

Crescat Firmwide Presentation



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THE VALUE OF GLOBAL MACRO INVESTING

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Crescat's Hedge Fund Strategies

Crescat Global Macro Fund Crescat Institutional Macro Fund

- Crescat's flagship fund and most comprehensive strategy
- Exposure to all the firm's macro themes
- Ability to invest in any asset class long and short

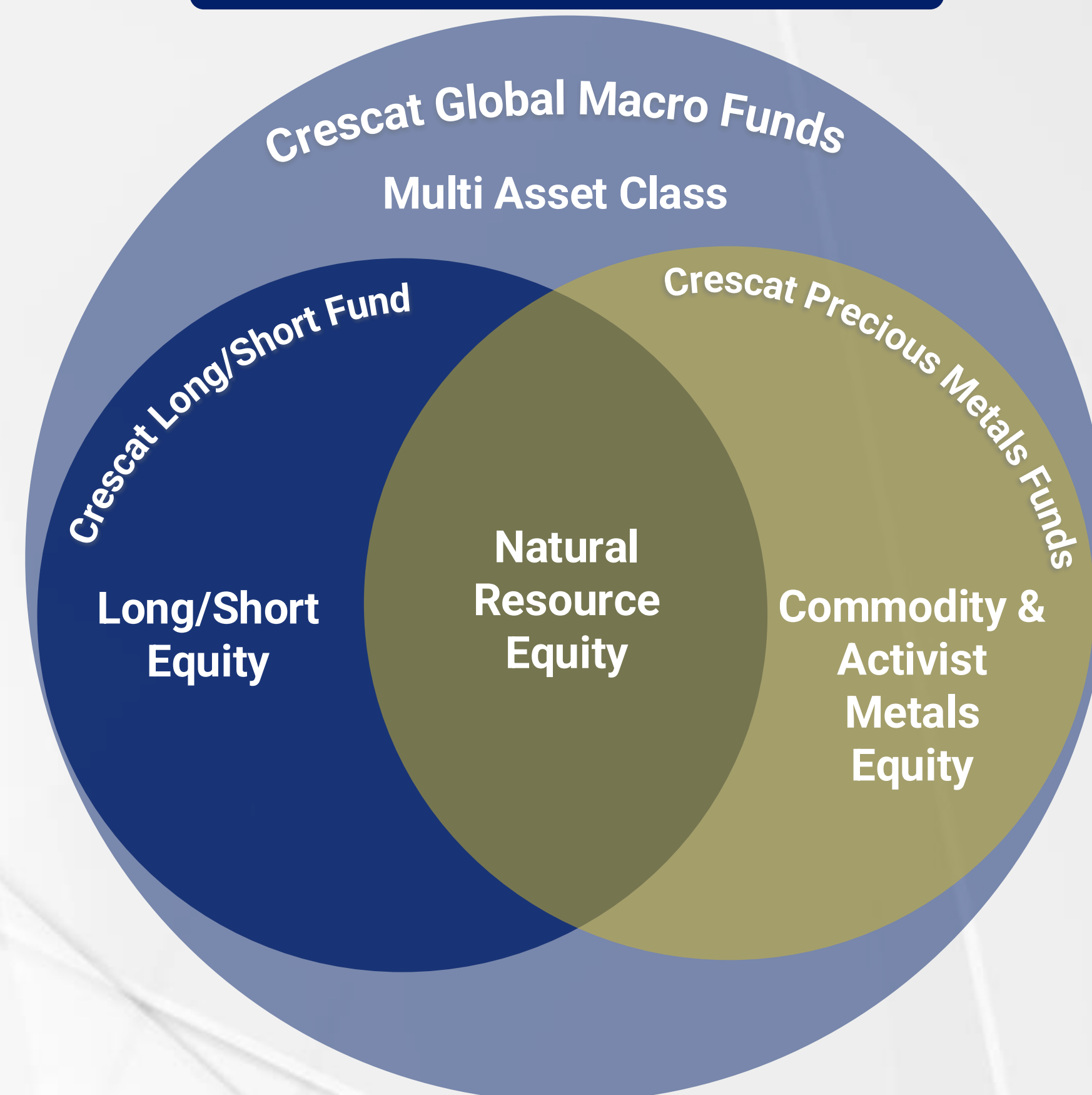
Crescat Precious Metals Fund Crescat Institutional Precious Metals Fund

- Specialized precious and critical metals mining funds
- Activist exploration focus

Crescat Long/Short Fund

- Traditional long/short equity hedge fund
- Seeks to deliver alpha from long and short stock picking combined with macro themes

Composition



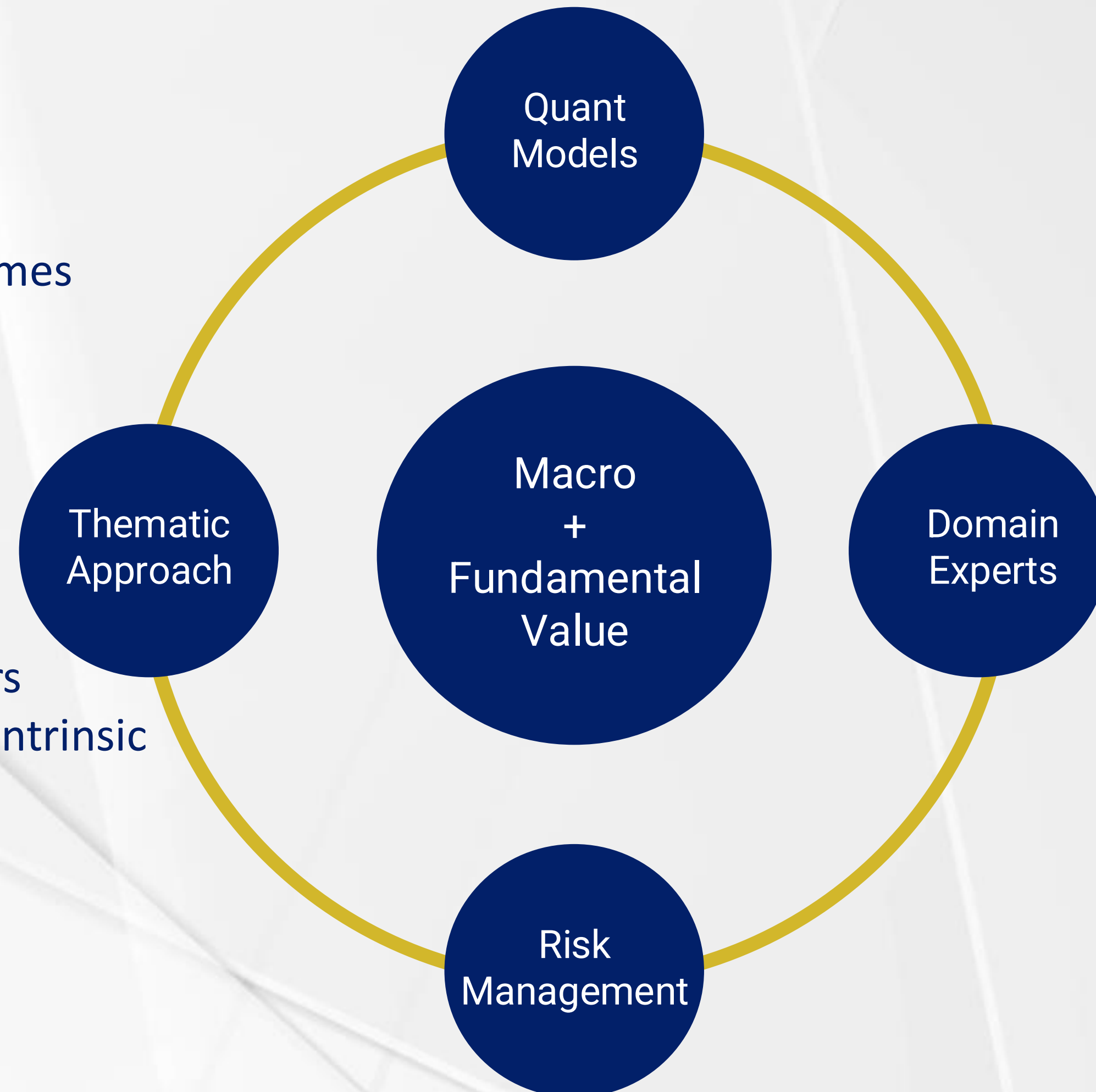
Strategies are actively managed and subject to change.

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Crescat's Investment Process

Primary Values & Supporting Methods

- Development and expression of macroeconomic themes
- Fundamental valuation-based research
- Proprietary quant models:
 - Equity: A.I.-Driven Fundamental & Technical
 - Macro
 - Precious Metals
 - Oil & Gas
- Working with experienced industry-specialist advisors
- Risk management that embraces volatility to realize intrinsic value

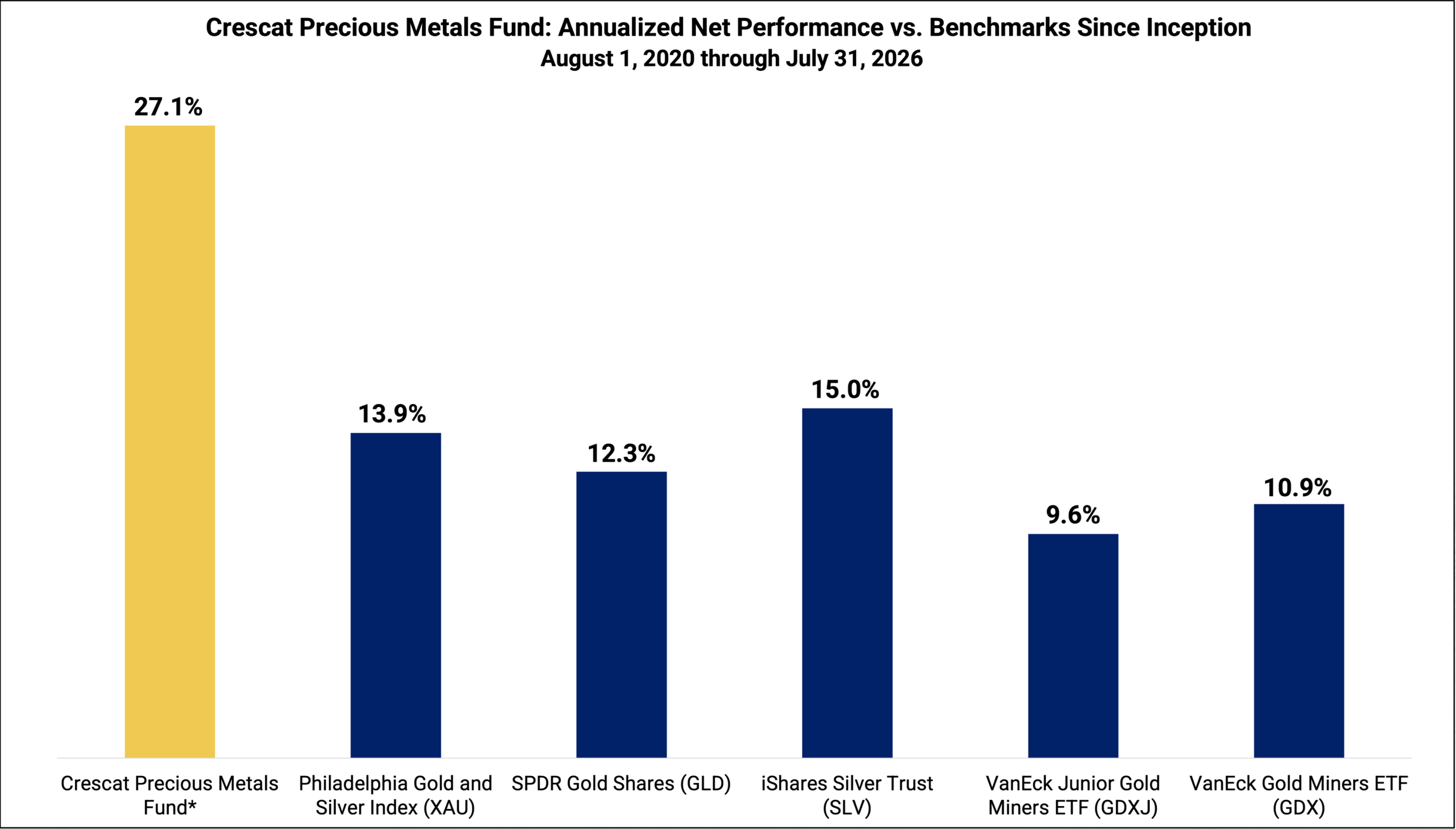


Crescat Achieved 5 of the Top 16 Performing Hedge Funds Globally in 2025

Crescat Hedge Funds vs. Benchmarks	Prequin Rank Full Year 2025	December	Full Year 2025
Crescat Global Macro Fund	#15	3.2%	128.7%
Crescat Institutional Macro Fund	#16	3.6%	114.2%
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index		0.6%	7.1%
Crescat Long/Short Fund	#14	3.1%	132.8%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index		1.1%	10.0%
Crescat Precious Metals Fund	#8	6.0%	146.9%
Crescat Institutional Precious Metals Fund	#13	5.2%	134.1%
Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index		5.5%	152.7%
S&P 500 Index		0.1%	17.9%

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Crescat Precious Metals Fund vs. Benchmarks



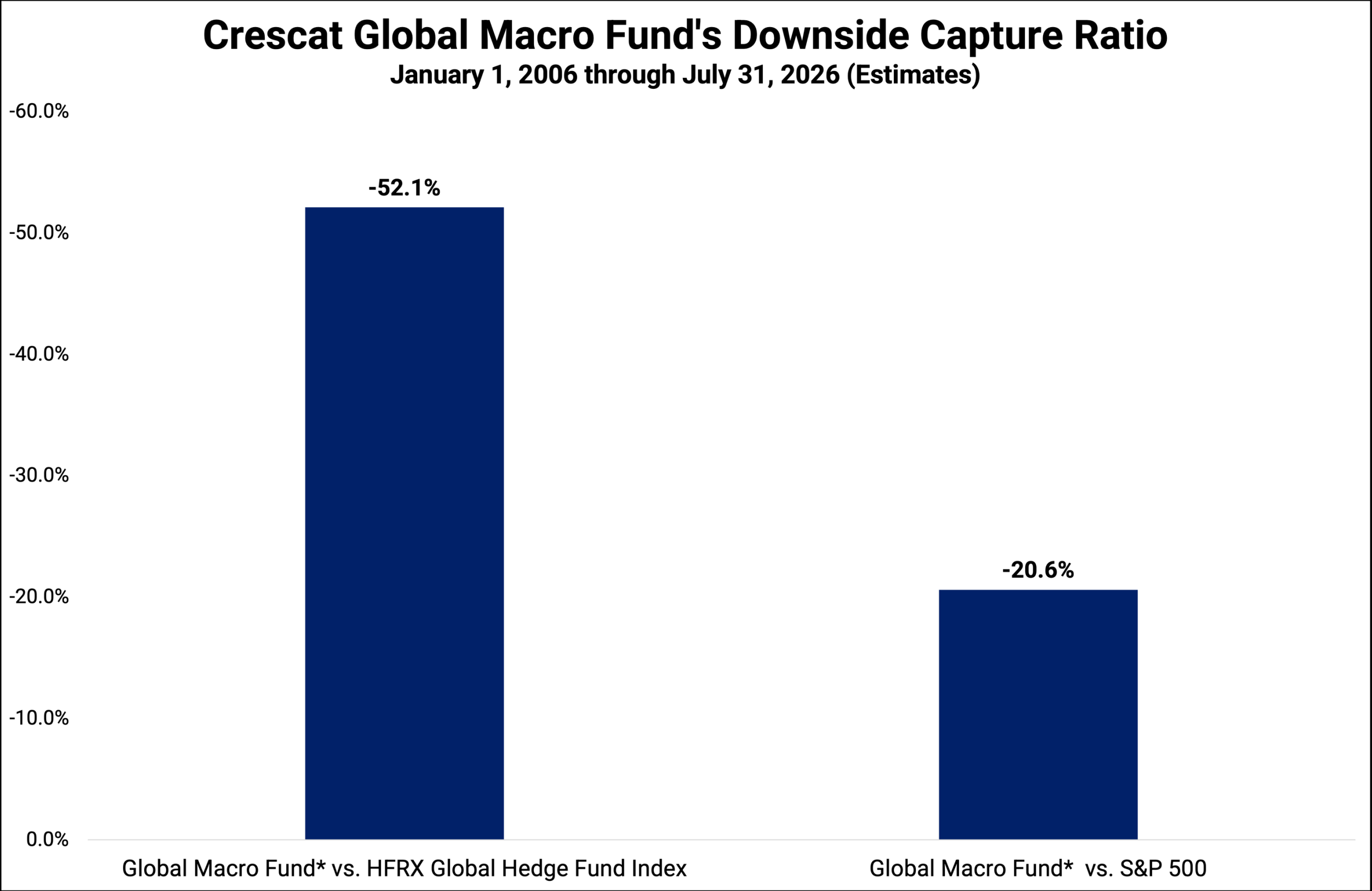
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Sources: Crescat Capital LLC, State Street Global Advisors/S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, and BlackRock/iShares

Positive Returns in Down Markets

That's the Meaning of the *Negative* Downside Capture Ratio



The downside capture ratio here is showing how the **Crescat Global Macro Fund** performed on average since inception during down months for the benchmark.

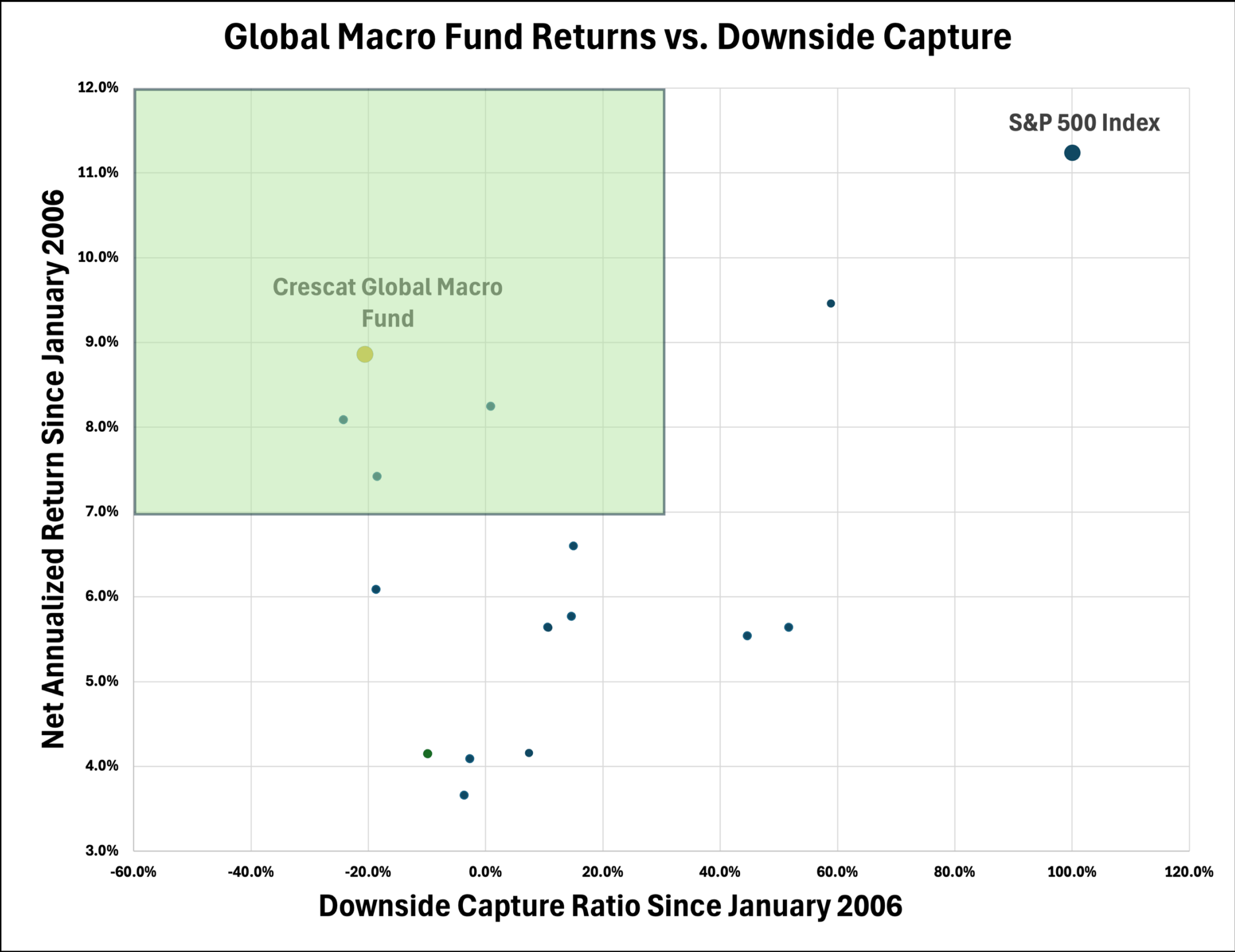
A *negative* downside capture ratio shows that the fund gained on average in months when both the global hedge fund benchmark and the market went down. For example, a downside capture of minus 25% vs. the S&P 500 means that when the S&P 500 fell 10% on average, the fund gained 2.5%. Alternatively, a downside capture of minus 63% vs. the HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index illustrates that the fund gained 6.3% on average when that index fell 10%.

Crescat Global Macro Fund is at capacity for new US investors. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns, with the US stock market at record valuations and at risk of a major correction. *Performance figures presented represent the fund's net returns calculated without the impact of the San Cristobal Mining, Inc. (SCM) Side Pocket that was designated on July 1st, 2024. The SCM Side Pocket includes a private equity asset that is not available to new investors in the funds on or after July 1, 2024. This asset was included in the fund performance prior to that date. Excluding the SCM Side Pocket after that date provides a clearer view of the performance to investors coming into the funds after July 1, 2024. New investors cannot participate in the SCM Side Pocket and will not share in its potential gains or losses. Investors should consider both the overall performance and the performance excluding the side pocket when evaluating the fund's returns. Fund performance, including the SCM Side Pocket, can be found on the firm's website here: <https://www.crescat.net/performance/>. Returns for the most recent month are based on internal estimates which have the potential to change once finalized. Additional disclosures regarding risks and performance presented are found here: <https://www.crescat.net/due-diligence/disclosures/> Sources: Crescat Capital LLC, State Street Global Advisors/S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, and BlackRock/iShares

Protection in Down Markets + Strong Absolute Returns

What a global macro fund is supposed to be!

Crescat leads all discretionary global macro hedge funds that existed pre-Global Financial Crisis and are still around today in both categories (12/31/2005 to 7/31/2026)



Fund/Benchmark Name	Downside Capture Ratio Since January 2006	Net Annualized Return Since January 2006
Crescat Global Macro Fund	-20.6%	8.9%
Bridgewater Pure Alpha Fund II LTD	-24.3%	8.1%
Bridgewater Pure Alpha Fund LTD	-18.7%	6.1%
Pinnacle AM LP	-18.5%	7.4%
Graham Discretionary Portfolio	-10.0%	4.2%
UBS AM Currency Allocation Return Strategy	-3.7%	3.7%
Gavea Master Fund	-2.8%	4.1%
GAM Global Rates	0.8%	8.3%
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	7.4%	4.2%
Global Absolute Return Ruffer LLP	10.6%	5.6%
Hathersage Daily Currency Program	14.6%	5.8%
Crescat Long/Short Fund	15.0%	6.6%
Broadmark Dynamic Opportunity Strategy	44.5%	5.5%
JK Global Opportunities Fund	51.6%	5.6%
Calamos Phineus Long/Short Fund	58.9%	9.5%
S&P 500 Index	100.0%	11.2%

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Crescat Performance

Crescat Strategies Net Return Through July 31, 2026

CRESCAT STRATEGIES VS. BENCHMARK (Inception Date)	JULY	YTD	ANNUALIZED TRAILING				SINCE INCEPTION	CUMULATIVE SINCE INCEPTION	YEARS SINCE INCEPTION
			1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR			
Global Macro Hedge Fund (Jan.1, 2006)	-5.0%	-12.1%	16.7%	9.2%	3.5%	6.0%	10.7%	708.4%	20.6
Excluding SCM SP ² (Jan.1, 2006)	-10.0%	-29.1%	-20.7%	-2.7%	-3.4%	2.4%	8.8%	472.3%	20.6
Benchmark: HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	-1.1%	3.6%	7.8%	6.0%	2.9%	3.4%	1.7%	41.1%	
Institutional Macro Hedge Fund (July 1, 2023)	-5.6%	-13.7%	13.4%	8.3%	-	-	8.7%	29.2%	3.1
Excluding SCM SP ² (July 1, 2023)	-10.4%	-29.0%	-29.3%	-3.2%	-	-	-2.6%	-7.7%	3.1
Benchmark: HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	-1.1%	3.6%	7.8%	6.0%			6.0%	19.7%	
Long/Short Hedge Fund (May 1, 2000)	-4.6%	-12.1%	18.8%	11.8%	1.7%	5.4%	7.2%	528.5%	26.3
Excluding SCM SP ² (May 1, 2000)	-10.0%	-31.6%	-29.1%	-1.4%	-5.7%	1.5%	5.7%	330.6%	26.3
Benchmark: HFRX Equity Hedge Index	-2.1%	6.4%	11.4%	9.2%	6.2%	5.6%	3.3%	137.1%	
Precious Metals Hedge Fund (August 1, 2020)	-2.8%	-2.2%	43.7%	24.9%	8.7%	-	31.1%	407.5%	6.0
Excluding SCM SP ² (August 1, 2020)	-5.4%	-12.1%	7.6%	17.4%	4.7%	-	27.1%	321.1%	6.0
Benchmark: Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index	-3.1%	-9.5%	52.5%	36.2%	18.3%		13.9%	118.8%	
Institutional Precious Metals Hedge Fund (July 1, 2023)	-3.9%	-6.1%	37.8%	21.1%	-	-	23.9%	93.7%	3.1
Excluding SCM SP ² (July 1, 2023)	-5.9%	-14.5%	3.7%	14.6%	-	-	17.4%	64.0%	3.1
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Overarching Macro Theme: The Great Rotation

► Overvalued US Large Cap Equities

Related Subthemes

AI Capital Spending Bubble
Competitive Disruption

Megacap Tech Overvaluation
Small Cap Value + Growth Opportunities

Unsustainable Margins and Growth Rates

► Fiscal & Monetary Imbalances

Related Subthemes

Entrenched Inflationary Pressures
Government Debt & Deficit Challenges

Stagnating Growth
Global Fiat Debasement

Subprime Credit Risk
Private Credit Risk

► Commodity Supply & Demand Imbalances

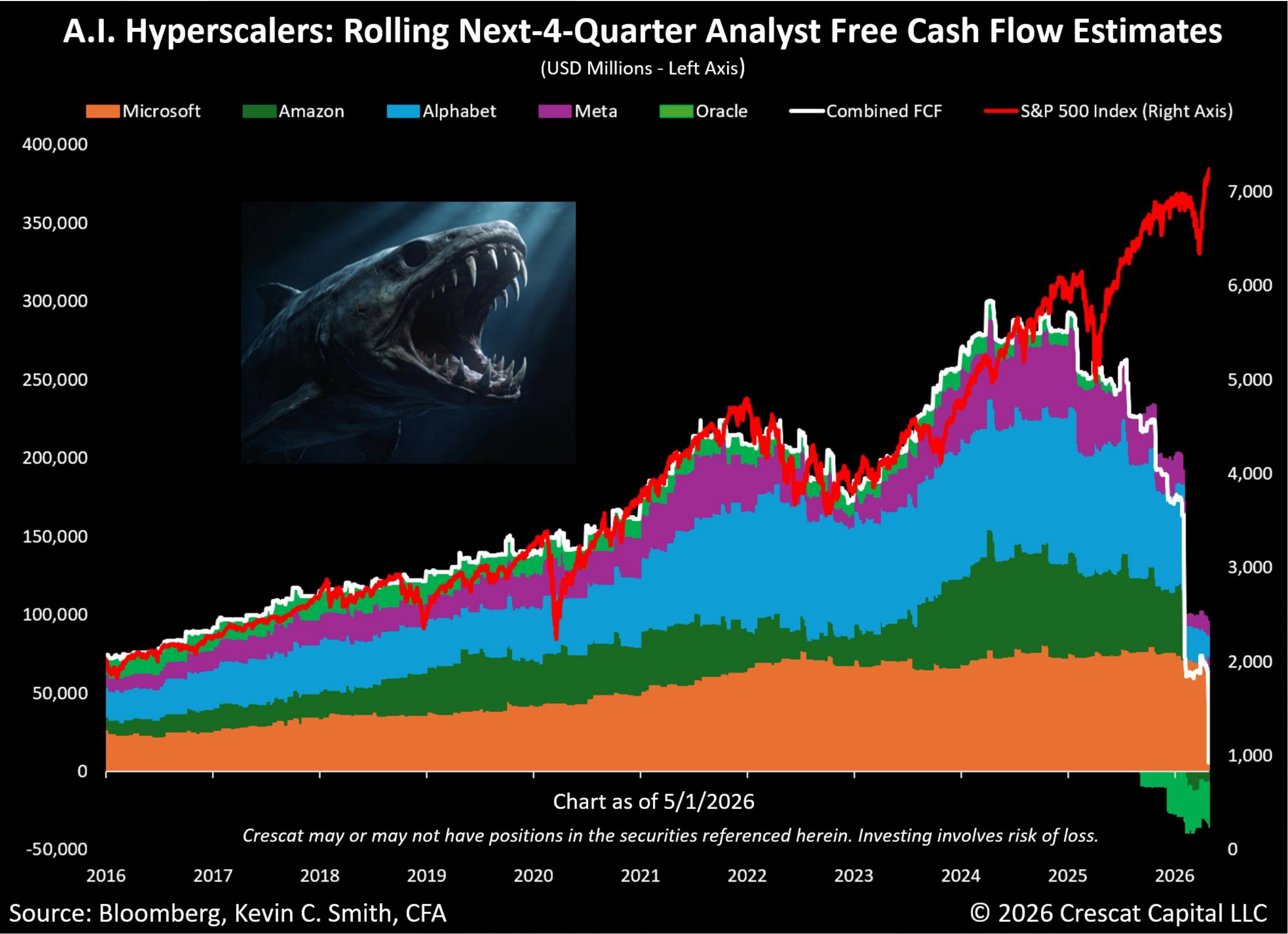
Related Subthemes

Precious Metals Mining
Critical Metals

Agricultural Commodities
Oil & Gas

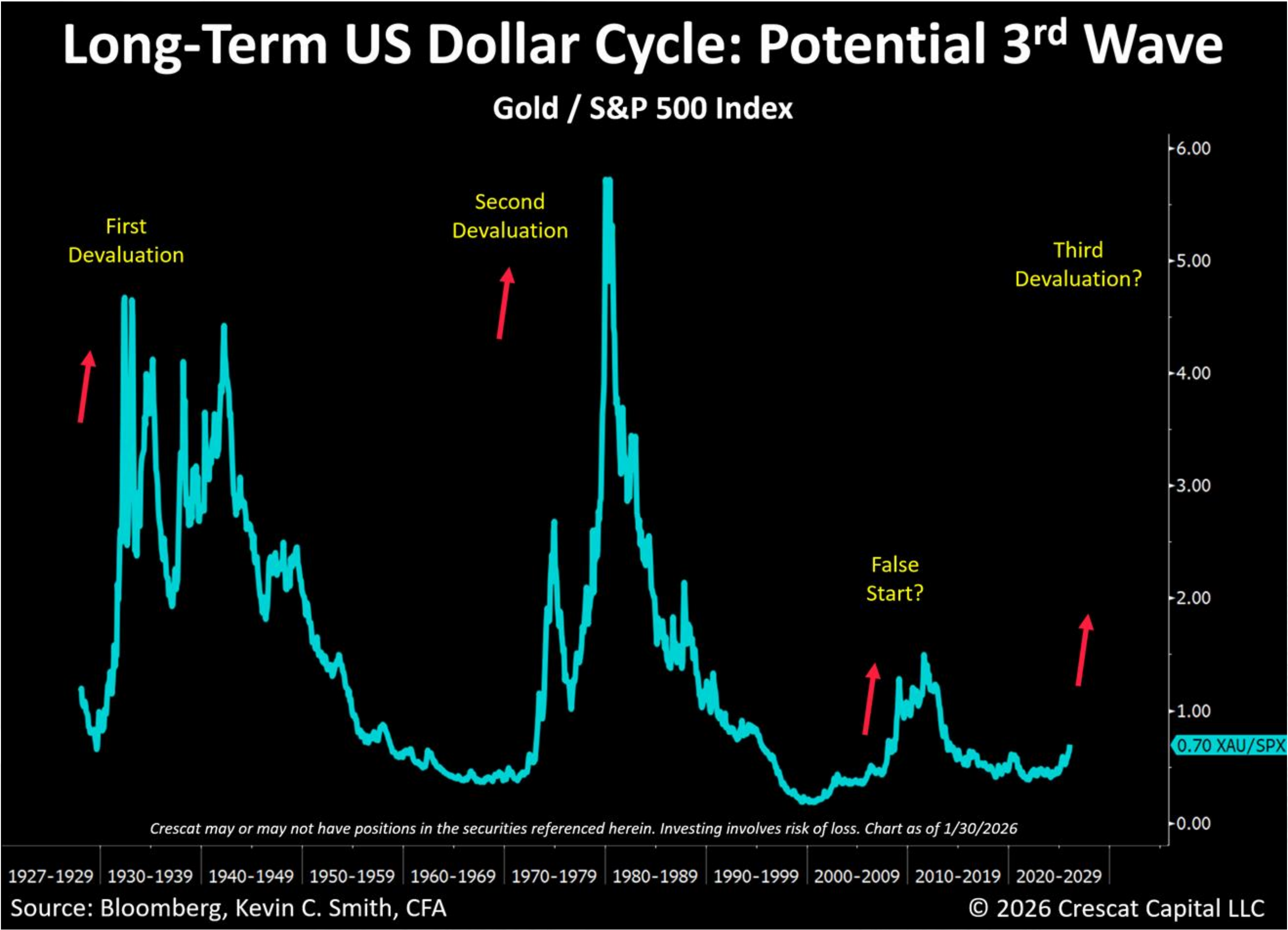
Power Shortages

Potential Major US Stock Market Top



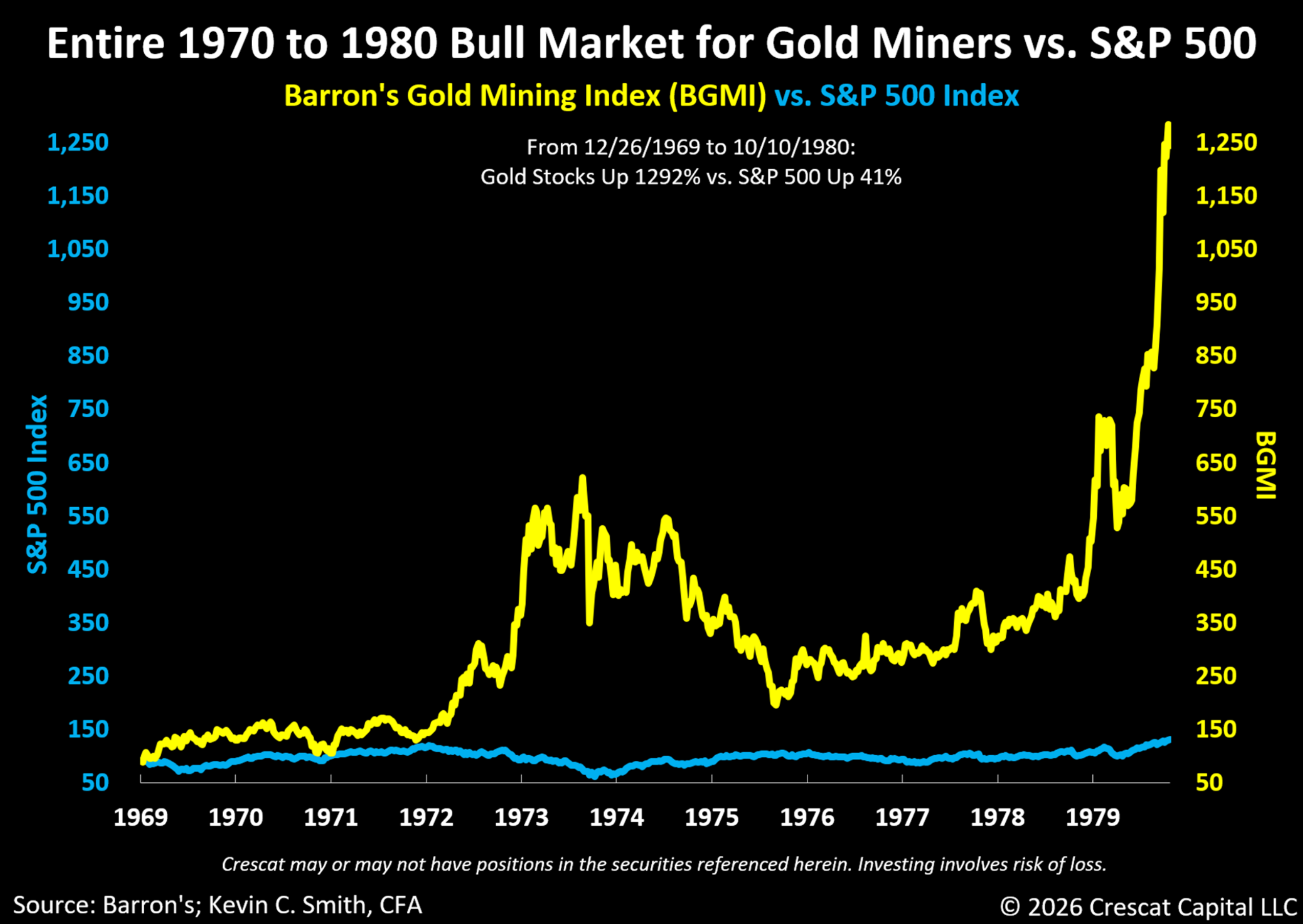
The median, combined, rolling forward 4-quarter free cash flow estimates across Wall Street fundamental analysts for Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet, Meta, and Oracle. Note the past high correlation of these two series. The risk is that the red line starts veering significantly in the direction of the white one.

Macro Case for the Debasement Trade



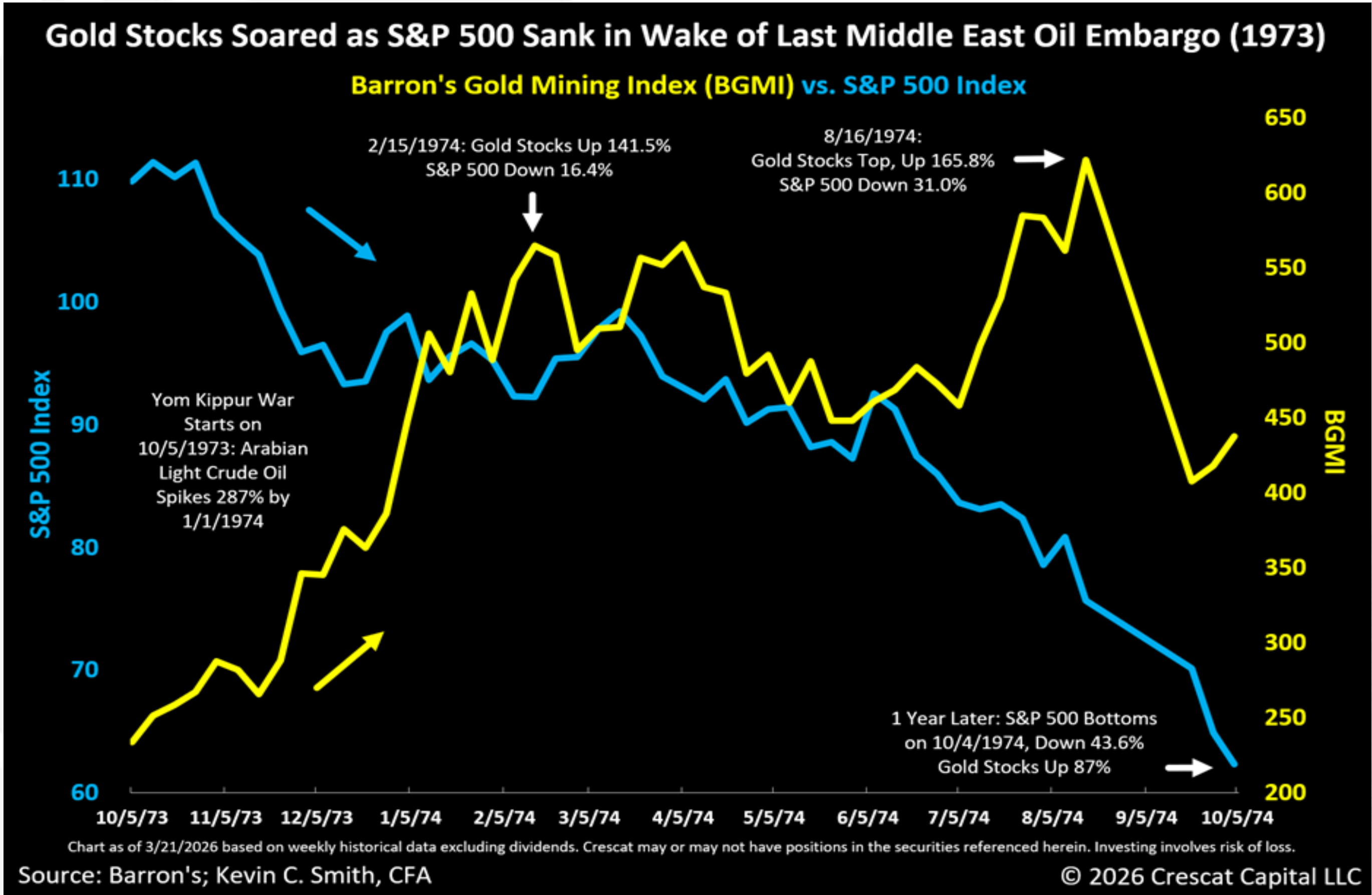
With US debt and deficit imbalances at historic levels, dollar devaluation is the only way out. S&P 500 market multiples now rival those of major market peaks in 1929, 1972, and 2000. To get comfort that it is only the beginning, not the end of this new macro cycle, one must step back and look at the long-term cycle for gold, the dollar, and the S&P 500 Index.

Decade Ahead for Gold Miners Looks Even Brighter Than the 1970s



Over the 11-year secular bull market for gold miners from 12/26/1969 to 10/17/1980, the Barron's Gold Mining Index increased 1,292% while the S&P 500 was up only 41% over the same period.

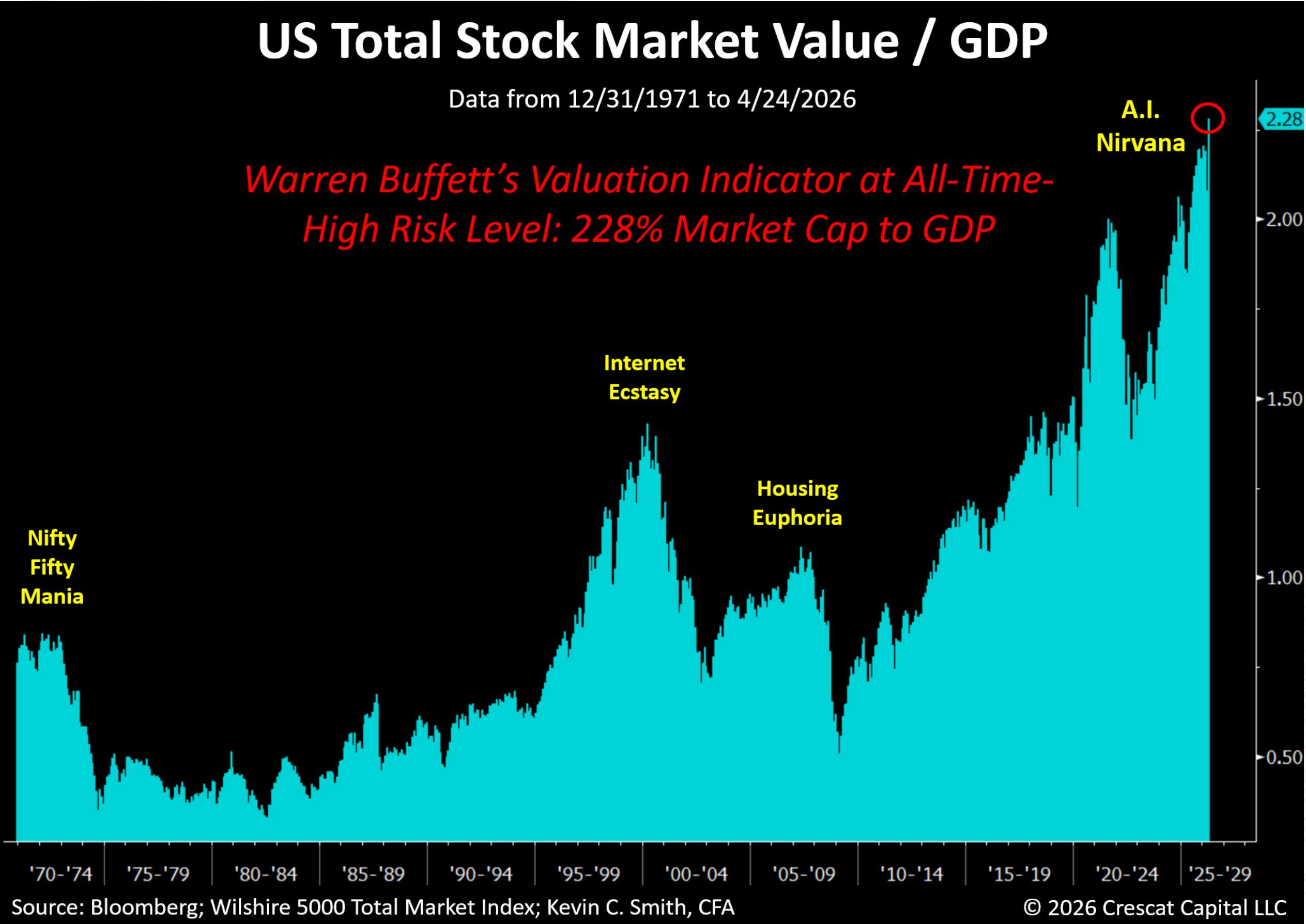
The 1973 Oil Embargo Provides a Roadmap for Today's Iran War



After 10 months from the start of the 1973 oil embargo, gold stocks were up 165.8% and the S&P 500 was down 31.0%.

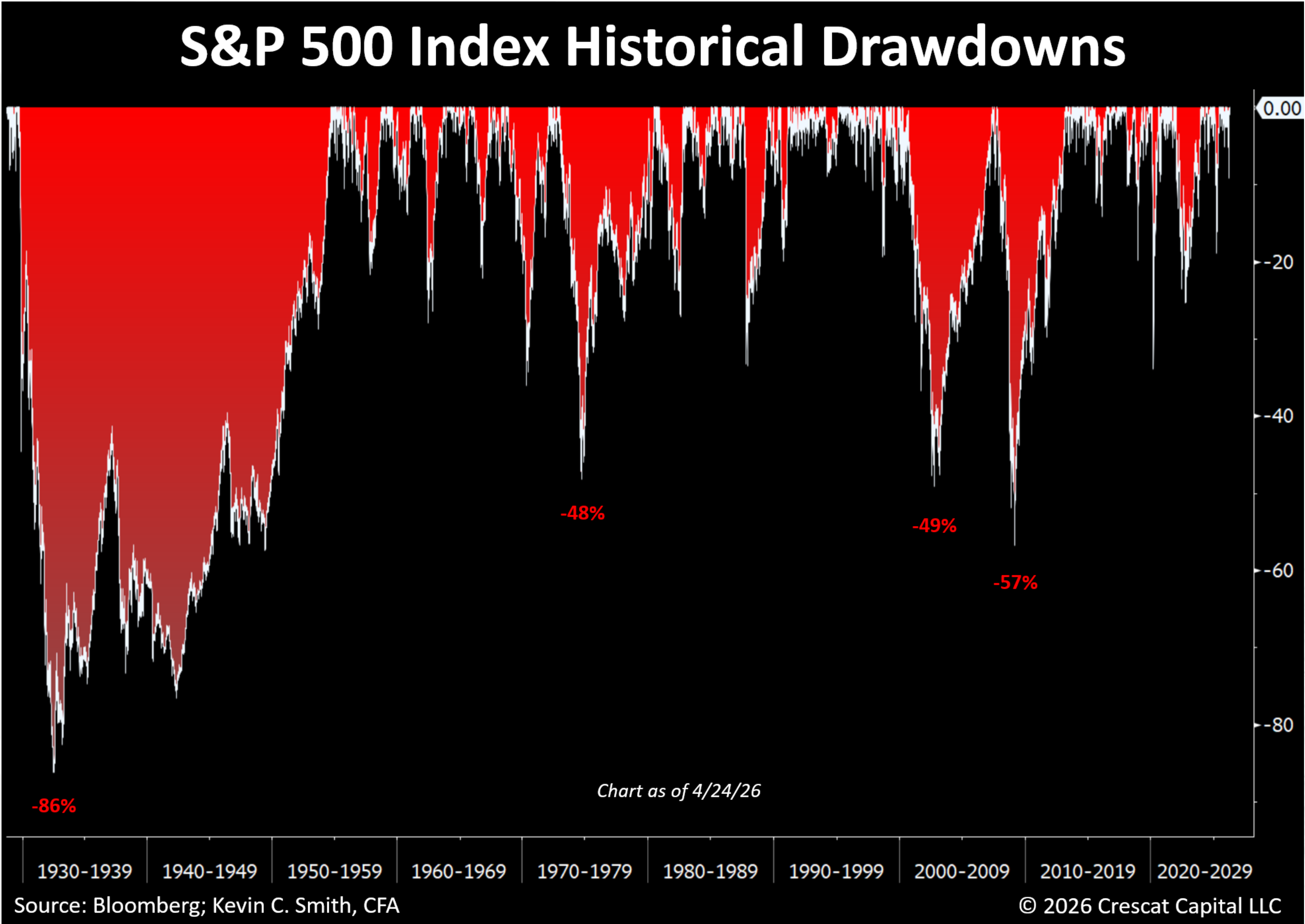
The roadmap for today's Iran War should be similar.

Nosebleed Territory



The US stock market is historically overvalued, posing a major potential risk to investors at large. The extent of the bubble is illustrated by Warren Buffett's favorite valuation risk measure, total stock market value to GDP. It just reached a new high, 228%, 59% higher than it was at the peak of the Internet boom in 2000!

But Crescat, Stocks Always Go Up!

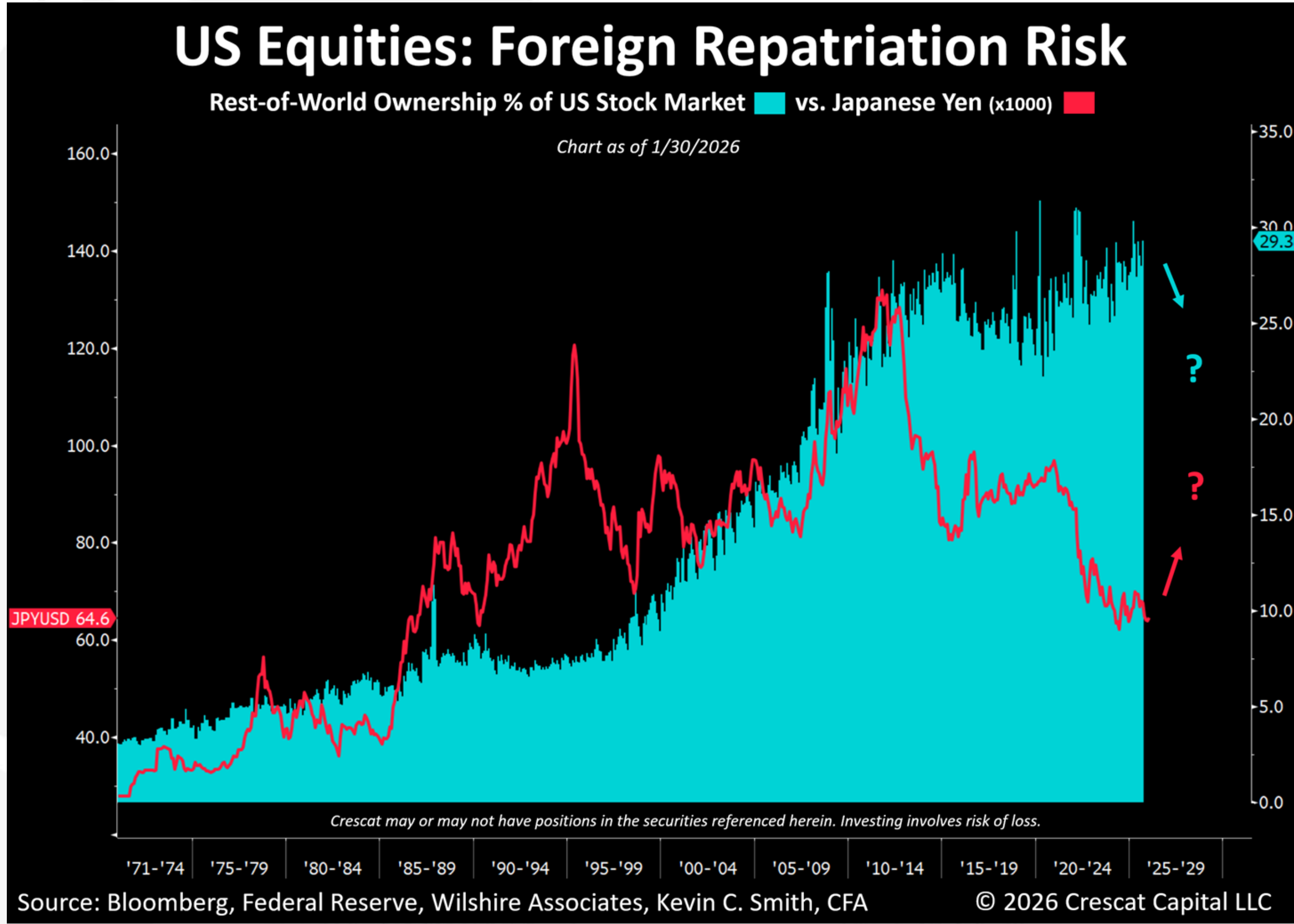


The S&P 500 goes down too, sometimes a lot. The numbers show the max drawdowns of the four biggest bear markets in the index's history.

The red shaded areas show the amount of time the market has spent recovering from a drawdown, just to get back to its prior high.

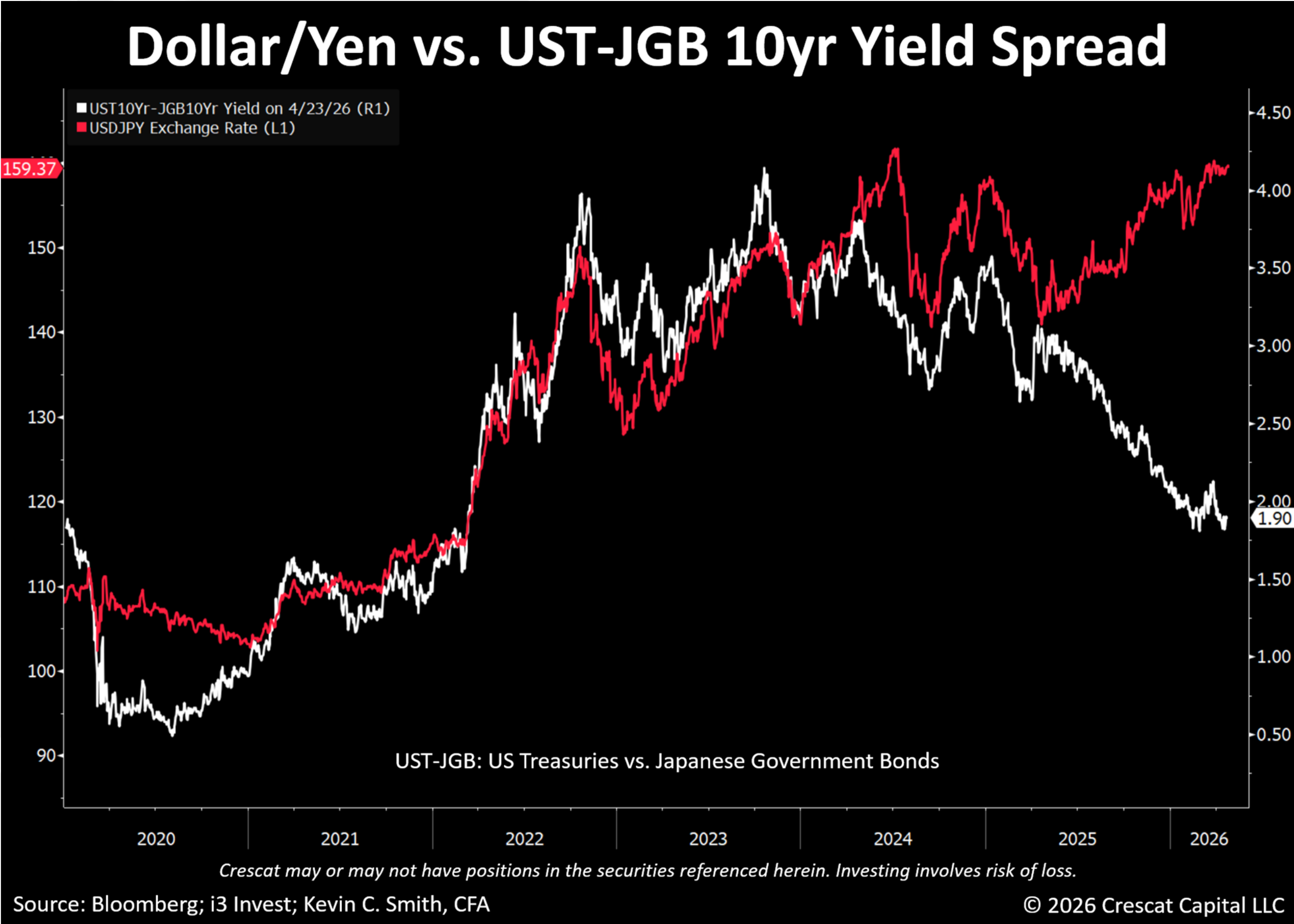
From all-time highs in price, combined with historic high fundamental valuations, and macro triggers abounding, the risk of a stock market meltdown is as high as we have ever seen it.

The Triffin Dilemma and the Impossible Trinity



In a newly recognized depreciating dollar regime, one should not underestimate the role that international capital flows can play in financial markets.

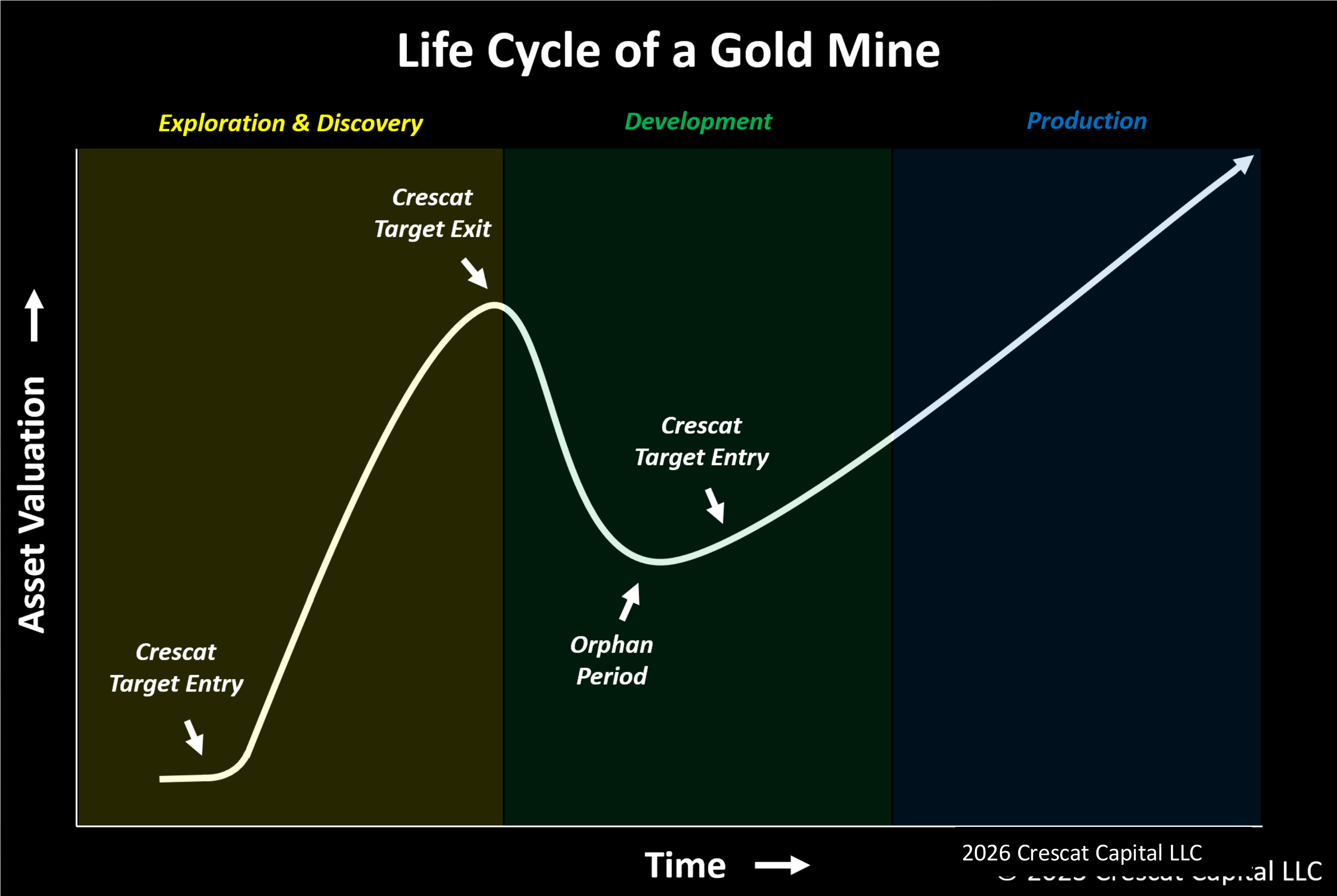
Dollar/Yen Poised for Decline



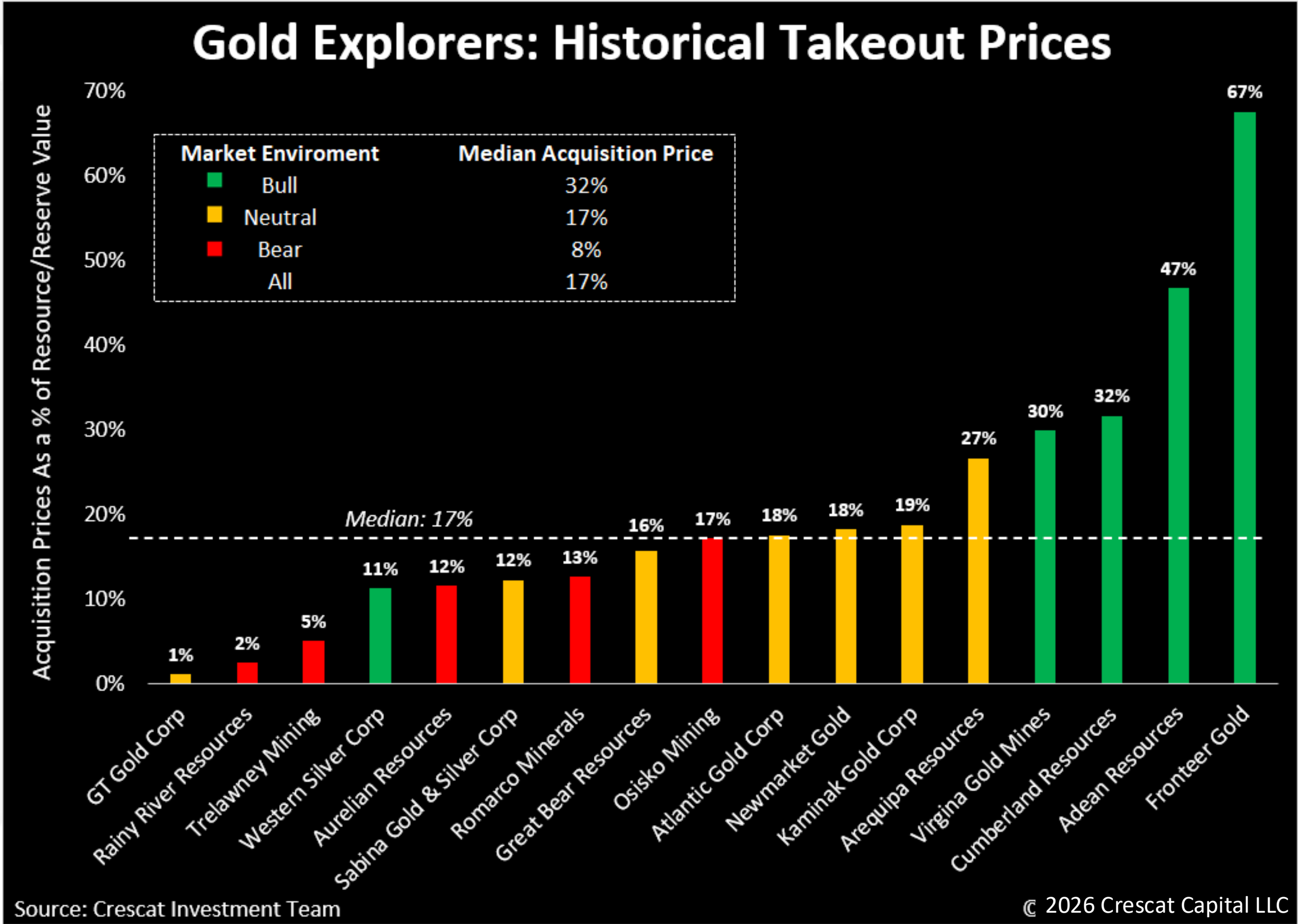
We have been short the U.S. dollar and long Japanese yen in our macro funds. Long gold through cheap mining stocks remains our favorite way to short the dollar. The 10-year rate differential between U.S. Treasuries and Japanese Government Bonds historically has been a reliable directional indicator for dollar/yen.

The Trump administration favors a weak dollar to reindustrialize the country. The yen is the only major currency that has yet to cooperate though the Bank of Japan and the Ministry of Finance appear to be onboard.

The Lifecycle of a Gold Mine



Precious Metals Comparables



Companies shown here were selected based on the following criteria 1) The company was acquired by a mid-tier or major mining company 2) Within 2 years before or after the acquisition, the company had a published resource and/or reserve 3) The company was bought for one specific discovery 4) The first resource and/or reserve update after the acquisition was >1,000,000 Au Equivalent Ounces. Crescat may or may not have held the securities referenced herein. This is not a recommendation or endorsement to buy or sell any security or other financial instrument. Information compiled August 2024.



Miners: Better Valuations and Better Growth Rates than A.I.



Mag 9 AI Stocks

		<u>Act. EPS Gr%</u>	<u>P/E TTM</u>
GOOGL	Alphabet	12.8	21.4
AMZN	Amazon	39.2	33.7
AAPL	Apple	12.1	31.2
AVGO	Broadcom	25.3	51.6
META	Meta	38.0	23.6
MSFT	Microsoft	23.9	38.2
NVDA	Nvidia	45.2	57.1
ORCL	Oracle	5.8	41.9
TSLA	Tesla	-52.6	159.9
Median Values:		23.9	38.2
Mag 9 PEG Ratio		1.60	

Large Cap Gold Miners

		<u>Act. EPS Gr%</u>	<u>P/E TTM</u>
AEM	Agnico Eagle	83.9	23.0
AGI	Alamos Gold	129.4	28.4
AU	Anglogold	114.8	13.8
B	Barrick	64.8	14.4
GFI	Gold Fields	209.0	13.9
KGC	Kinross Gold	214.3	16.2
NEM	Newmont	97.8	14.1
PAAS	Pan American	290.9	20.8
SSRM	SSR Mining	1175.0	16.7
Median Values:		129.4	16.2
Gold Majors' PEG		0.13	

P/E TTM = Trailing 12-Month Price to Earnings Multiple on Adjusted Earnings

Act. EPS Gr% = Year-over-year growth rate of adjusted earnings per share in the latest reporting period

PEG Ratio = Median P/E divided by median growth rate

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Source: Bloomberg, Kevin C. Smith, CFA; Data as of 10/3/2025

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We have been positioning for the Great Rotation out of mega-cap tech and into countercyclical value and growth stocks, such as the gold mining stocks, which have both lower valuations and higher current growth rates than big tech stocks. Based on the median peg ratio, the miners offer a 12 times better value and growth proposition.

The Crescat Activist Metals Approach

- 1. Pursue tier-1, economic precious and critical metal discoveries
- 2. Acquire activist equity stakes at low valuations through PIPEs and pre-IPO rounds
- 3. Infuse capital into companies for exploration, drilling, and development work
- 4. Provide geologic insight to management and technical teams
- 5. Create value through new metal discovery and resource expansion
- 6. Capitalize on an upcoming M&A cycle
- 7. Generate strong alpha in a new secular bull market for precious metals

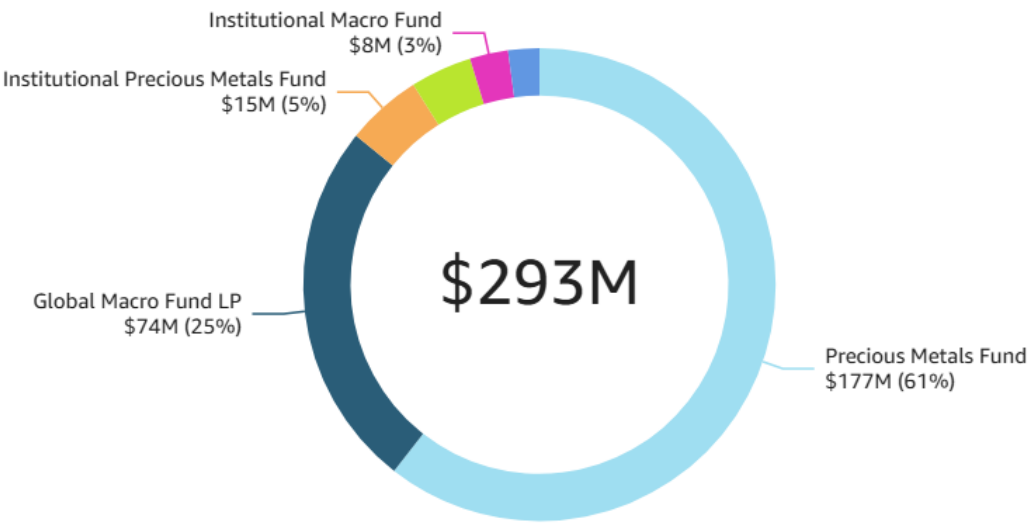
Activist Metals Portfolio – Excludes Side Pocket



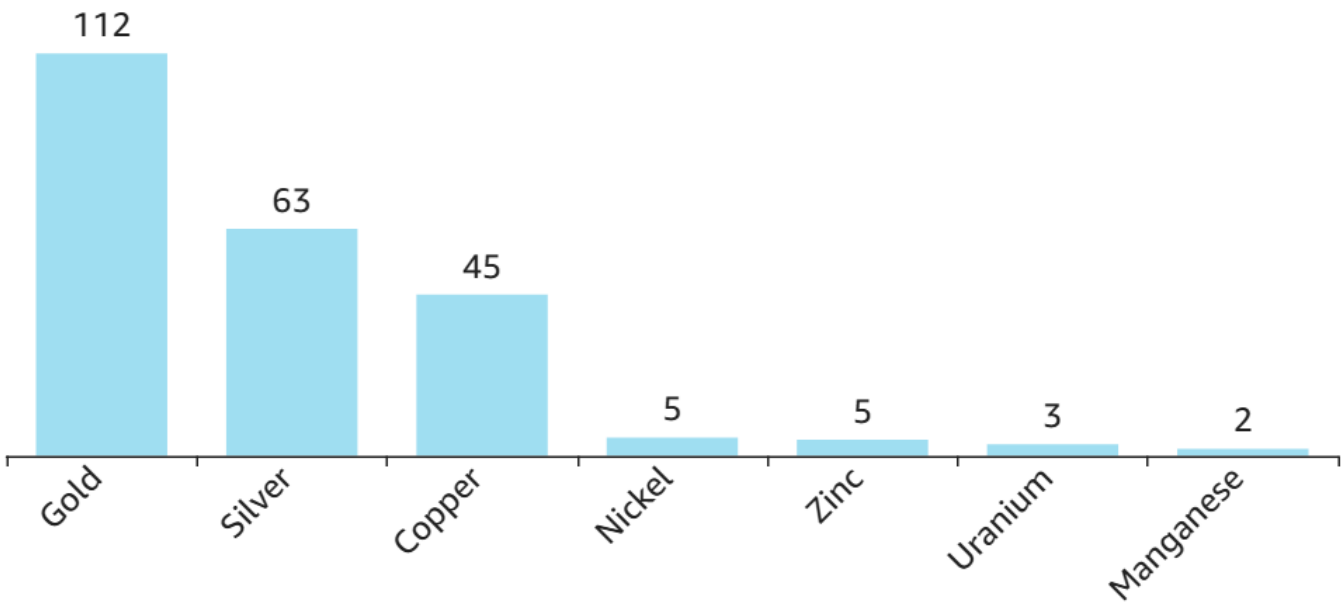
As of: Sep 4, 2026 Excludes San Cristobal Side Pocket

Gold Spot Price/Oz.	Silver Spot Price/Oz.	Gold/Silver Ratio	Total Positions	# of Companies With Bona Fide Discoveries	# of Private Companies	# of Activist Positions: > 5% Partially Diluted	Median Firm Wide Partially Diluted Ownership	Number of Drills	Total Au Eq. Target Ozs (Millions)
\$4,473	\$67	66.8	66	34	13	45	8.9%	96	236

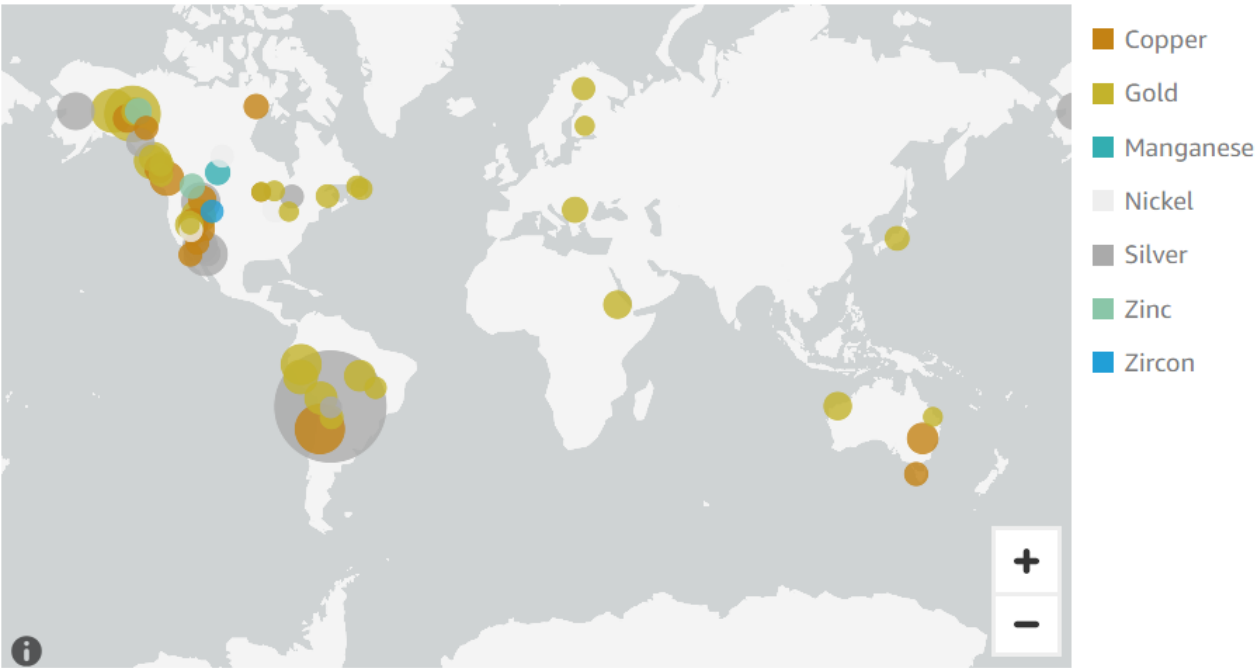
Activist Metals Exposure Across Crescat Strategies:



Target Gold Equivalent Ounces (Millions) By Primary Metal

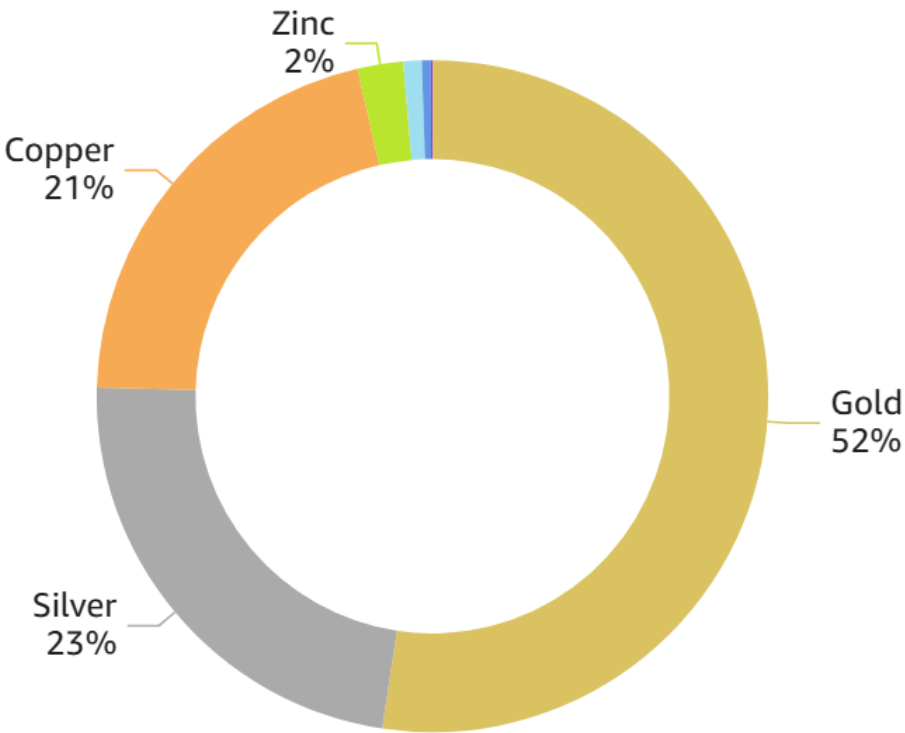


Relative Size of Target Au Eq. Ozs by Primary Metal & Location



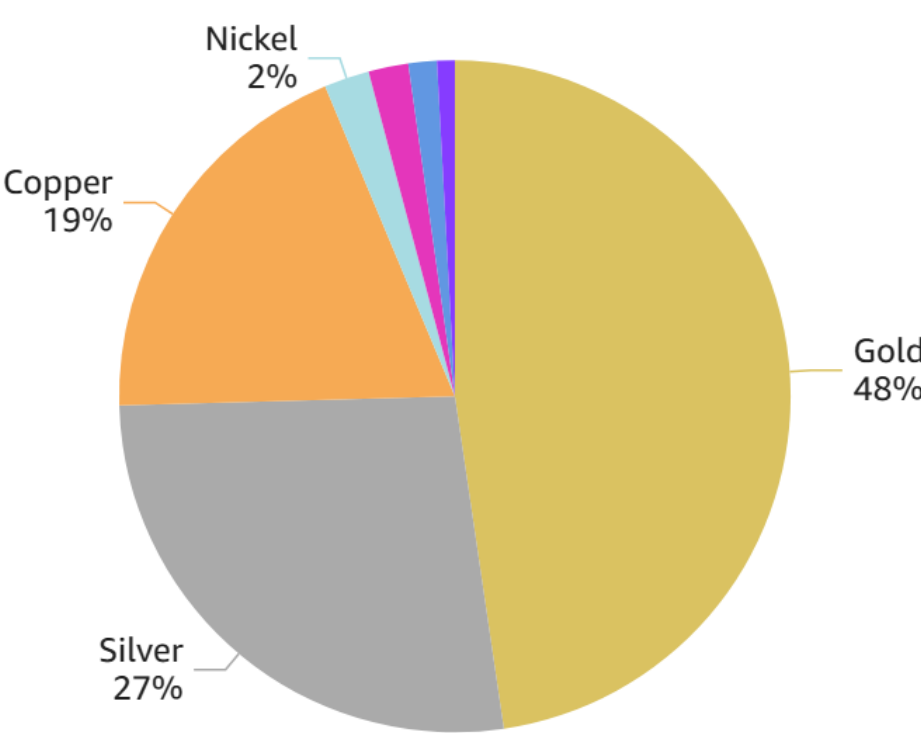
Percent of Net Asset Value

Based on Crescat's Current Ownership & Valuation

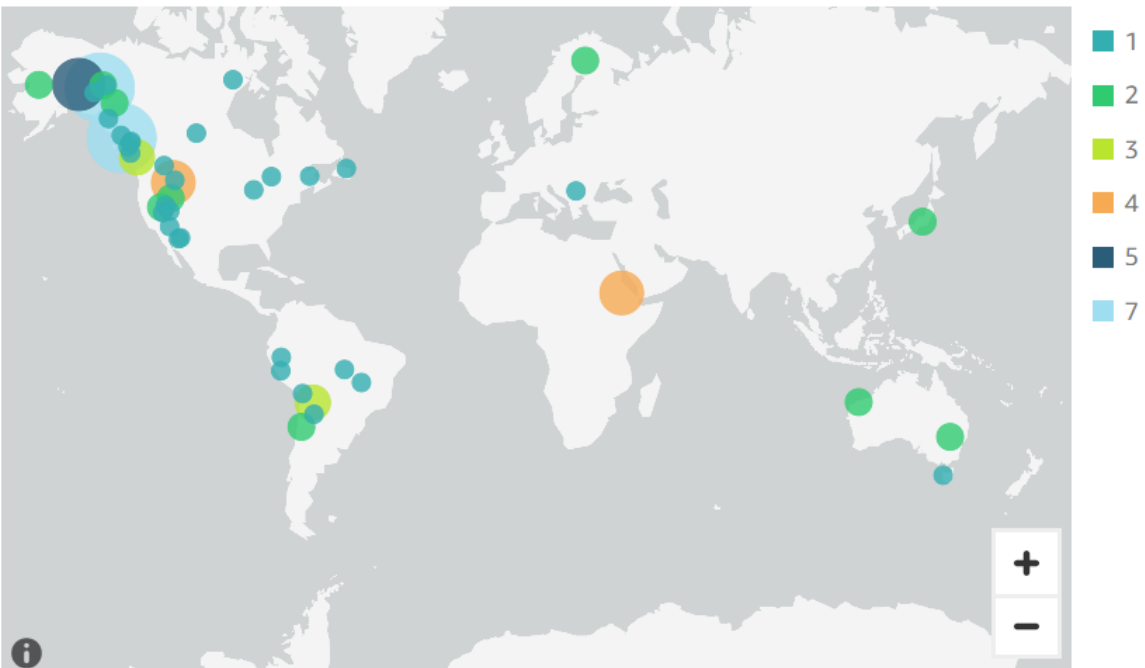


Target Ounces

Based on Drill Results & Crescat's Geologic Estimates



Number of Drills by Location



Activist Metals Portfolio – Important Disclosures

The activist metals portfolio subset consists of firmwide holdings across all Crescat funds and SMA accounts in the mining industry where Crescat strives to help companies build economic metal resources through exploration and drilling. Crescat provides capital and geologic guidance to help companies build resources across Crescat's activist portfolio.

Crescat target resource estimates are based on internal modeling and geologic estimates, and include various assumptions based on analysis of geology, geophysics, geochemistry, historic drill assays, and metallurgical recovery data received to date. Target resource estimates are discounted based on drilling progress to date, an assessment of the management and technical team's strengths and weaknesses affecting their ability to advance the project, and environmental, local community, and government permitting risk factors. Estimates are displayed on a gold equivalent basis based on current price-to-gold ratios for silver, copper, and other metals if the primary metal is other than gold. Further drilling, assaying, resource modeling, and engineering studies will be required to determine whether Crescat's target resource estimates can be reasonably expected to be achieved. Crescat's target resource estimates are updated monthly across the entire portfolio.

The number of active drills includes the number of drills currently in operation doing exploration and/or infill drilling or expected to be deployed over the next twelve months based on each company's drilling plans and Crescat's assessment of the company's ability to finance and execute those plans.





Geologic & Technical Advisor

Bill Pearson, Ph.D., P.Geo.

50+ years of mining exploration experience

EDUCATION

M.Sc., Ph.D. - Economic Geology, Queen's University

B.Sc. (Hons) - Geology, University of British Columbia

EXPERIENCE

Desert Sun Mining · Central Sun Mining

Coastal Gold · Cartier Silver · Eoro Resources

KEY DISCOVERIES

- Jacobina gold deposit
- Central Sun gold deposit
- Hope Brook gold deposit
- Iska Iska silver-tin system



Fees, Breakpoints & Terms

Global Macro and Precious Metals Funds

Investor	Class	Minimum Investment	Annual Management Fee	Annual Incentive Allocation w/ High Water Mark
	Main Class	\$500,000	2%	20%
	Institutional Class 2	\$1,000,000	1.5%	15%
	Institutional Class 1	\$5,000,000	1.25%	12.5%

A 3-Year partial lock up applies to all classes of Crescat’s Global Macro and Precious Metals funds.
With 90-day notice, LPs may redeem up to 25% of capital account any month after year 1, up to another 25% after year 2, and all after year 3.
Crescat Global Macro Fund is at capacity for new US investors. Crescat Precious Metals Fund has limited capacity for new US investors.

Long/Short Fund

Main Class	\$250,000	1.5%	20%
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A 3-Year partial lock up applies to Crescat’s Long/Short fund.
With 90-day notice, LPs may redeem up to 25% of capital account any month after year 1, up to another 25% after year 2, and all after year 3.





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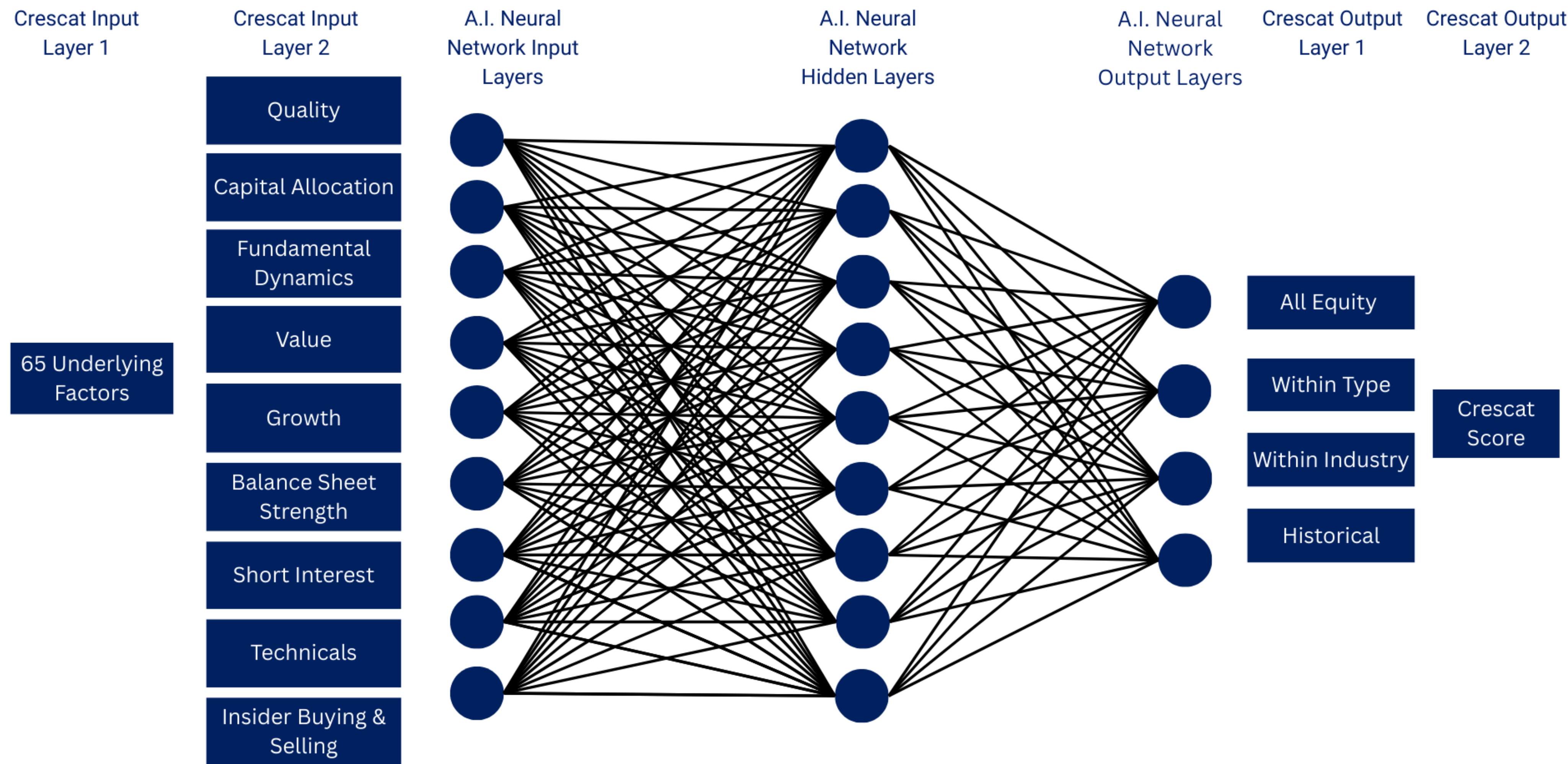
Crescat's Top 10 Activist Metals Holdings as % of Firm NAV

As of September 4, 2026

1	San Cristobal Mining (Private)*		6	Silver Bow Mining (Private)	
2	Tectonic Metals (\$TECT.V)		7	Goliath Resources (\$GOT.V)	
3	Eloro Resources (\$ELO.T)		8	Mogotes Metals (\$MOG.V)	
4	Sitka Gold (\$SIG.V)		9	Westward Gold (\$WG.F)	
5	BCM Resources (\$B.V)		10	Canadian Copper (\$CCI.F)	

Activist metals portfolio includes the San Cristobal Mining, Inc. equity asset that was designated into a side pocket on July 1st, 2024. The side pocket includes an asset that is not available to new investors in the funds after July 1, 2024. New investors cannot participate in the SCM Side Pocket and will not share in its potential gains or losses. The securities shown herein are the top ten activist metals holdings across all Crescat funds and separately managed accounts as the date shown above. The top ten are subject to change at any time without notice. The definition of the activist metals portfolio is provided above. These holdings do not represent an entire portfolio. While these are the top ten activist metals positions firmwide, they may not represent the top ten securities for any particular fund or SMA strategy. This presentation is not intended to be, nor should it be construed as, an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any security.

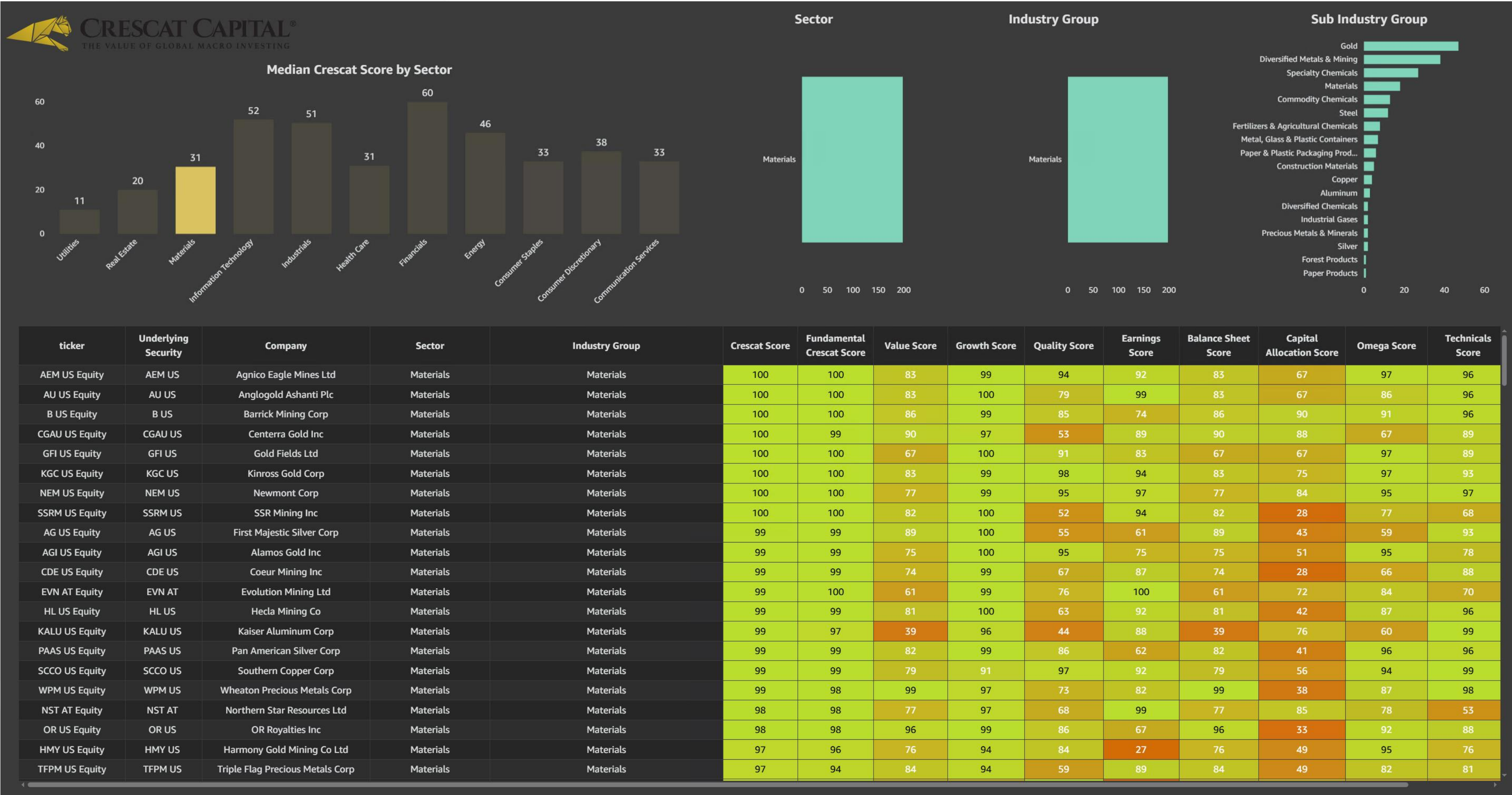
Crescat's A.I.-Driven Equity Quant Model



The factors shown are presented solely to illustrate the types of inputs considered within the adviser's proprietary, AI-driven quantitative investment framework. The inclusion, description, or relative importance of any factor is not exhaustive, may change over time, and does not imply that any specific factor will be determinative in any investment decision.

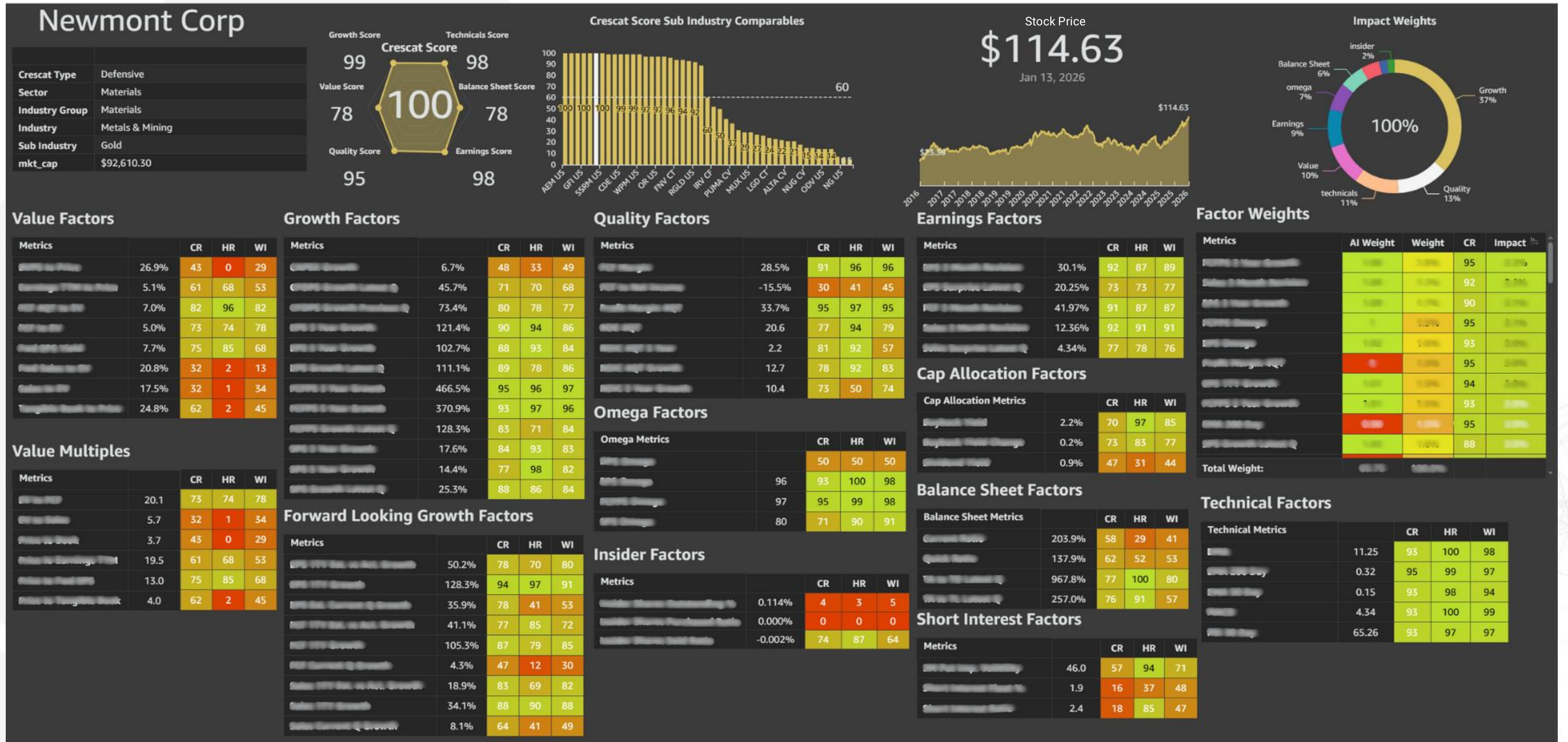
Equity Quant Model: Sorted by Top-Scoring Materials Sector Stocks

Gold & Silver Miners Score at the Top of our 2,200 Stock Universe



Companies shown are current portfolio holdings in the materials sector that received relatively higher scores under Crescat’s proprietary model as of the date shown. Factors, weights, and valuation multiples are generated using proprietary quantitative models, including AI-processed information and assumptions. Model outputs including scores are illustrative, subject to limitations and risks, and are not guarantees of future results or investment performance. Model outputs are based on historical and current data believed to be reasonable and accurate at the time of analysis. Assumptions and methodologies used are subject to change at any time. Any fund or portfolio may or may not hold the security discussed here at any given time.

Equity Quant Model: Single Stock View



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<https://www.crescat.net/performance/> Sources: Bloomberg and Crescat Capital LLC

As of 01/13/2026

Executive Officers



Kevin C. Smith, CFA

Founder & CEO

Kevin is the Founder and CEO of Crescat Capital. He has been managing investment portfolios since 1992, a career that spans multiple business cycles. Kevin has been the lead portfolio manager of the firm's five private funds since their respective inceptions. He is the creator of Crescat's firmwide thematic global macro investment process, its systematic equity valuation model, and its activist mining investment strategy. He earned an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business with a specialization in finance and statistics. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.



Linda Carleu Smith, CPA

Member, Chief Operating Officer

Linda is a Co-Founder of Crescat Capital. As Chief Operating Officer, she manages Crescat's business operations, including finance, regulatory compliance, and client service. In prior roles at Crescat and its predecessor companies, she has served as Controller from 1997-2012 and the in dual position of Chief Financial Officer & Chief Compliance Officer from 2012-2015. She became COO in 2015. Linda came to Crescat with significant investment industry and public accounting experience from prior employment at Kidder Peabody and EKS&H (now Plante Moran) and corporate experience as Controller of Pharmajet, a biotech company. She was born and raised in New Jersey. She earned an MBA from the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business and a BA in English Language and Literature from Tufts University. She is a Certified Public Accountant.



Tyler Reger

Chief Financial Officer

Tyler oversees the financial accounting and reporting of Crescat's hedge funds. He acts as the primary liaison between the prime brokers, administrator, and investment team to ensure that all parties are in sync to provide accurate and timely reporting. Tyler came to Crescat with 11 years of industry experience in fund administration. Prior to joining Crescat, Tyler held positions in mutual fund and private equity administration at STRAIT Capital, Charles Schwab Investment Management and ALPS Fund Services. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from the University of Colorado, Leeds School of Business and a Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Colorado, Denver.



Danielle Money

Chief Compliance Officer

Danielle is responsible for overseeing Crescat's compliance program as Chief Compliance Officer, ensuring that the firm consistently meets regulatory requirements and upholds the highest standards of compliance. Danielle joined the firm with over 13 years of experience and is the proud owner of an I Heart Compliance mug. She previously served as the Compliance Officer at Paradise Investment Management and held key compliance leadership roles as Director of Compliance at PINE Advisor Solutions and Compliance Manager at ALPS Fund Services. Danielle holds a Master of Legal Studies from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado. She is also a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).



Gold Explorer Historic Acquisition Data and Notes

Date	Aquired Mine/Company	Acquiror	Price Paid	Currency	Exch	Price USD	First resource/reserve after acquisition (Au eq using 80:1 Ag to Au)	Type of resource/reserve	Date of resource/reserve	Au price at acquisition	US\$ per resource/reserve oz	% of resource/reserve value	Market Environment
2/24/22	Great Bear	Kinross Gold	\$ 1,800,000,000	CAD	1.27	\$ 1,417,322,835	5,027,000	I&I	Feb-23	\$ 1,795	\$ 282	16%	Neutral
9/3/10	Andean Resources	Goldcorp	\$ 3,600,000,000	CAD	1.03	\$ 3,495,145,631	5,900,000	P&P; MI&I	Apr-11	\$ 1,270	\$ 592	47%	Bull
2/3/11	Fronteer Gold	Newmont	\$ 2,300,000,000	CAD	0.975	\$ 2,358,974,359	2,600,000	MI&I	Mar-13	\$ 1,345	\$ 907	67%	Bull
2/24/06	Penasquito (Glamis)	Glamis Gold	\$ 1,200,000,000	CAD	1.12	\$ 1,071,428,571	17,170,000	P&P	Jun-06	\$ 555	\$ 62	11%	Bull
9/29/16	Fosterville (Newmarket)	Kirkland Lake	\$ 1,000,000,000	CAD	1.35	\$ 740,740,741	3,100,000	P&P; MI&I	Dec-18	\$ 1,310	\$ 239	18%	Neutral
8/16/96	Arequipa	Barrick	\$ 1,100,000,000	CAD	1.37	\$ 802,919,708	7,780,000	P&P	Dec-97	\$ 387	\$ 103	27%	Bull
2/13/23	Sabina Gold & Silver Corp	B2 Gold	\$ 1,100,000,000	CAD	1.335	\$ 823,970,037	3,600,000	P&P	Feb-23	\$ 1,863	\$ 229	12%	Neutral
5/15/19	Atlantic Gold Corp	St. Barbara Mining	\$ 722,000,000	CAD	1.345	\$ 536,802,974	2,370,000	MI&I	Aug-19	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 226	18%	Neutral
2/14/07	Cumberland Resources	Aginico Eagle	\$ 710,000,000	CAD	1.165	\$ 609,442,060	2,900,000	P&P	Feb-07	\$ 664.00	\$ 210	32%	Bull
4/27/12	Trelawney Mining	IAMGold	\$ 585,000,000	CAD	1.015	\$ 576,354,680	6,870,000	I&I	Oct-12	\$ 1,649	\$ 84	5%	Bear
7/30/15	Romarco Minerals	Oceana Gold	\$ 856,000,000	CAD	1.324	\$ 646,525,680	4,627,000	MI&I	Dec-14	\$ 1,103	\$ 140	13%	Bear
12/5/05	Virgina Gold Mines	Goldcorp	\$ 420,000,000	USD		\$ 420,000,000	2,764,000	I&I	Aug-07	\$ 509	\$ 152	30%	Bull
5/12/16	Kaminak Gold Corp	Goldcorp	\$ 520,000,000	CAD	1.313	\$ 396,039,604	1,662,000	P&P	Oct-18	\$ 1,272	\$ 238	19%	Neutral
5/31/13	Rainy River Resources	New Gold	\$ 310,000,000	CAD	1.03	\$ 300,970,874	8,701,000	MI&I	Apr-13	\$ 1,402	\$ 35	2%	Bear
7/24/08	Aurelian Resources	Kinross Gold	\$ 1,200,000,000	CAD	1.01	\$ 1,188,118,812	11,080,000	P&P; MI&I	Dec-10	\$ 928	\$ 107	12%	Bear

Great Bear	Great Bear never published a resource before the sale; note this resource is only indicated and inferred
Andean Resources	This is a high grade asset, hence the premium; over time, it has delivered many more oz
Fronteer Gold	Newmont thought this deposit would deliver way more ounces than it did; it failed to deliver
Penasquito (Glamis)	This deposit has delivered many more oz; Zn and Pb not factored into the Au eq
Fosterville (Newmarket)	The high grade part of Fosterville ultimately delivered around 3.6Moz (I included depletion since they were mining it when the resource came out)
Arequipa	This mine produced Au at \$40/oz, so Barrick was justified in the end
Sabina Gold & Silver Corp	I used the reserve statement from Sabina shortly prior to the acquisition
Atlantic Gold Corp	This mine is on care and maintenance due to permitting issues
Cumberland Resources	This deposit has delivered many more oz over time
Trelawney Mining	Very marginal asset; note that this is only indicated and inferred
Romarco Minerals	Oceana never published a resource statement after acquisition; I used the last one by Romarco
Virgina Gold Mines	Note that this is only indicated and inferred; this ended up being a very challenging deposit to mine
Kaminak Gold Corp	Not sure why Goldcorp bought this as it is too small for a major
Rainy River Resources	Low margin deposit with many technical problems; New Gold thought they could improve the situation but did not
Aurelian Resources	This is the first acquisition of Fruta del Norte; Kinross screwed up relations in Ecuador; the Ecuador factor resulted in the discounted price

Companies shown here were selected based on the following criteria 1) The company was acquired by a mid-tier or major mining company 2) Within 2 years before or after the acquisition, the company had a published resource and/or reserve 3) The company was bought for one specific discovery 4) The first resource and/or reserve update after the acquisition was >1,000,000 Au Equivalent Ounces. Crescat may or may not have held the securities referenced herein. This is not a recommendation or endorsement to buy or sell any security or other financial instrument. Information compiled August 2024.



Risk Management Process and Philosophy

- As value investors, we are comfortable accepting an appropriate amount of risk in order to realize the strong returns we see as possible from our macro themes and valuation models over complete business cycles.
- Our investment principles and models give us the confidence that the intrinsic value of our portfolios is substantially greater than the current market price. As such, we believe pullbacks in Crescat's strategies offer great opportunities for both new and existing investors to deploy capital.
- Crescat believes in portfolio diversification across securities and among independent, non-correlated macroeconomic themes which can be accomplished by various combinations across the firm's investment strategies to tailor to individual client needs, objectives, and risk tolerance.
- Individual position sizing is a function of investment team conviction, security-specific volatility, correlation with other securities in the existing portfolio, and contribution to theme-level and overall portfolio risk.
- We view market volatility as our friend to help us initiate long positions cheaply and short positions dearly can ultimately deliver strong appreciation.
- Clients desiring less volatility can make a lesser relative allocation to Crescat's strategies and can combine Crescat's strategies with cash and short-term fixed income investments to reduce risk.
- Clients need to be able to embrace the same mindset that we employ as value-oriented managers and investors in our own funds, i.e., that short-term pullbacks in Crescat's strategies are not likely to be a permanent loss of capital. Otherwise, our strategies will not be suitable.



THE COUNTERCYCLICALITY OF GOLD MINING STOCKS

The following five charts consider the performance of gold mining stocks compared to major US stock market indices and include periods during and surrounding the four largest bear markets for US stocks over the last 100 years: 1929-1932, 1973-1974, 2000-2002, and 2008-2009.



US Gold Miner Shines in Great Depression

Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) vs. Homestake Mining Co. (HM) (Daily)



Source: Bloomberg, CRSP, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

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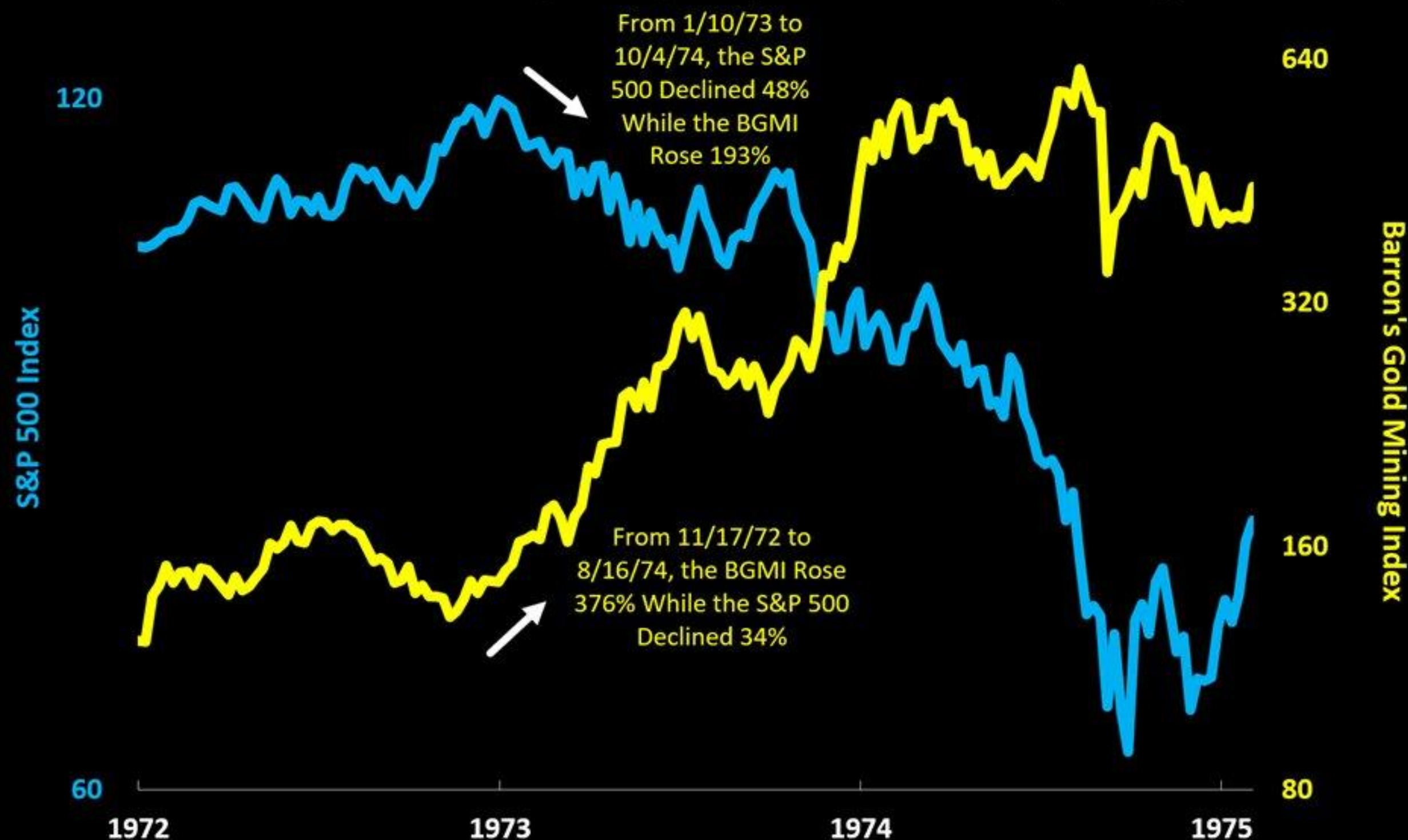
In the deflationary Great Depression, Homestake Mining (HM) was the largest gold mining company in the US and dramatically outperformed the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA).

From the DJIA's high on 9/3/1929 to its low on 7/8/1932, it lost 89% of its value, yet HM's stock price was up 49%. By 2/20/1936, HM shares had gained 580% while the DJIA was still down 59% from its top.



Gold Miners Surged While S&P 500 Plummeted in 1973-74

Barron's Gold Mining Index (BGMI) vs. S&P 500 Index (Weekly)



Source: GCRU, Barron's, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

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During the stagflationary stock market slide of 1973 and 1974, using weekly data, the S&P 500 fell 48% from its high on 1/10/73 to its low on 10/3/74, a period over which the Barron's Gold Mining Index (BGMI) rose 193%. The BGMI began rising almost two months before the S&P 500 Index top and continued rising during the S&P 500 bear market.

From its lows on 11/17/1972 to its intermediate high on 8/16/1974, the BGMI was up 376%, a period over which the S&P 500 was down 34%.

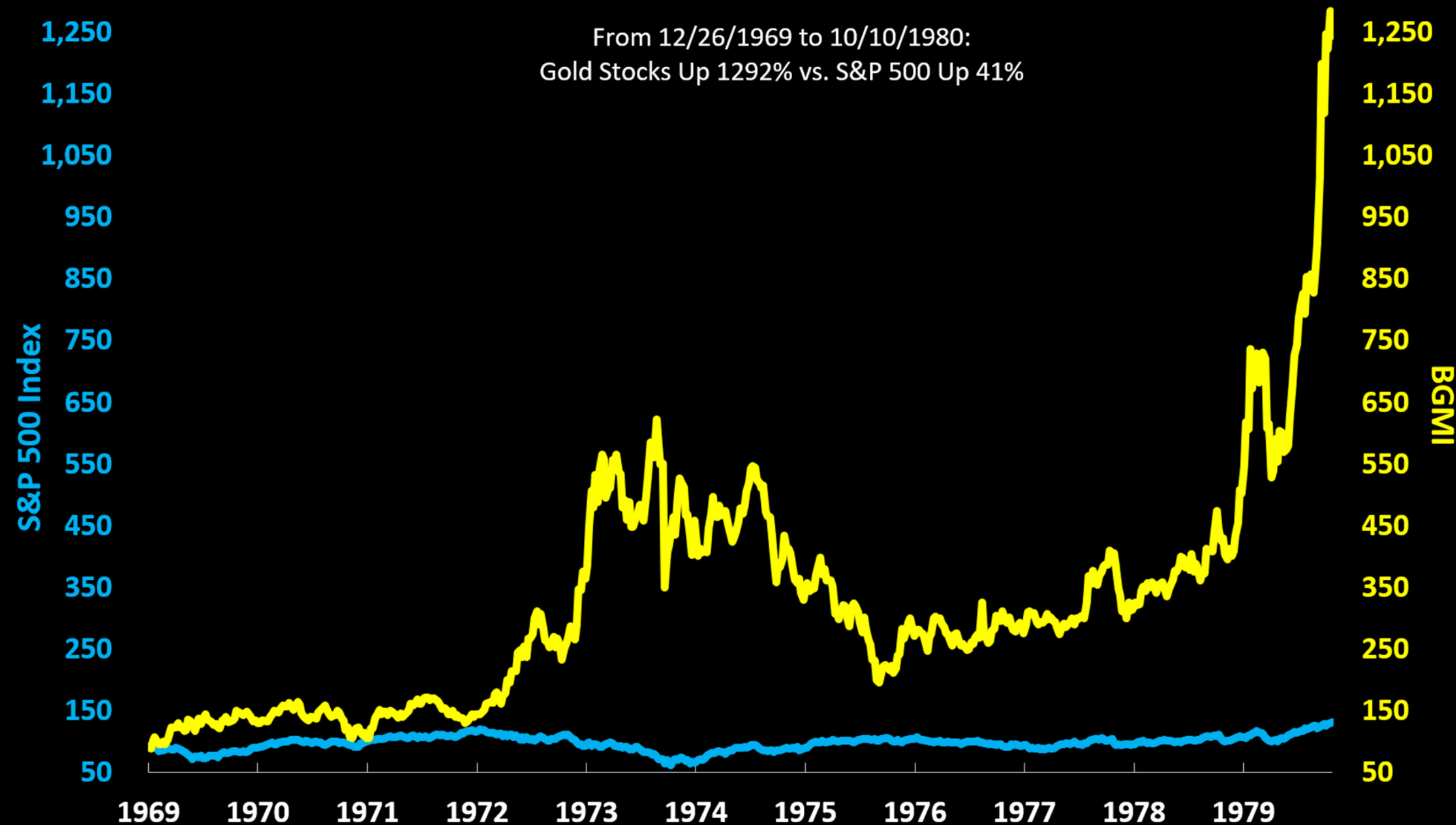
Entire 1970 to 1980 Bull Market for Gold Miners vs. S&P 500

Barron's Gold Mining Index (BGMI) vs. S&P 500 Index

From 12/26/1969 to 10/10/1980:
Gold Stocks Up 1292% vs. S&P 500 Up 41%



Over the 11-year secular bull market for gold miners from 12/26/1969 to 10/17/1980, the Barron's Gold Mining Index increased 1,292% while the S&P 500 was up only 41% over the same period.



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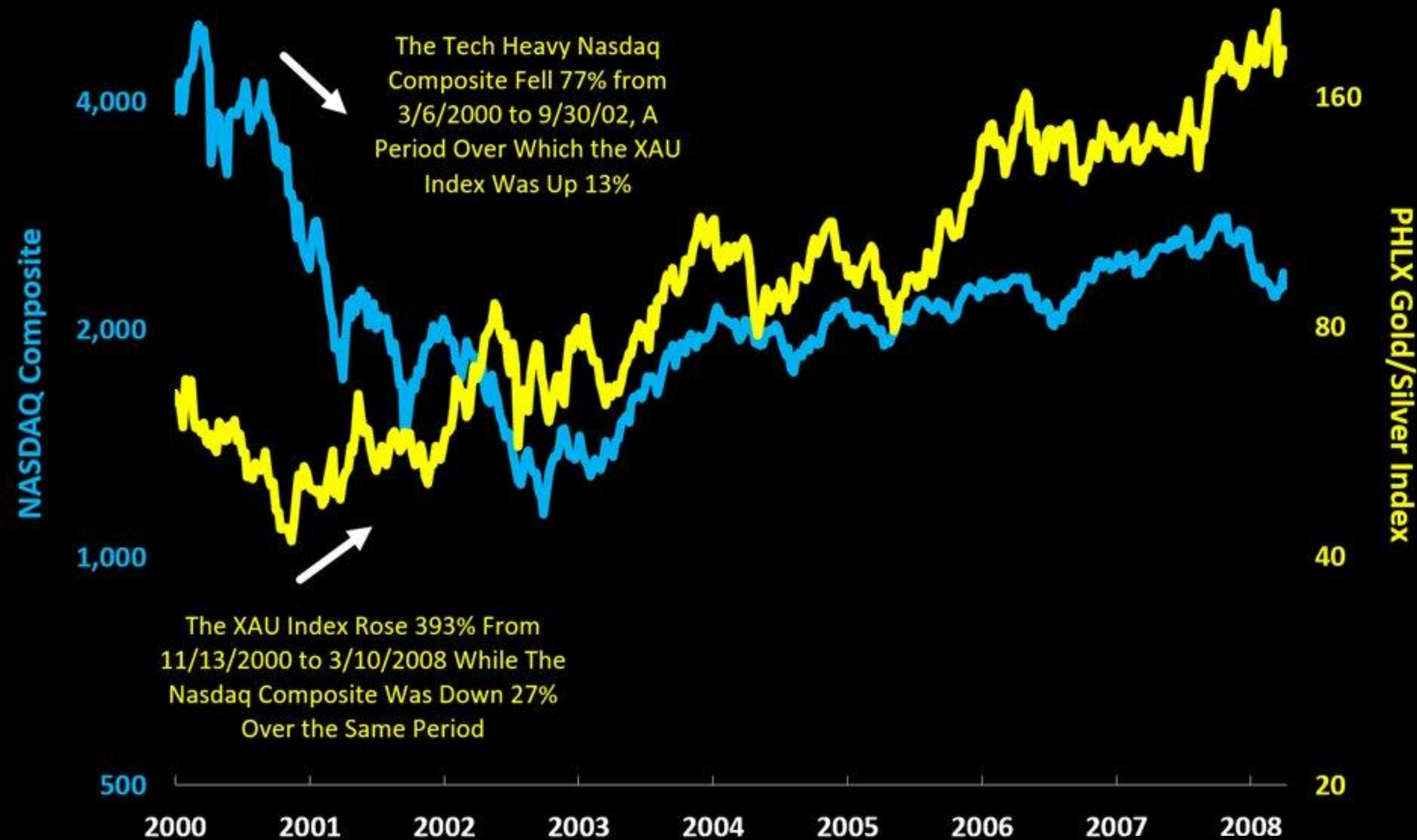
Source: Barron's; Kevin C. Smith, CFA

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Gold Stock Bull Started in 2000 as Tech Bust Unfolded

Philadelphia Gold and Silver Index (XAU) vs. Nasdaq Composite (Weekly)



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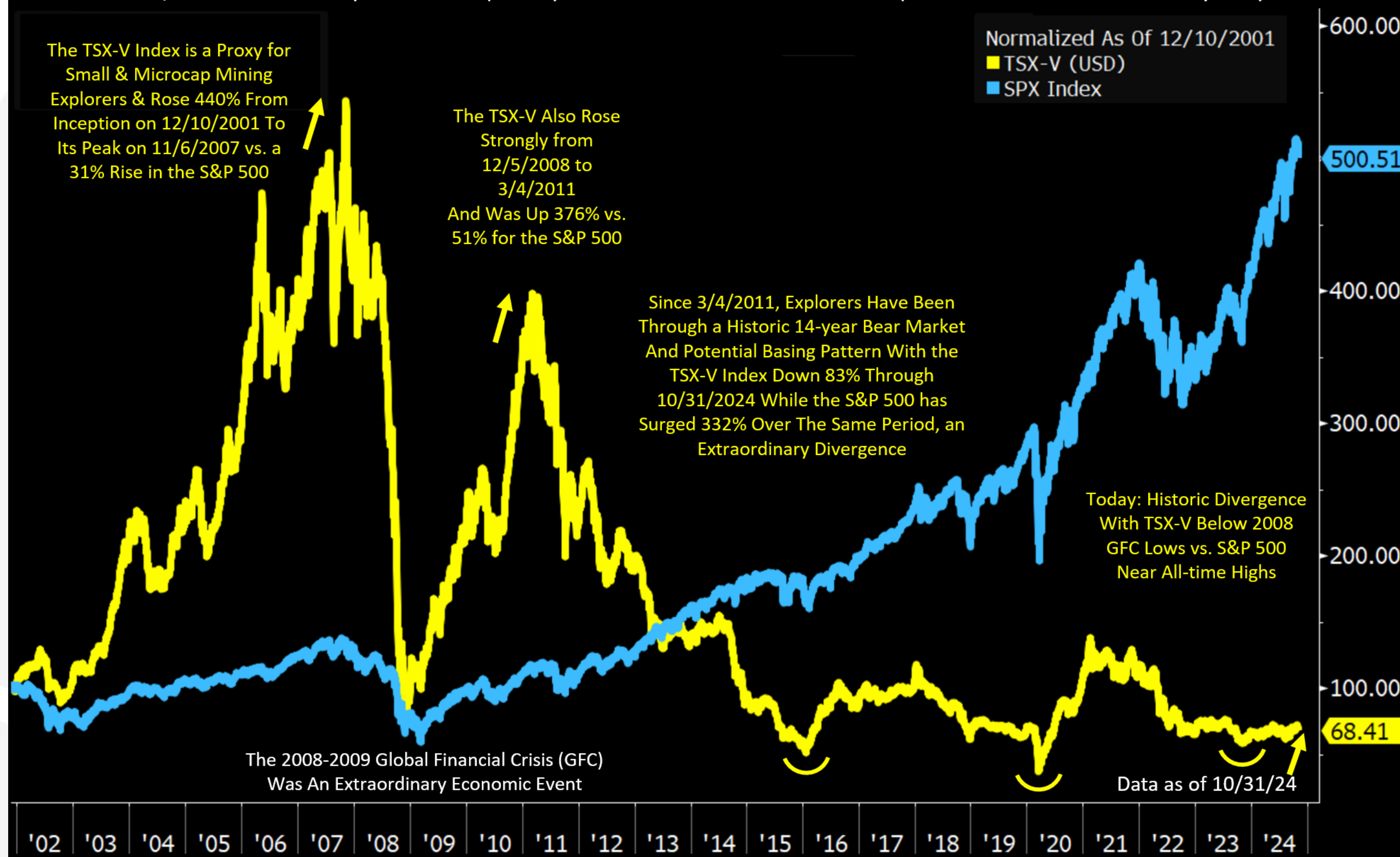
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The early innings of the 2000 tech bust marked the end of a long bear market for precious metals mining stocks since the BGMI's high on 10/17/1980 after which point it fell 82% through 11/3/2000 while the S&P 500 was up 985% over the same time frame.

The worst of that bear market for mining stocks happened from 1996 to 2000 when technology stocks were booming before topping in 2000, potentially not unlike today. Starting on 11/3/2000, a new secular bull market for mining stocks began while tech stocks plunged.

Countercyclical Setup For Metal Explorers vs. S&P 500 in 2024

S&P/TSX Venture Composite Index (TSX-V) in USD terms vs. S&P 500 Index (Indexed to 100 at TSX-V Inception)



Source: Bloomberg, Kevin C. Smith, CFA

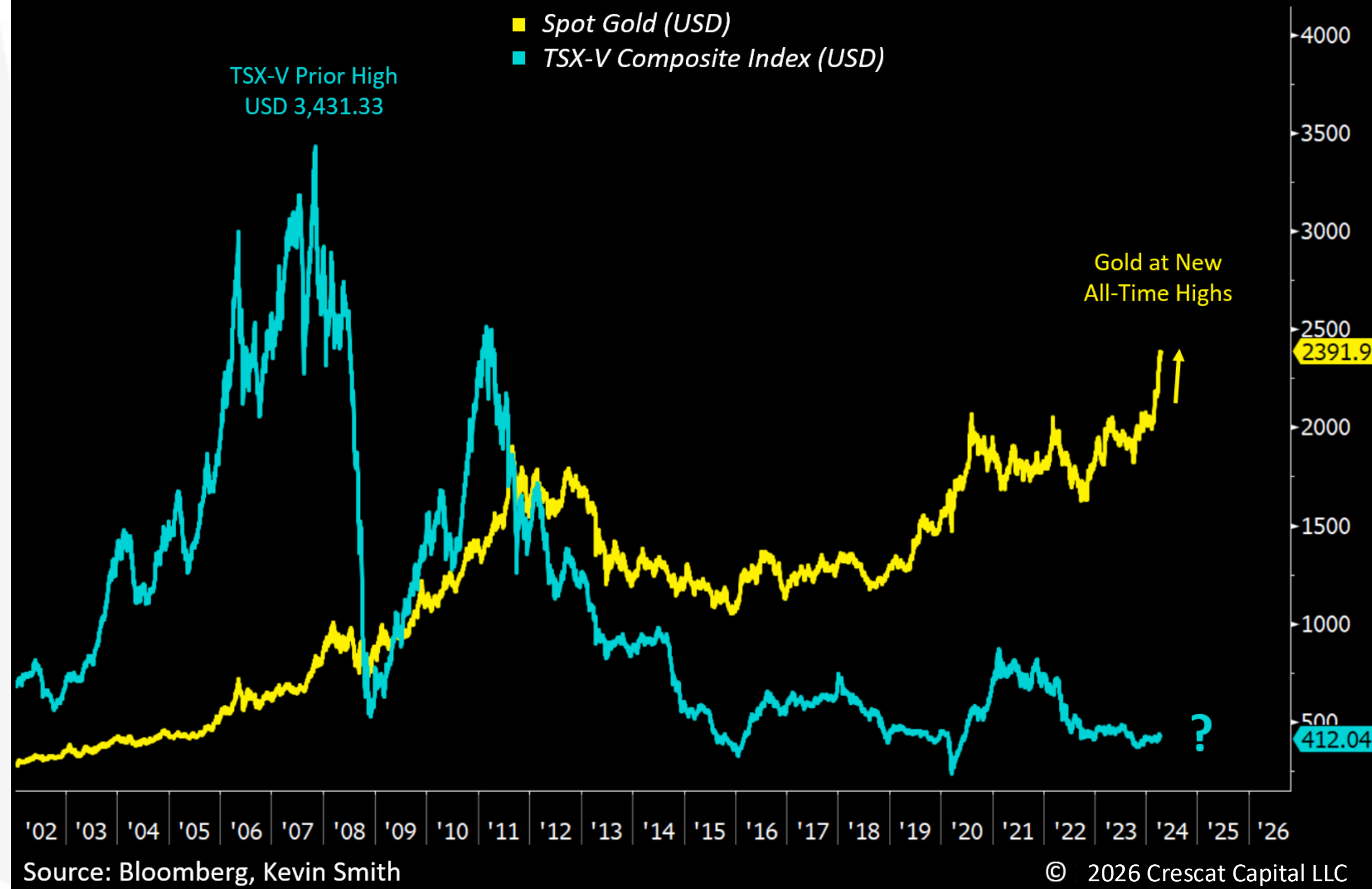
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The S&P/TSX Venture Composite Index (“TSX-V Index”) has been in the wake of a nearly 14-year bear market and basing pattern since 2011. On a nominal basis, the TSX-V Index is already 18% below its 2008 GFC-worst levels.

Meanwhile, on an inflation-adjusted basis, using the US Consumer Price Index, the TSX-V Index is currently 45% below its GFC lows, the exact opposite of bubble territory in our view.

Gold vs. Explorers



The TSX-V hit its all-time high in 2007. Gold has been hitting new all-time highs while the TSX-V has been depressed. The value opportunity in junior mining companies is extraordinary.

Why are the TSX Venture Composite Index and the TSX-V Exchange in Canada relevant proxies for exploration-focused mining stocks? The TSX Venture Composite Index is one of the longest-running indices with a heavy concentration of mining exploration stocks. As of 4/19/24, there were 127 companies in the TSX Venture Composite Index. Their average market cap was USD 270 million. 85 of these companies or 67% of them are in the mining & metals industry and had an average market cap of USD 183 million. The index is a subset of the broader TSX Venture Composite Exchange which has a total of 1,891 companies listed on it with an average market cap of USD 35 million. To be included in the TSX-V Composite Index, a security must have a relative weight of at least 0.20% of the total capitalization of the TSX-V Exchange. 967 of the companies on the overall TSX-V Exchange or 51% of them are in the mining and metals industry with an average market cap of USD 29M. The mining companies listed on the TSX-V Exchange are almost all exploration-focused miners, a large universe of publicly traded companies for Crescat to consider for its exploration-focused activist metals and mining investment theme. TSX-V mining companies tend to be explorers because once these firms become more advanced and go into development or production, if not bought out by a larger firm first, they will typically move their listing up to the TSX big board.

Megacap Tech Bubble

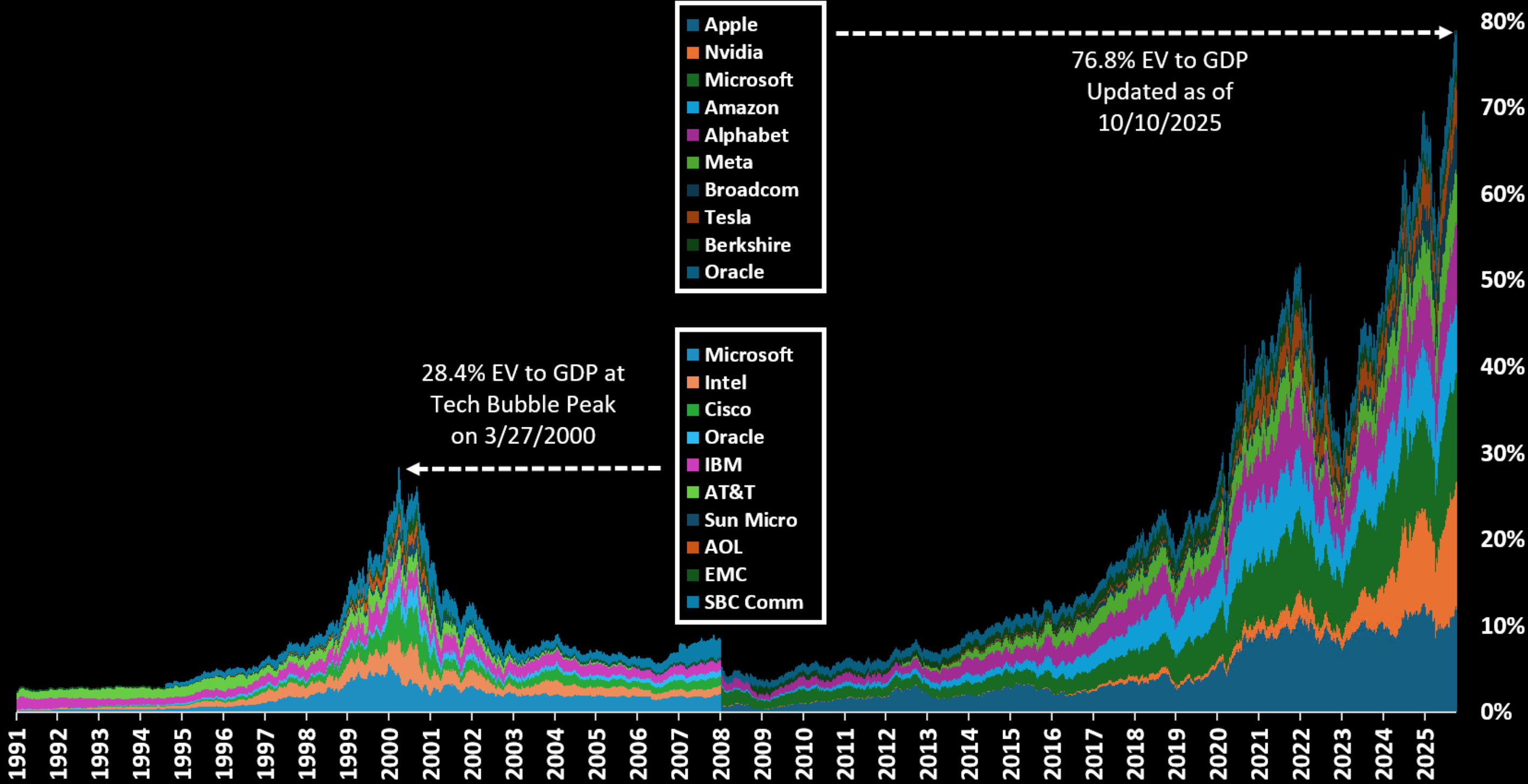


Top 10 US Megacap Stocks: Internet vs. A.I.

Enterprise Value as % of US Gross Domestic Product

- Apple
- Nvidia
- Microsoft
- Amazon
- Alphabet
- Meta
- Broadcom
- Tesla
- Berkshire
- Oracle

- Microsoft
- Intel
- Cisco
- Oracle
- IBM
- AT&T
- Sun Micro
- AOL
- EMC
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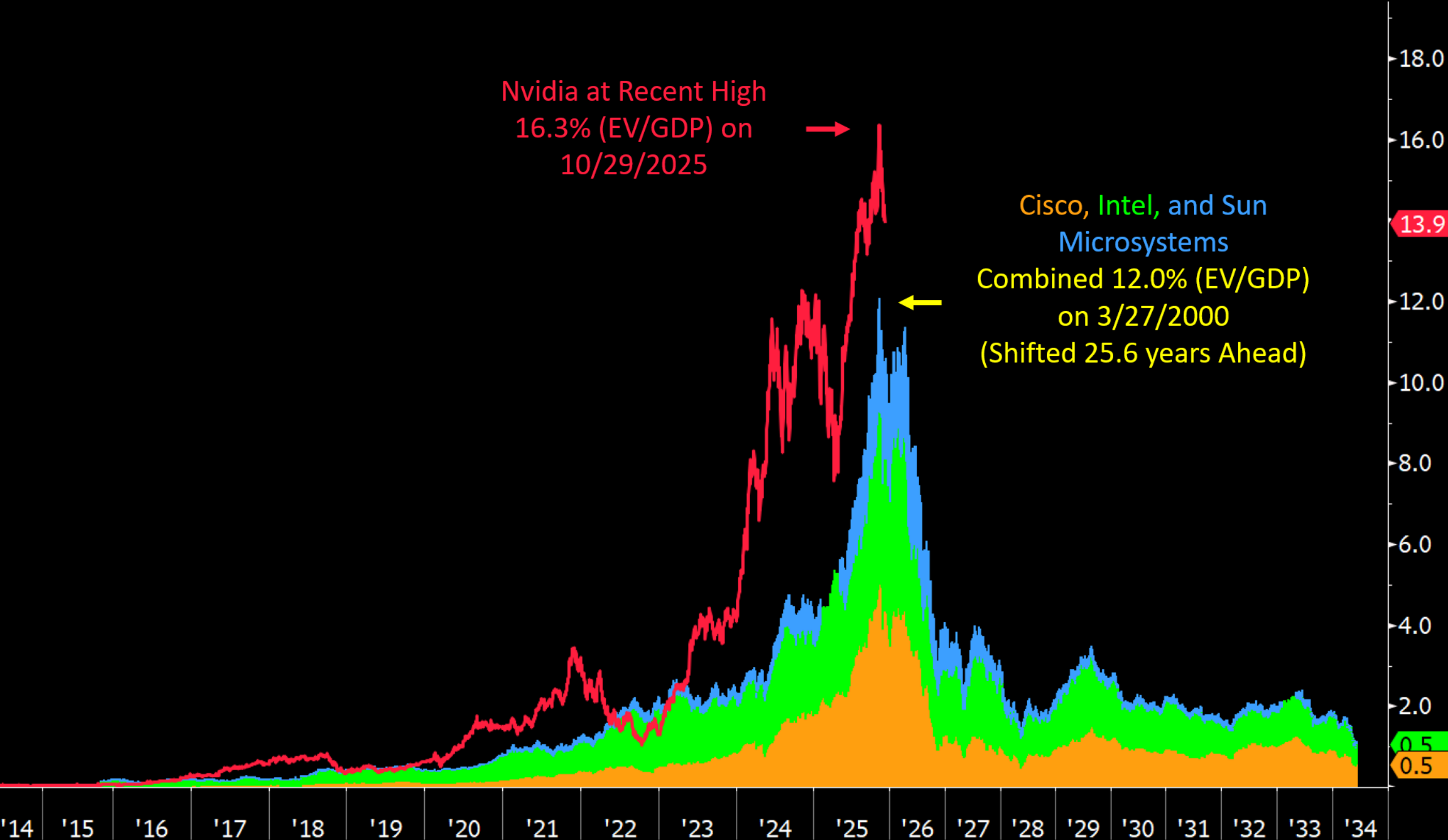
In terms of enterprise value relative to GDP, the top 10 US mega-cap stocks are now valued 270% higher than the 10 largest market cap tech and telecom stocks were at the peak of the 2000 bubble.

Megacap Tech Bubble



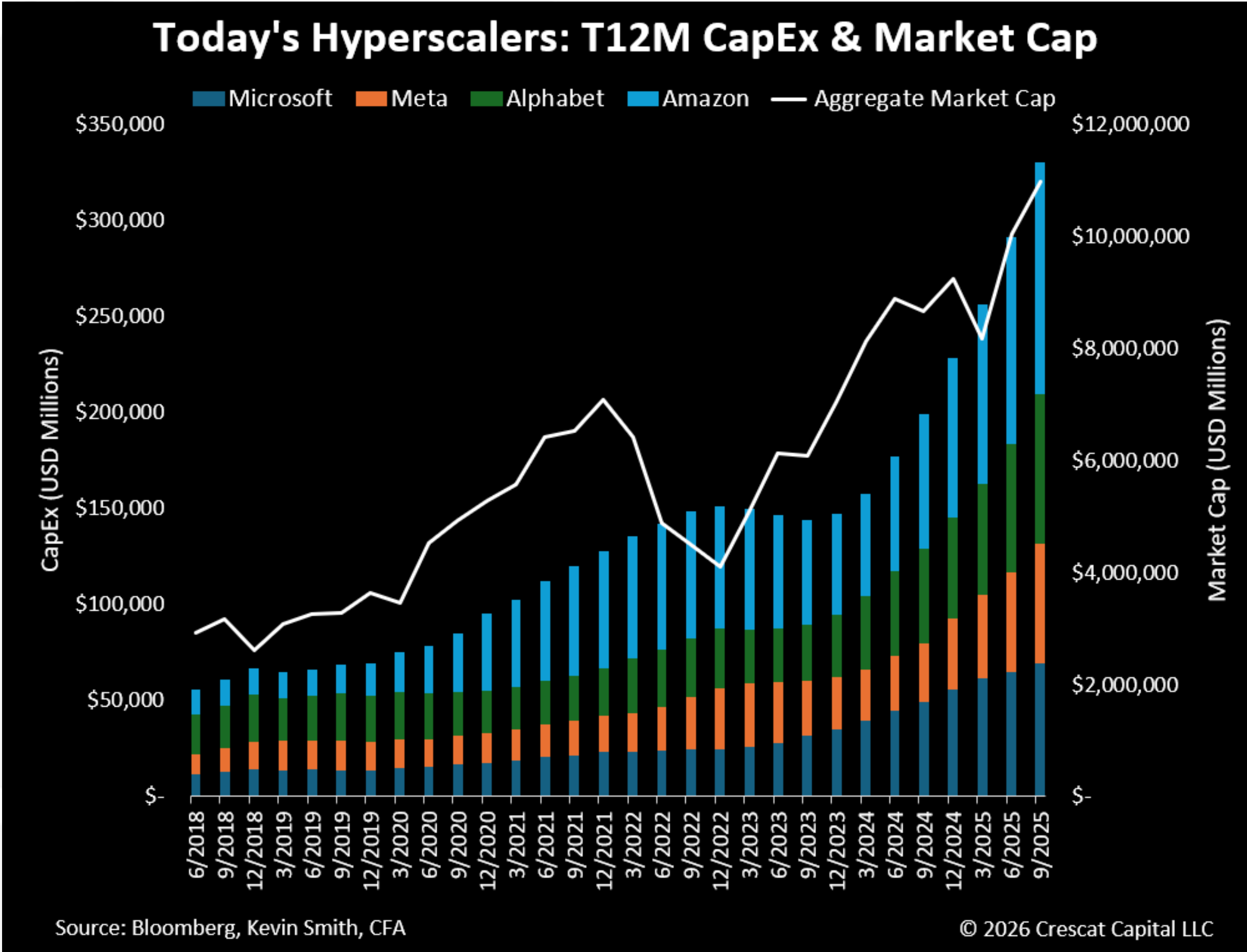
Nvidia vs. Top Internet Hardware Vendors in 2000

Enterprise Value as % of GDP – Chart as of 11/28/2025



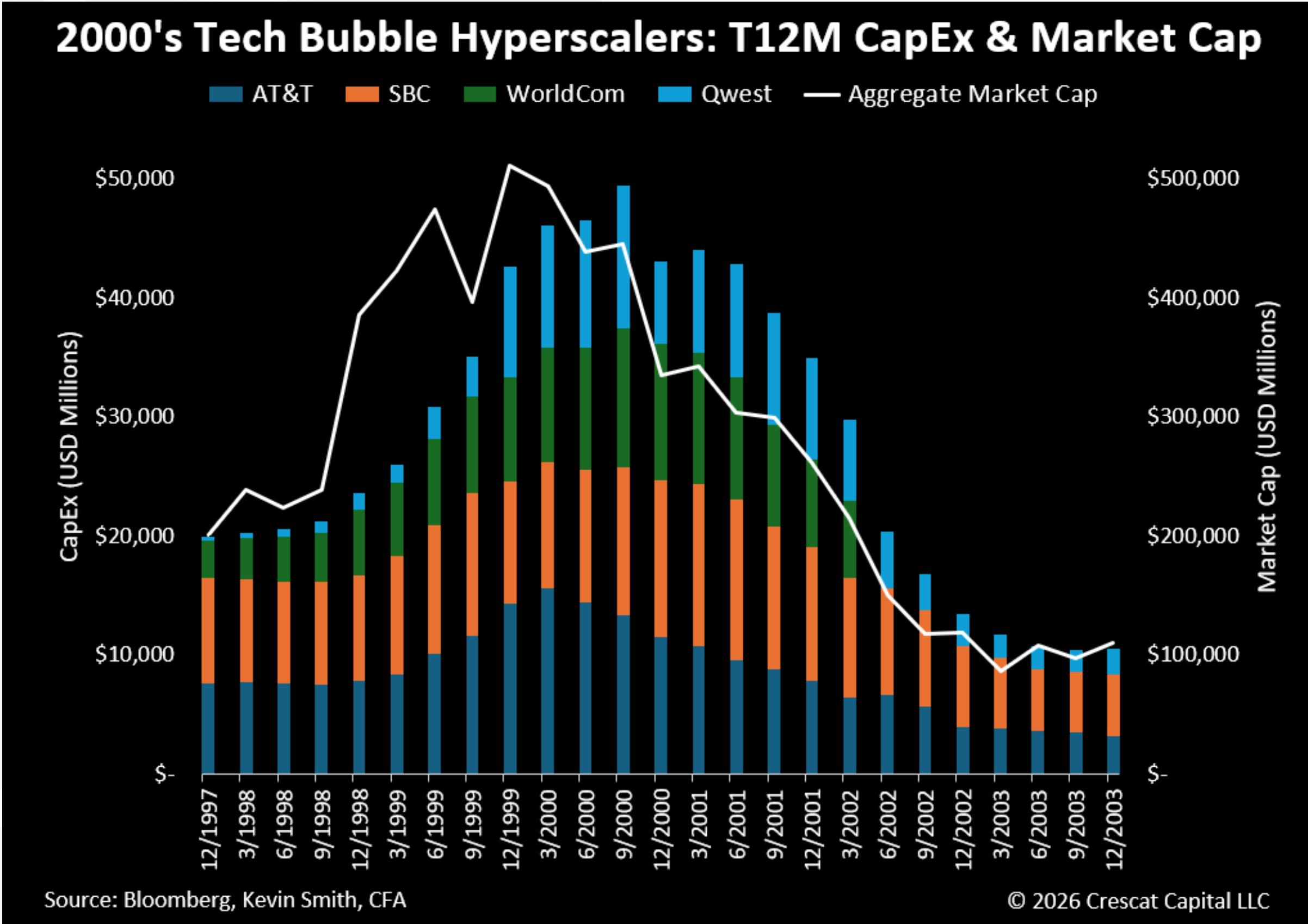
As of October 29, Nvidia's enterprise value relative to GDP was 36% higher than the EV to GDP of the three biggest internet hardware leaders of 2000 combined: Cisco, Intel, and Sun Microsystems.

The AI Hyperscalers



Hyperscaler capex has surged to record levels as Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet, and Meta race to build AI infrastructure. While this spending is driving massive demand for GPUs and data centers, it is occurring in a highly competitive, low-margin environment. We expect rising capital intensity and fast-depreciating assets to pressure returns on capital and profit margins for the hyperscalers, even as aggregate market capitalization has rebounded.

Tech Hyperscaling is Not a New Phenomenon



The Internet boom's largest capital spenders, AT&T, SBC, WorldCom, and Qwest, pushed CapEx to extremes alongside surging market caps, followed by a sharp collapse when returns failed to materialize. We believe this shows how aggressive infrastructure races around "new-era" technologies can drive boom-bust cycles across an industry, a risk worth considering for today's hyperscalers.

Team Members



Ryan Wardell

Investment Systems Leader

Ryan is responsible for the firm's investment management operations and trading, including trade staging and execution. He is also responsible for maintaining the firm's portfolio track records and internal systems, including the automation and production of its equity and macro models. Ryan came to Crescat with more than 10 years of industry experience as Specialized Services Trader at Scottrade and Fidelity Investments. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Ryan is currently working towards the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and has passed the CFA Level 1 Exam.



Marek Iwahashi

Head of Investor Relations

Marek is Crescat's point person for existing and prospective investors. With a strong background in finance, he works with clients to understand their needs, explain the firm's strategies, open new accounts, and respond to inquiries. Marek also handles various operations, including performing daily trade reconciliation and settlement. He helps produce firm marketing materials, updates consultant databases, and assists the investment team. Marek stood out versus his peers by making strong grades in an accelerated degree program at the University of Colorado, Denver where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance and an MBA with a specialization in Finance in 2019 while working full time. Prior to joining Crescat, he worked as a Mutual Fund Analyst at Broadridge Financial Solutions and assistant branch manager at TCF National Bank.



Cassie Ellrich

Head of Marketing Communications

With a background in both finance and marketing, Cassie strives to perfect the Crescat client journey. She is focused on transparent and engaging communication of Crescat's investment themes and strategies to distinguish the Crescat brand. Cassie has a lead role in crafting the firm's marketing materials from strategy presentations to client reports, email communications, website, and social media content. She also works as a Client Services Specialist to help existing and prospective investors refine their investment goals and better understand Crescat's offerings while answering any questions that may arise throughout the process. Additionally, Cassie is the point person for investment consultants and their databases. Cassie graduated cum laude from Virginia Polytechnic State University with a B.S in Finance. Prior to joining Crescat, she worked as a Marketing Strategist for DISH Network in Englewood, CO.



Team Members



Trevor Smith

Data Scientist

Trevor serves as Crescat's Data Scientist. The exciting developments in the world of Artificial Intelligence have provided Crescat with the opportunity to harness the power of Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, and Data Analytics to advance our quantitative analysis to new heights. With prior work experience in the Applied Math Department and degrees in Statistics & Data Science and Economics from CU Boulder, Trevor works to both develop new financial models and improve existing ones in order to maximize Crescat's quant research capabilities. Trevor also uses his statistical knowledge to provide day-to-day research and trading ideas. With AI suddenly exploding into the industry, Trevor helps keep Crescat ahead of the curve.



Ravena Khan

Assistant Controller

Ravena is responsible for the daily function in maintaining parallel records to the fund's administrator and prime brokers. She is also responsible for assisting in the review of monthly reporting and client statements. Ravena came to Crescat with over 20 years of experience in the hedge fund industry. Her previous roles include serving as a Controller at Foxhill Capital Partners for 13 years and Gracie Capital for 5 years, where she gained invaluable expertise in fund accounting and reporting. Ravena is magna cum laude graduate of Berkeley College in New York, where she earned her accounting degree.



Nathaniel Gilbert

Analyst

Nathaniel reports directly to the Chief Investment Officer. His responsibilities include fundamental research, market analysis, and idea generation. He also works closely with Crescat's quantitative team and contributes to the firm's equity and macro models. Nathaniel began his career at Crescat in April 2022 and, following a brief period at another asset management firm, rejoined the firm in December 2025. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Colorado Boulder and is a CFA candidate.



Advisors



Lars Theill, PhD

Senior Biopharma Advisor

Lars is a scientist, inventor, and entrepreneur with 30+ years of biomedical research and drug discovery experience. After earning a PhD in Molecular Biology from Aarhus University, a Medicinal Chemistry degree, and postdoctoral training at UC San Diego Medical School, Dr. Theill led a biotherapeutics discovery laboratory at Amgen for 15 years, contributing to the invention and preclinical development of numerous small molecule and protein-based therapeutic candidates (including the now blockbuster Prolia) for treatment of cancer, inflammation, and neurodegenerative diseases. In parallel, he evaluated countless in-licensing and acquisition opportunities for the Amgen business development team. Lars is a founder and President of Logix Pharmaceuticals Inc., engaged in developing kinase inhibitors for treatment of cancer, and performing biotech equity research for institutional investors. Dr. Theill is an inventor and author on multiple US patents and 28 research articles published in Science, Nature, Cell, and other leading scientific journals. These papers have received >5,100 citations.



William "Bill" Pearson, PhD

Geologic & Technical Advisor

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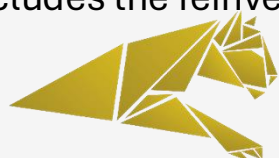
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