

EDITORIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Price of Money Is Becoming *Political* Again.

Governments, technology companies
and households are beginning to
compete for the same capital.

EVERYONE NEEDS MONEY.
MONEY IS GETTING EXPENSIVE.

CAPITAL IS SCARCE.
CHOICES ARE POLITICAL.



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Cheap Money Was the *Exception.*

For decades after the financial crisis, interest rates stayed unusually low. It shaped our habits, inflated asset prices, and made debt look harmless. That era is now over.



NEAR-ZERO RATES

Central banks suppressed rates to stabilise economies.



ASSET INFLATION

Cheap money fuelled markets, property, and speculation.



DEBT NORMALISED

Governments, companies and households borrowed more.



THE EXCEPTION NOT THE RULE

The last decade was the anomaly — not the future.

LOW RATES
WERE A POLICY.
CHEAP MONEY
WAS A CHOICE.
BOTH WERE
TEMPORARY.

THE ERA OF CHEAP MONEY IS ENDING

BOND YIELDS RISE TO HIGHEST LEVELS
IN MORE THAN A DECADE

10-YEAR GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS



U.S. 30-YEAR
TREASURY YIELD

5.31%

17 AUGUST 2026
HIGHEST SINCE 2007

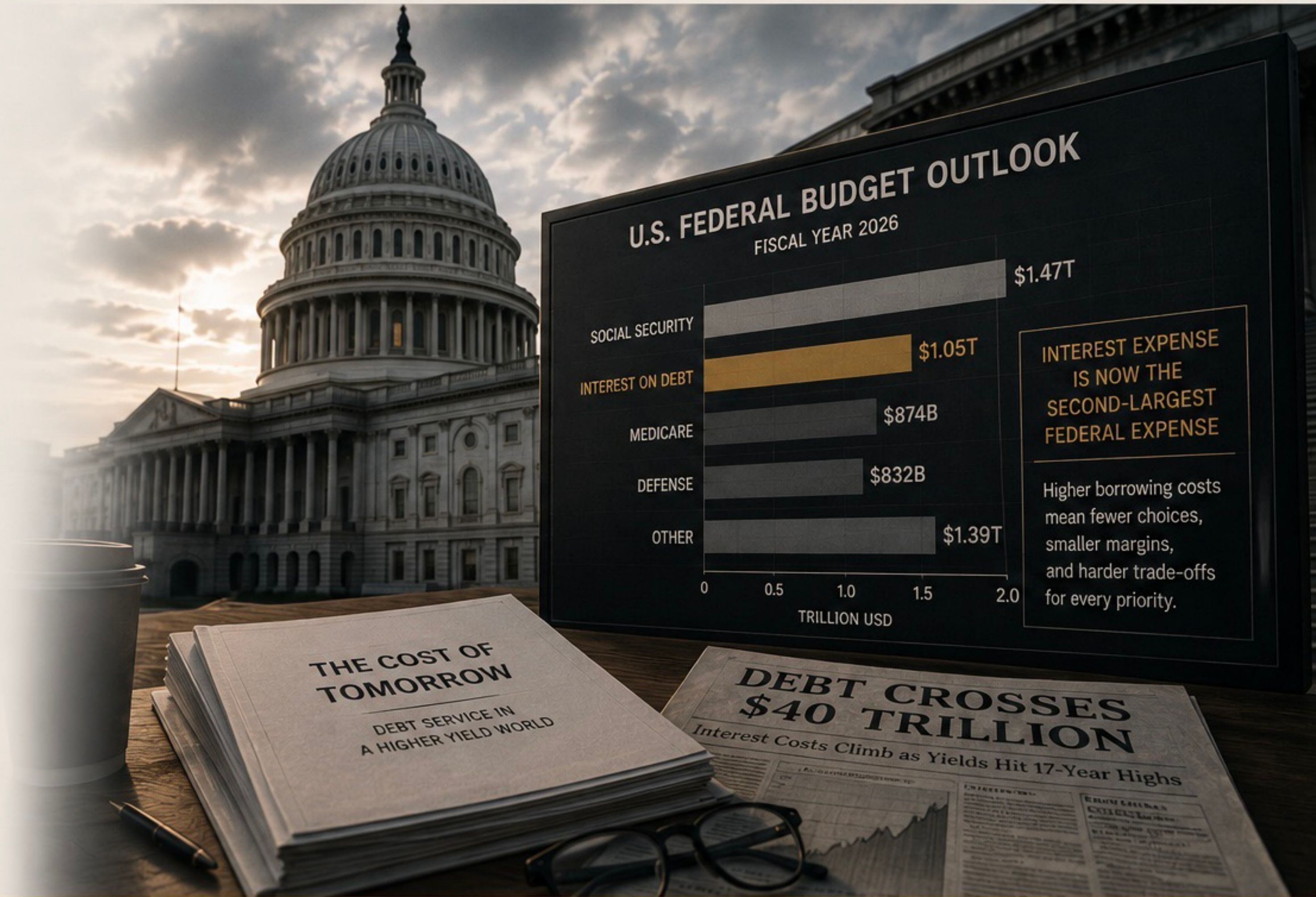
JAPAN 10-YEAR
YIELD

2.95%

22 AUGUST 2026
HIGHEST IN 30 YEARS

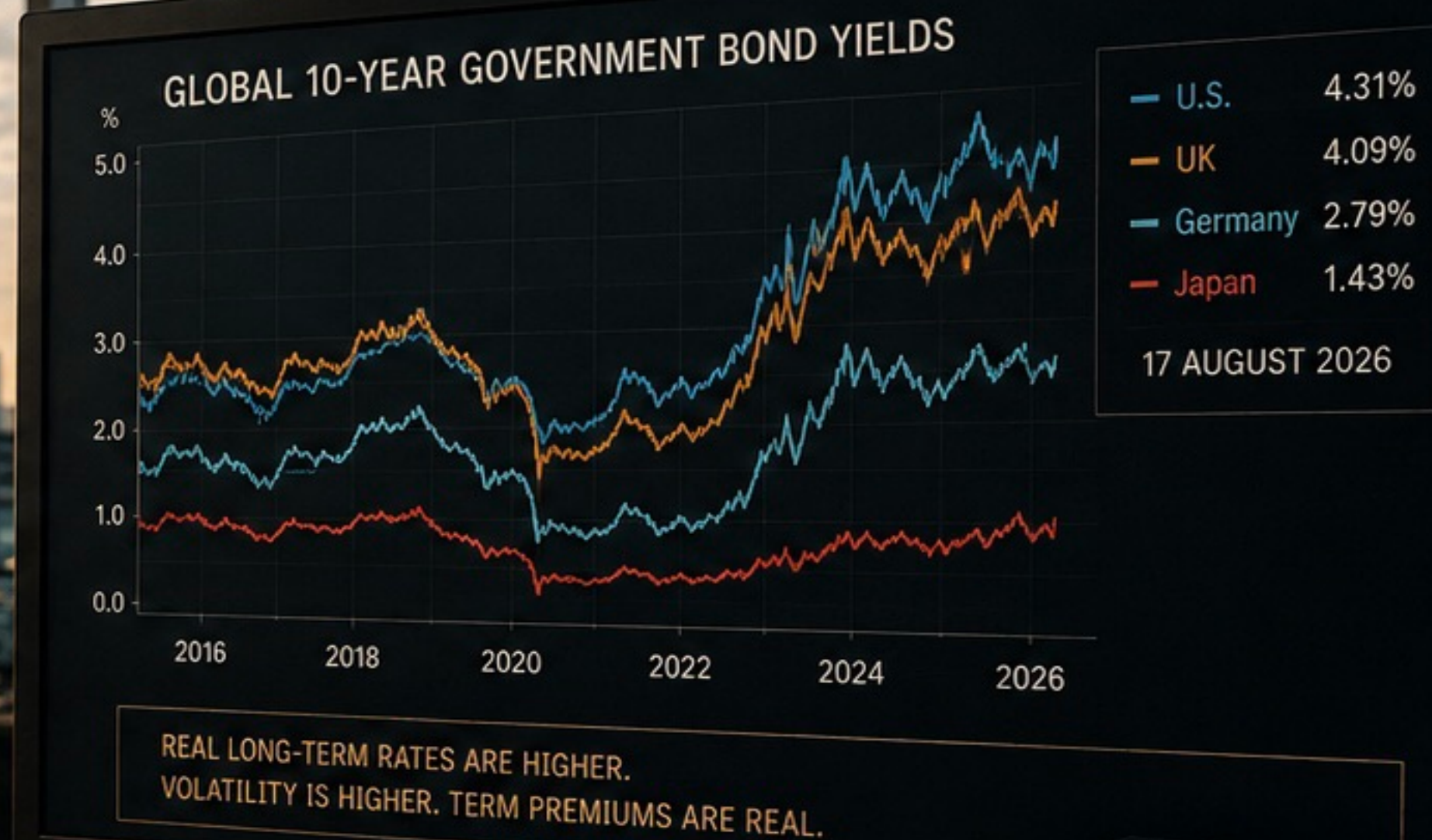
Interest Has a *Budget.*

Every dollar borrowed today becomes tomorrow's obligation. As interest costs rise, yesterday consumes more of tomorrow.



The Evidence Has Crossed an *Important Threshold.*

Markets are no longer surprised
by higher rates.
They are pricing in a higher,
longer and more uncertain future.



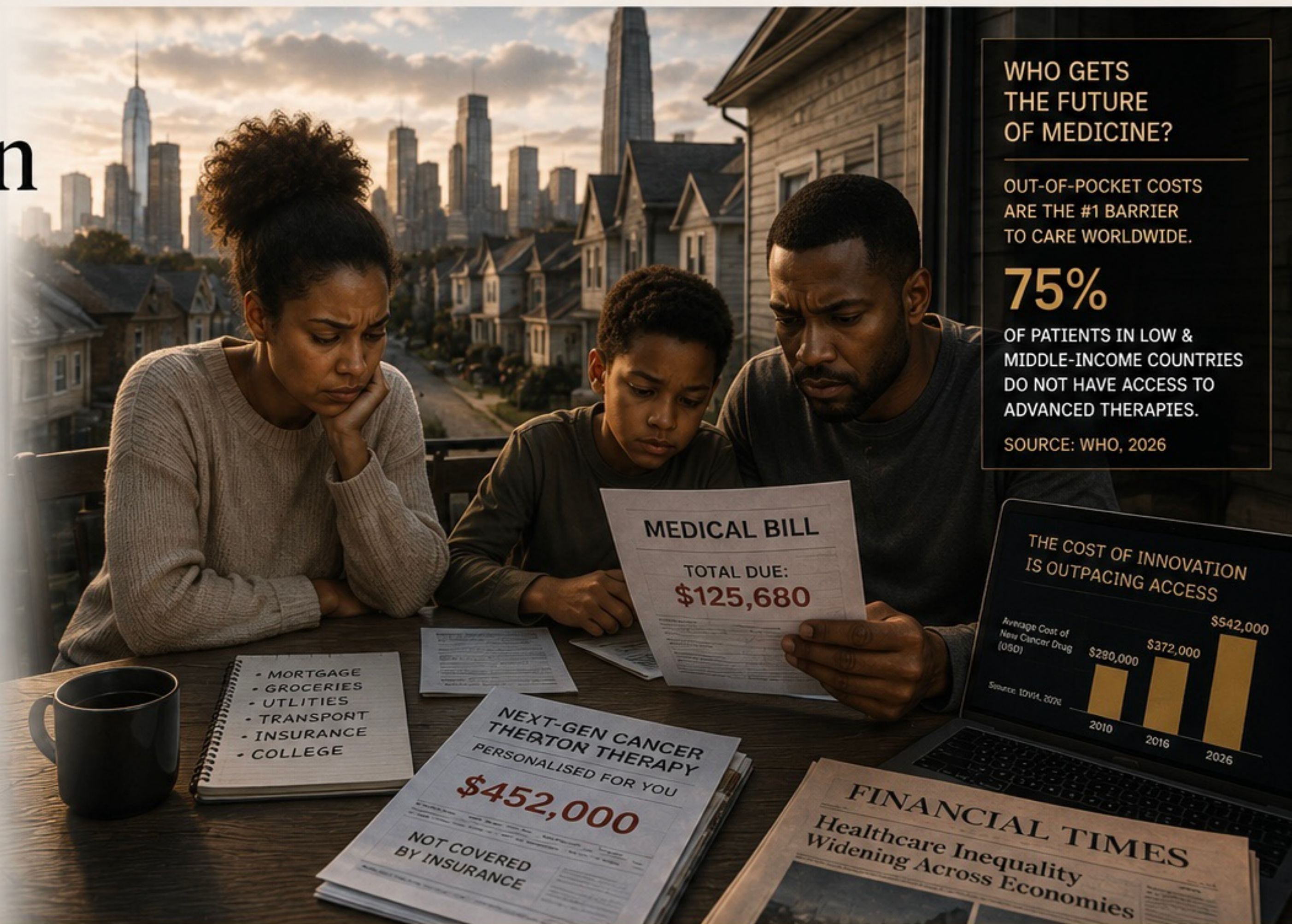
HIGHER FOR LONGER

- INFLATION RISK
- FISCAL PRESSURES
- GEOPOLITICAL UNCERTAINTY
- SUPPLY OF DEBT
- STRUCTURAL SHIFTS



Personalisation Creates a *New Access Problem.*

Precision medicine, AI infrastructure and advanced therapies are expensive by design. Without policy, inequality will be baked in.



WHO GETS
THE FUTURE
OF MEDICINE?

OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS
ARE THE #1 BARRIER
TO CARE WORLDWIDE.

75%

OF PATIENTS IN LOW &
MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES
DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO
ADVANCED THERAPIES.

SOURCE: WHO, 2026

The Next Shortage May Be *Affordable Capital.*

AI, energy, housing, defence, climate adaptation—every priority needs massive investment. But high costs mean not every good idea can be built.

**BIG INVESTMENTS.
LIMITED CAPITAL.
TOUGH CHOICES.**



AI
INFRASTRUCTURE



ENERGY
TRANSITION



HOUSING
FOR ALL



DEFENCE &
SECURITY



CLIMATE
RESILIENCE

**CAPITAL IS
NOT INFINITE.
PRIORITISATION
BECOMES POLICY.**

Interest Rates Allocate *Power.*

The price of money decides
who builds, who waits,
who pays—and who benefits.
It is not just economics.
It is politics in its quietest form.



EVERY BASIS POINT
SHIFTS POWER.
EVERY DECISION
SHAPES THE FUTURE.

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IS A CHOICE.
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