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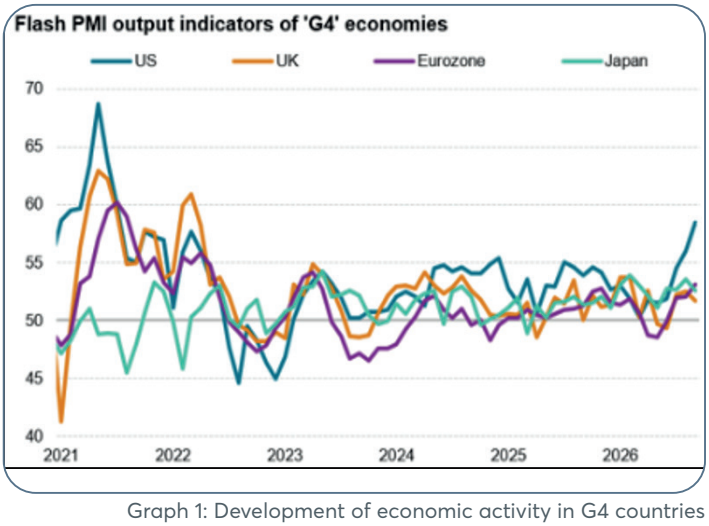


Despite the wave of geopolitical unrest and sharp rise in long-term interest rates around the world, stock markets continued to perform exceptionally well in 2026. One key explanation here, without doubt, is the strong performance of the global economy. Contrary to expectations, US investments in data centres and European investments in defence and infrastructure put the global economy on a growth trajectory of around 3% to 3.50%. Against this backdrop, our Keyprivate portfolios yielded returns in line with the market. The correction on the gold market, however, has caused a slight slump in the return trend. Below you can read about the most important developments in the first nine months of the year.

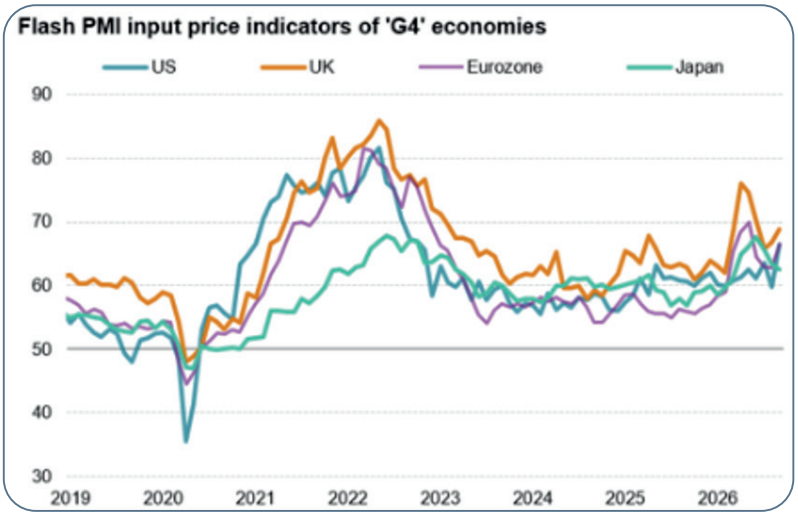
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Economic environment

Geopolitical unrest continued to dominate the news in the third quarter. The disruption seen in international logistics chains and the pressure on oil prices have prompted many economic analysts to adopt a more cautious outlook with regard to economic growth. Despite this nervousness, it was noteworthy that the main economic indicators showed a very strong recovery. In Keyprivate's Investment Committee, we traditionally consider the trend in global manufacturing confidence. Graph 1 shows the trend in the manufacturing confidence in the G4 countries (the US, Japan, the UK and the eurozone). The message in the graph is clear – we are seeing a sharp rise (particularly in the US and the eurozone). A further observation is that manufacturer confidence in these four regions is above 50 points, which indicates expansion. By far the biggest increase was in US manufacturing confidence, driven by massive investment in data centres. The eurozone is also rebounding thanks to investments in defence and infrastructure.



Graph 1: Development of economic activity in G4 countries
Source : S&P Global



Graph 2: Trend in purchase prices in G4 countries
Source : S&P Global

Another effect of strong economic growth is inflation. Strong growth, however, inevitably leads to higher demand in the global economy, which in turn puts upward pressure on prices. In short, the return of somewhat higher inflation figures in the most important regions worldwide is further confirmation of the good economic climate. It goes without saying that higher oil prices also play an important role in the rising inflation. Both the US and European central banks raised short-term interest rates in response to the higher inflation figures, while long-term interest rates also responded to higher inflation figures by reaching new heights and setting new records around the world. Nevertheless, these higher inflation figures failed to derail the stock market rally, as investors once again interpreted them as a further consequence of stronger economic growth.

Conclusion: Despite all the doubts and nervousness among economic analysts, the global economy continues to surprise everyone and deliver better-than-expected growth figures. The global wave of investment in data centres, defence and more is creating renewed hope and fuelling investor optimism. Based on these figures and statistics, the Keyprivate Investment Committee remains positive about the economic outlook and does not share the view of analysts who predict a slowdown in growth. We should also clarify that we are following a dynamic investment strategy in this environment. We will not change our strategy until the situation dictates otherwise.

Financial markets in the first nine months of 2026

Stock markets

As mentioned above, the stock markets performed very well in 2026. Despite investors' many concerns, including geopolitical tensions and uncertainty surrounding AI, the strength of the global economy continues to support equity markets. Investors are interpreting the macroeconomic figures in an extremely positive light, expecting increasing turnover and earnings figures. Table 1 shows mixed performance in the third quarter, with emerging market equities coming under pressure due to their significant exposure to semiconductor stocks, such as Samsung, which experienced a correction over the summer months. The large weighting of ASML and bank shares in the European stock market indices also led to a correction in the larger stocks, while European small cap stocks benefited from the economic recovery. Since the start of the year, emerging market equities have performed exceptionally well. As mentioned earlier, the index has significant exposure to semiconductor stocks, a sector that has also recorded strong gains in 2026

Share trackers return Q3 2026 (in EUR)	
MSCI World	3,30%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1,07%
MSCI Europe	-0,94%
MSCI Europe small caps	2,76%

Share trackers return 9M 2026 (in EUR)	
MSCI World	15,83%
MSCI Emerging Markets	25,78%
MSCI Europe	10,01%
MSCI Europe small caps	8,15%

Table 1: Returns on Keyprivate share trackers Q3 2026 – 9M 2026 - Source Bloomberg

Bonds markets

Table 2 clearly shows that bonds are seeing downwards trends in 2026 thanks to the rise in global interest rates. In the view of the Keyprivate Investment Committee, it was particularly important to restrict the losses in our bond investments as much as possible. Table 2 shows that high-yield bonds have only suffered minimal losses since the start of the year, and we maintained the high-yield bond class in our portfolio throughout the year. The fact that high-yield bonds are closely aligned with European stock markets limited the potential for negative movements. Nonetheless, the Keyprivate Investment Committee also decided to increase exposure to short-term government bonds on a temporary basis. In an environment of rising interest rates, it is advisable to opt for shorter maturities, as this allows you to invest faster at higher interest rates when bonds mature.

Bond trackers returns Q3 2026 (in EUR)	
Eurozone government bonds	-4,50%
High-yield bonds	-2,00%

Bond trackers returns 9M 2026 (in EUR)	
Eurozone government bonds	-3,32%
High-yield bonds	-0,77%

Table 2: Returns on Keyprivate bond trackers Q3 2026 – 9M 2026 - Source : Bloomberg

Commodity markets

The conclusion we can draw from the returns on the commodities market is that the good years are followed by lean years. The big winners in recent years, such as gold, silver and industrial metals, are struggling this year and are seeing a correction at this time – and that makes a large amount of sense after the very strong returns these commodities have seen in recent years. We consider such corrections to simply be a pause in a trend that is still moving in an upwards direction. In our view, the fundamental forces behind the bull market in commodities remain in the picture. In the gold market, central banks are continuing to buy gold, while expectations of higher inflation should provide further support for gold prices. Due to the relentless demand for AI capacity and the ongoing investment in defence and energy transformation, demand for copper and other industrial metals is almost guaranteed.

Commodity tracker returns Q3 2026 (in EUR)	
Gold	3,78%
Industrial metals	-1,58%

Commodity tracker returns 9M 2026 (in EUR)	
Gold	-1,48%
Industrial metals	-1,59%

Table 3: Returns on Keyprivate commodity trackers Q3 2026 – 9M 2026 - Source: Bloomberg

Net returns on Keyprivate portfolios H1 2026

Table 4 shows the net returns achieved by our 10 Keyprivate profiles.

A few observations on changes in net returns in the first quarter of 2026:

• Our Keyprivate portfolios performed well in the second quarter and benefited from the recovery in international stock markets. Our significant exposure to the ETF tracking emerging market equities made a significant contribution to portfolio returns. As the dollar remained weak against the euro, the Keyprivate Investment Committee opted to underweight the index that tracks the stock markets of Western industrialised nations (the MSCI World, which has approximately 70% exposure to US stocks). For example, the strategy of underweighting US stocks and overweighting non-US stocks continued in the second quarter.

• Within the bond component of our Keyprivate portfolios, high-yield bonds made a good contribution to the portfolios' returns. We have mentioned this many times before, but this type of bond moves in close tandem with the international stock markets. That is why these bonds performed well in the second quarter, following the lead of the stock markets. The fact that the global economy did not slip into recession was also a stroke of luck for the high-yield market. After all, during a recession, the risk of default rises sharply, causing the prices of these bonds to plummet.

• The correction on the international commodity markets had a negative impact on Keyprivate's net returns. June in particular was a very difficult month for commodity investors. The correction on the gold market led to a 10% drop in the price of gold in June. In early May, the Keyprivate Investment Committee decided to sell its remaining gold position and invest solely in the tracker fund that tracks the prices of strategic metals such as copper and zinc. June was also a particularly poor month for this tracker: it fell by around 11%. This had a negative impact of around 1% for the defensive and neutral profiles and 1.6% for the more dynamic profiles.

Net returns 01/01/2016 – 30/09/2026											
profile		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
3 - Very cautious	100	2,37 %	2,24 %	- 6, 65 %	4,90 %	-1,90 %	10,29 %	-10,10 %	7,38 %	6,92 %	7,72%	4,89%
5 - Balanced	100	4,63 %	4,64 %	- 4,84 %	5,02 %	-1,92 %	12,37 %	-10,20 %	9,36 %	8,38 %	9,43%	7,20%
7 - Dynamic	100	7,52 %	7,13 %	- 7,78 %	7,11 %	-1,44 %	15,12 %	-9,35 %	11,70 %	10,88 %	14,46%	9,44%
10 - Very aggressive	100	5,47 %	8,99 %	- 8,84 %	6,17 %	1,16 %	16,62 %	-10,85 %	14,06 %	12,92 %	16,78%	11,52%

These net returns were calculated based on real portfolios established on 4 January 2016 (the first trading day of 2016). These portfolios have therefore been through every re-balancing process. The calculation of net returns includes annual management fees and all taxes.

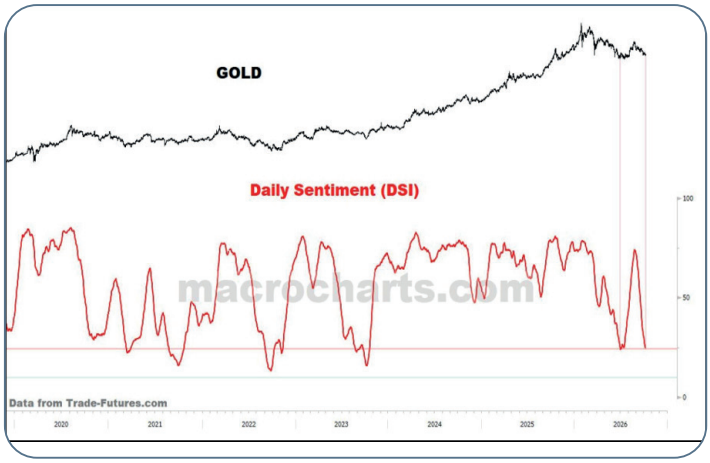
Looking to the future

One area of attention for the months ahead is undoubtedly the trend in the gold price. As we have already mentioned, the gold price (and, by extension, the prices of strategic metals) is one of the disappointments seen in our returns. Graph 3 shows that this year, the gold price has tracked the direction of the 10-year US Treasury rate closely. The rising long-term interest rates are driving capital towards the bond market (as gold does not pay a coupon and was therefore more attractive in times of lower interest rates). Now that the 'panic' around the sharp rise in long-term interest rates is on the up, we consider the likelihood of a trend reversal to be high, with the chances of long-term interest rates falling slightly for a few months increasing. This should once again provide the gold price with a helping hand. Another indicator that allows us to expect a recovery in the gold price is sentiment on the gold market.



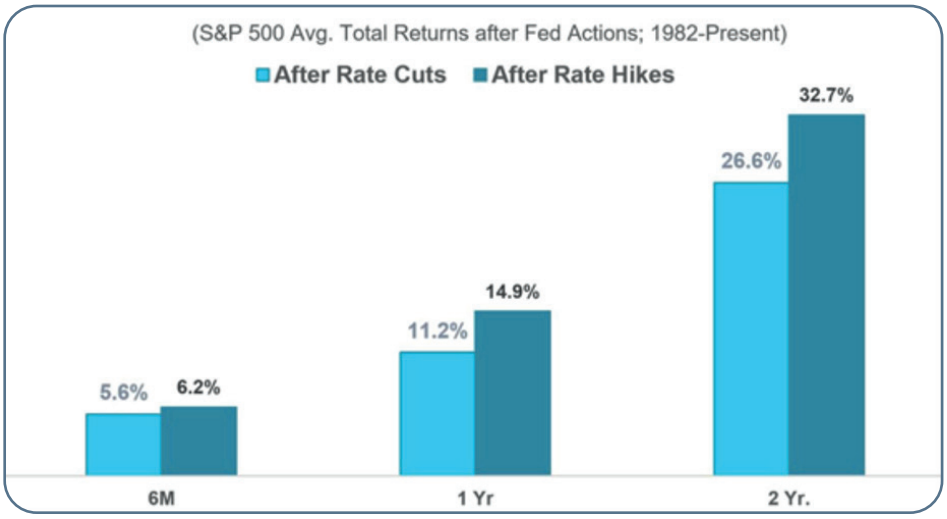
Graph 3: Gold vs. 10-Year US Treasury
Source : Jeff Weniger – Corgi Invest

Graph 4 shows that there is a great deal of pessimism; historically, similar levels have always been the precursor to an increase in the gold price. These reasons show why the Keyprivate Investment Committee maintains confidence in our commodities investments. In terms of the stock markets, we would like to point out that tighter monetary policy from Western central banks is a supportive environment. Contrary to what is often thought (and often written about in the media), a period of interest rate hikes is a good stock market environment, as central banks raise short-term interest rates during periods of strong growth and the higher inflation figures that go hand in hand. Strong growth, however, is still the best guarantee for increasing turnover and profit figures.



Graph 4: Sentiment on the gold market
Source : Macrocharts.com

Graph 5 clearly shows that the US (and, by extension, the global) stock market is achieving higher returns after periods of rate hikes. It is often reported in the financial and economic press that investors do not like rate hikes, as it would make fixed-income products more attractive for anyone who wants to put their savings to work. This would also create unnecessary fear, causing some investors to react based on emotion and take their money out of the stock market. As Graph 5 shows, that would be an unwise choice. For this reason, too, we continue to take a constructive approach towards equity investments and are not pursuing a defensive investment policy.



Graph 5: S&P 500 vs. US monetary policy
Source : Creating Planning

Conclusion: With the first nine months of 2026 behind us, the key takeaway is that the global economy remains in excellent shape. The favourable economy is fuelling investor optimism and is the reason behind the ongoing upwards trend on the stock markets. Against this backdrop, the Keyprivate Investment Committee pursued an offensive investment strategy. Although the bond and commodities segments are under some pressure due to higher interest rates and global commodities market corrections, we remain convinced that we are delivering suitable net returns. The most important area of attention for the future remains the trend in the gold price, the fundamental factors of which remain in place. We simply have to accept the current correction for the time being.

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