix

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