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Weekly Economic Review

12 to 18 October 2026

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18 October 2026

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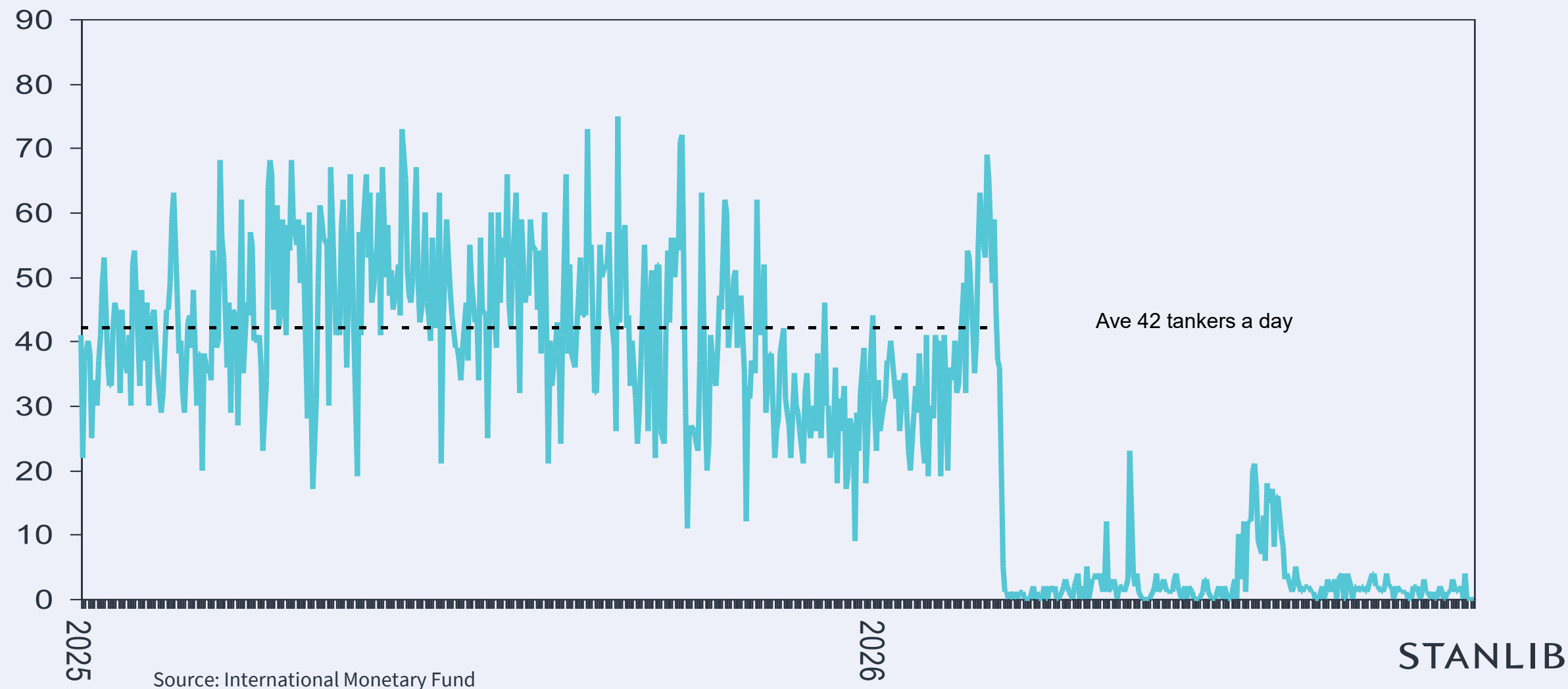
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	2019 %	2020 %	2021 %	2022 %	2023 %	2024 %	2025 %	2026 Year-to- date
South Africa All Share Index	8.2%	4.1%	24.1%	-0.9%	5.3%	9.4%	37.7%	-4.2%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	22.3%	7.2%	18.7%	-8.8%	13.7%	12.9%	13.0%	8.2%
S&P 500 equity index	28.9%	16.3%	26.9%	-19.4%	24.2%	23.3%	16.4%	11.9%
Nasdaq 100 index	38.0%	47.6%	26.6%	-33.0%	53.8%	24.9%	20.2%	15.6%
Stoxx Euro 600	23.2%	-4.0%	22.2%	-12.9%	12.7%	6.0%	16.7%	8.9%
Shanghai Composite Index	22.3%	13.9%	4.8%	-15.1%	-3.0%	12.7%	22.9%	-6.4%
NIKKEI 225 Index	18.2%	16.0%	4.9%	-9.4%	28.2%	19.2%	26.2%	29.8%
Gold	18.3%	25.0%	-3.6%	0.4%	14.6%	25.5%	67.4%	-3.7%
Oil	21.9%	-21.7%	52.9%	8.7%	-10.4%	-2.9%	-18.6%	80.2%
Rand/Dollar	-2.7%	5.0%	8.6%	-6.2%	-7.0%	-7.2%	13.4%	0.8%
Dollar/Euro	-1.8%	9.0%	-7.1%	6.6%	-3.4%	6.7%	-11.8%	4.3%
Bitcoin	92.2%	303.2%	59.7%	-64.3%	155.4%	121.1%	-6.3%	-8.1%
<i>US 10-year bond yield</i>	1.92%	0.93%	1.52%	3.88%	3.88%	4.58%	4.18%	5.09%
<i>US 2-year bond yield</i>	1.58%	0.13%	0.73%	4.41%	4.23%	4.25%	3.47%	4.74%
<i>SA long bond yield</i>	8.48%	7.70%	8.60%	9.88%	10.27%	9.57%	8.20%	8.75%

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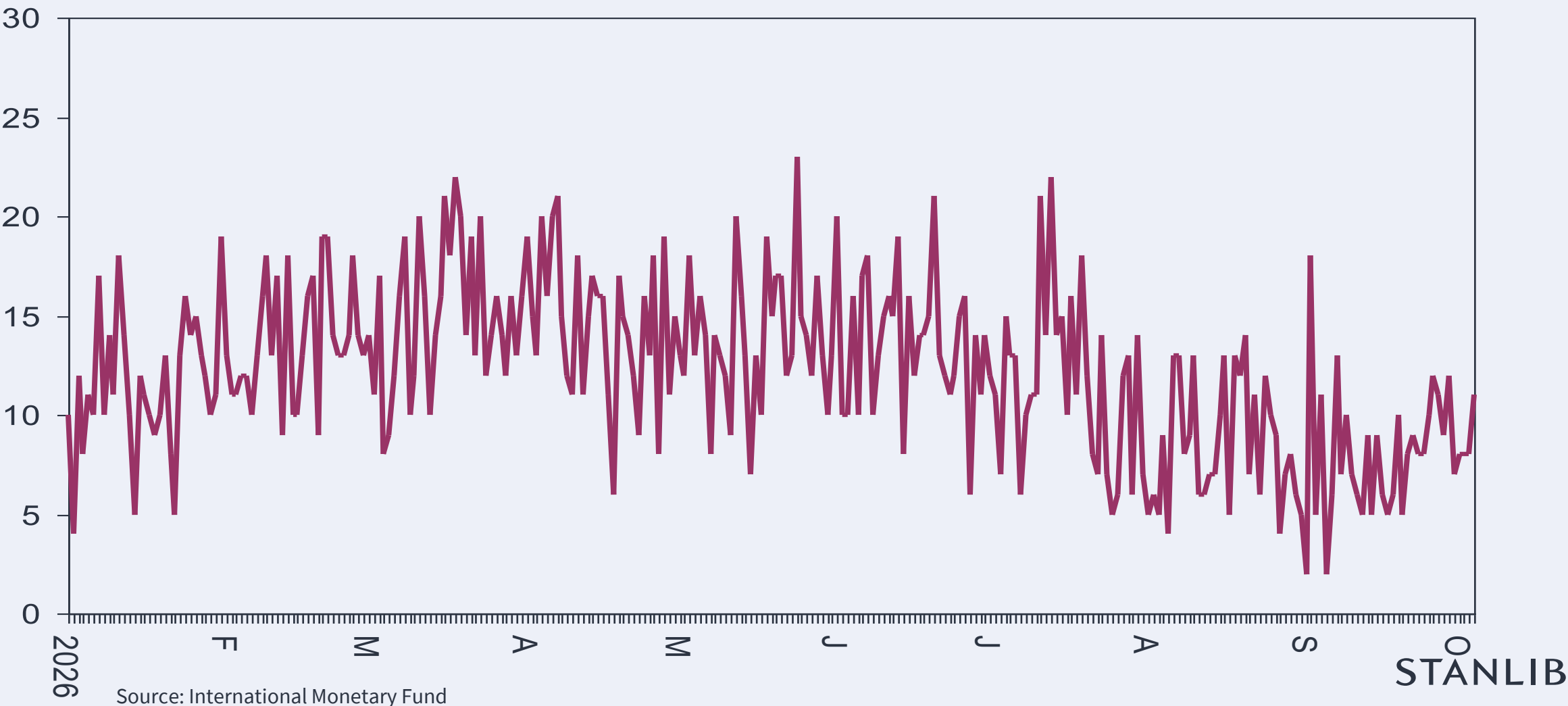
Number of tankers moving through the Strait of Hormuz each day

Number of ships (daily data)



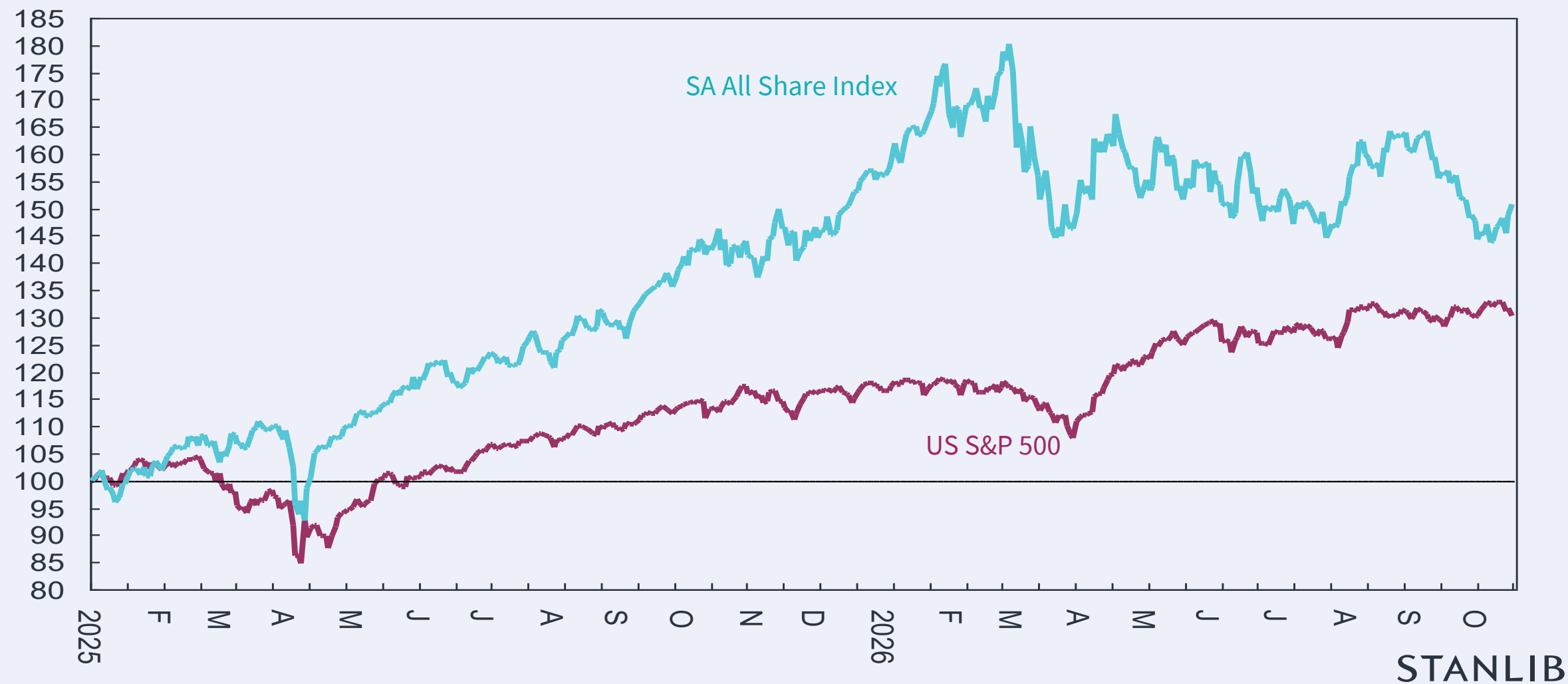
Number of tankers moving through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait

Number of ships (daily data)



SA All Share Index vs US S&P 500 (both in Dollars)

Index 1 January 2025 = 100

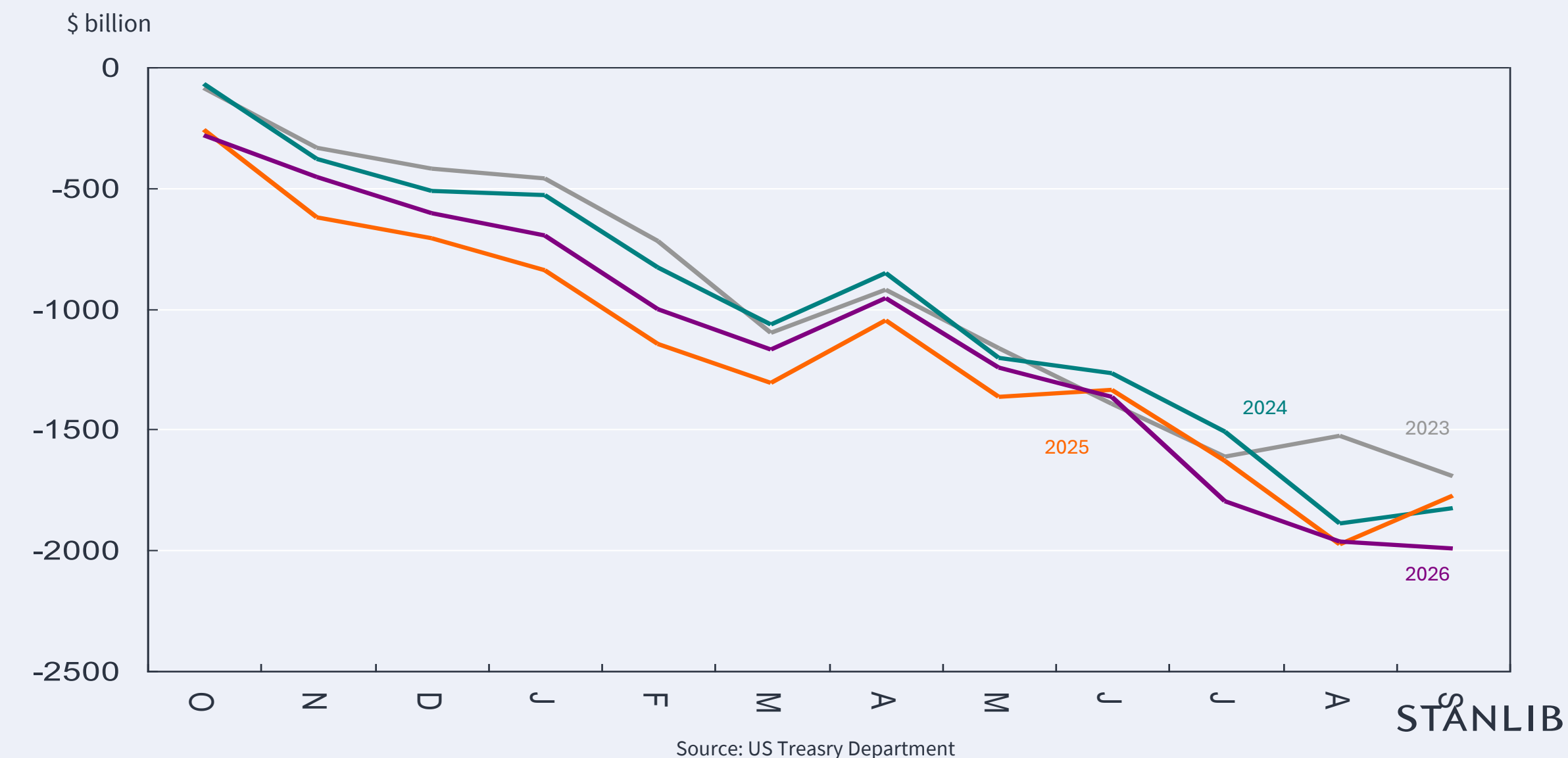


Source: Macrobond and STANLIB

Chart of the week: US fiscal position deteriorated sharply during the 2026 tax year

- According to the US Department of the Treasury, the US government collected \$5.40 trillion in revenue during the fiscal year ending September 2026. This represents an annual increase of \$169 billion or 3.0%.
- In comparison, government expenditure totaled \$7.40 trillion, which is an annual increase of \$368 billion, or 5.5%. Consequently, the fiscal deficit rose by around 12%y/y in the year (\$217 billion) to \$1.99 trillion taking the national debt to a record high of \$40.388 trillion. (About 122% of GDP).
- The largest expenditure item within the US Federal Budget remains Social Security (\$1.667 trillion, which is an annual increase of 5.5%), followed by Medicare (\$1.073 billion, annual increase of 7.6%), and the Net Interest cost of debt (\$1.052 trillion, annual increase of 8.4%). US net interest cost is one of the fastest growing components of the Federal Budget and has risen to almost 20% of total tax revenue.
- US annual defence spending has risen to \$965 billion and is likely to exceed \$1 trillion during the next fiscal year.
- The US debt ceiling is current at \$41.104 trillion, while the Federal Debt that is subject to the debt limits is at \$39.979 trillion. This means that the Department of the Treasury can continue to borrow without asking congress to increase the debt limit. However, the current debt ceiling is likely to be reached by the middle of 2027. At that point a divided US Congress may struggle to reach an agreement on raising the debt ceiling which could led to protracted US government shutdown.

US fiscal deficit each year: 2023 to 2026



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Monday, 12 October 2026

- No major economic data released

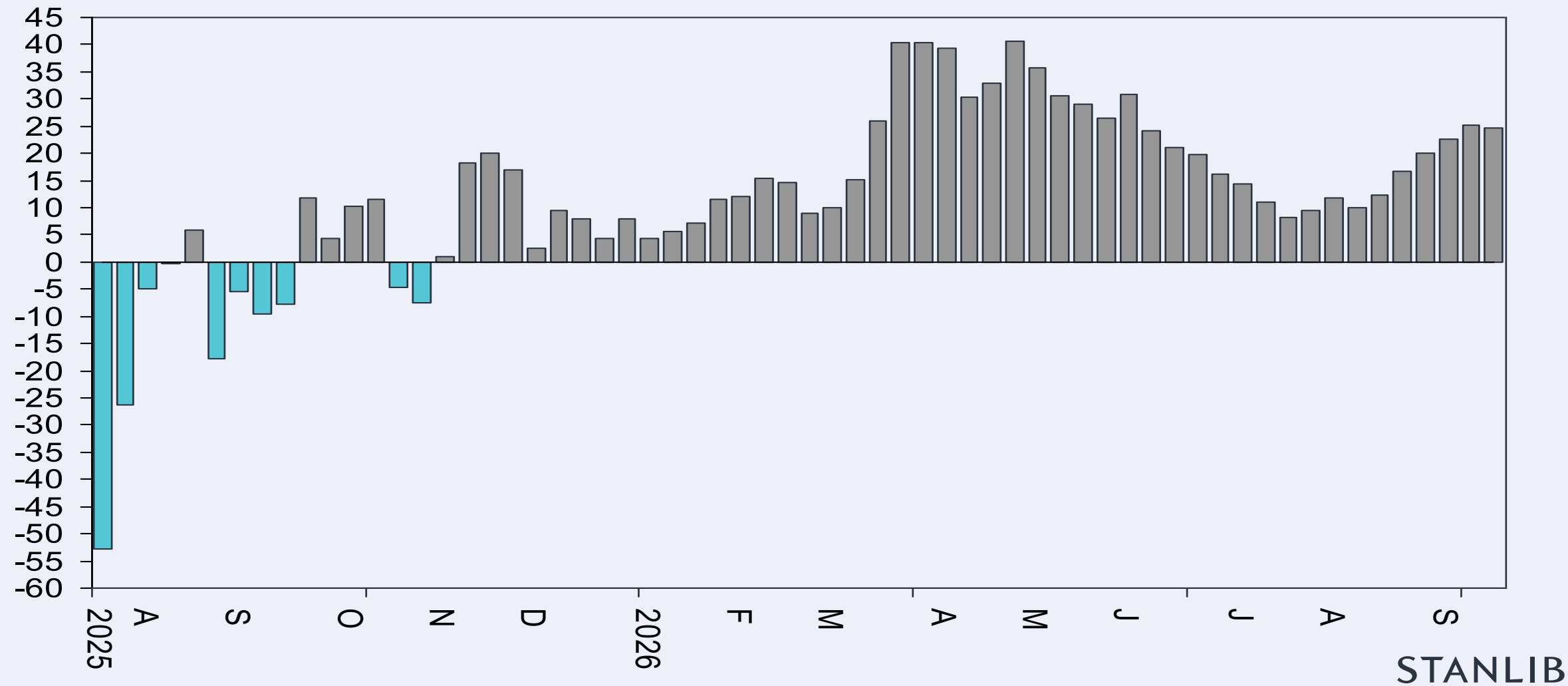
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Tuesday, 13 October 2026

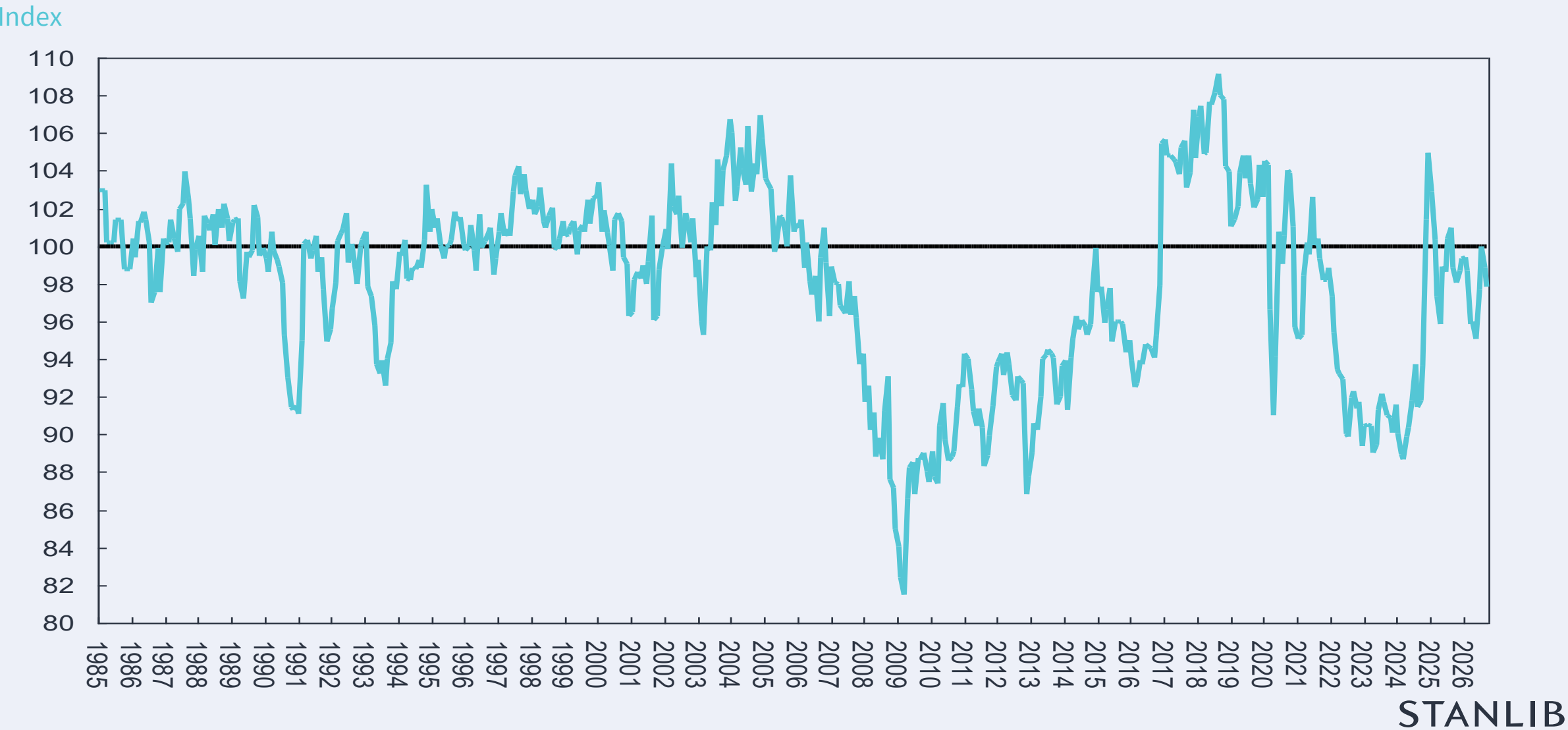
- US ADP weekly employment report
- US NFIB small business confidence for September 2026
- US existing home sales for September 2026
- SA mining production for August 2026
- IMF World Economic Outlook – October 2026

US ADP weekly change in employment (data available since 21 July 2025)

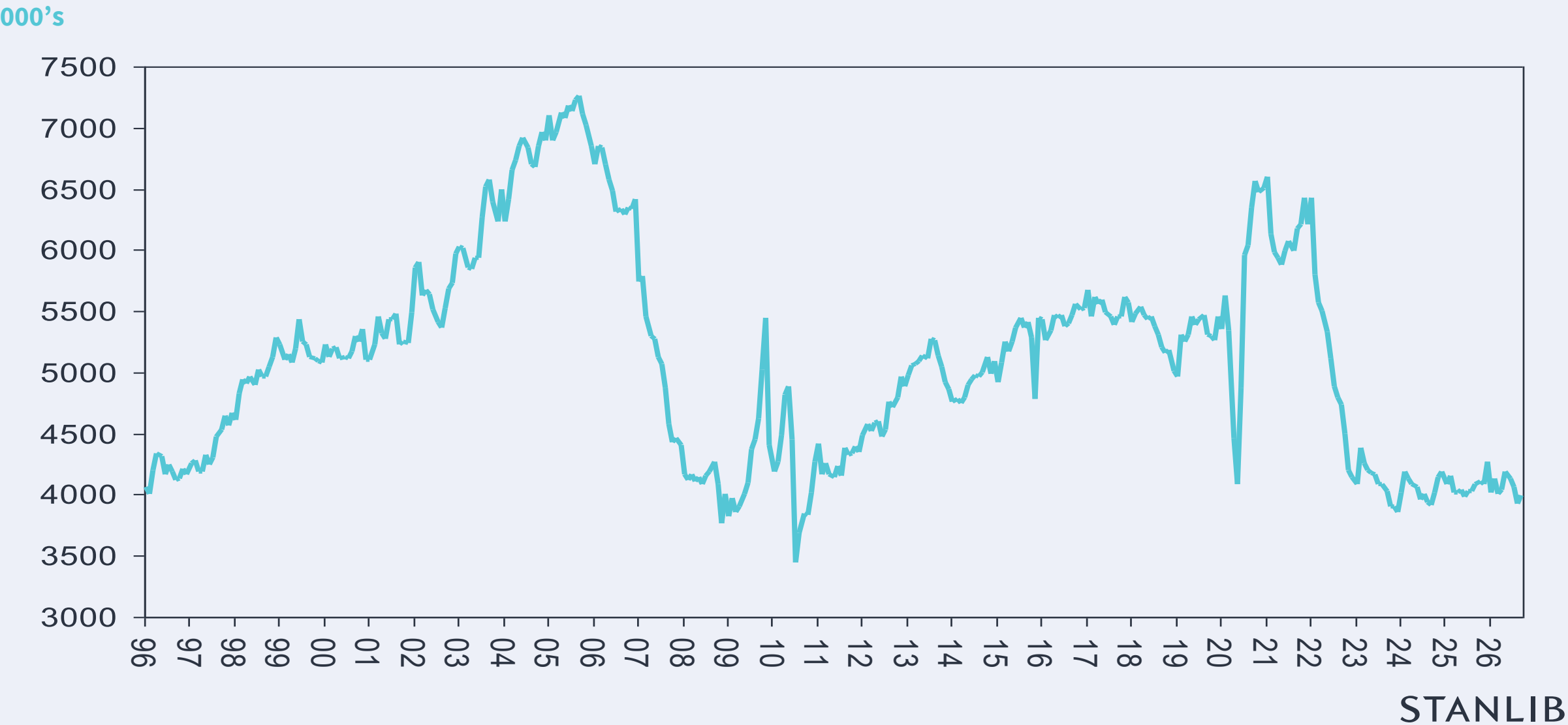
Thousands



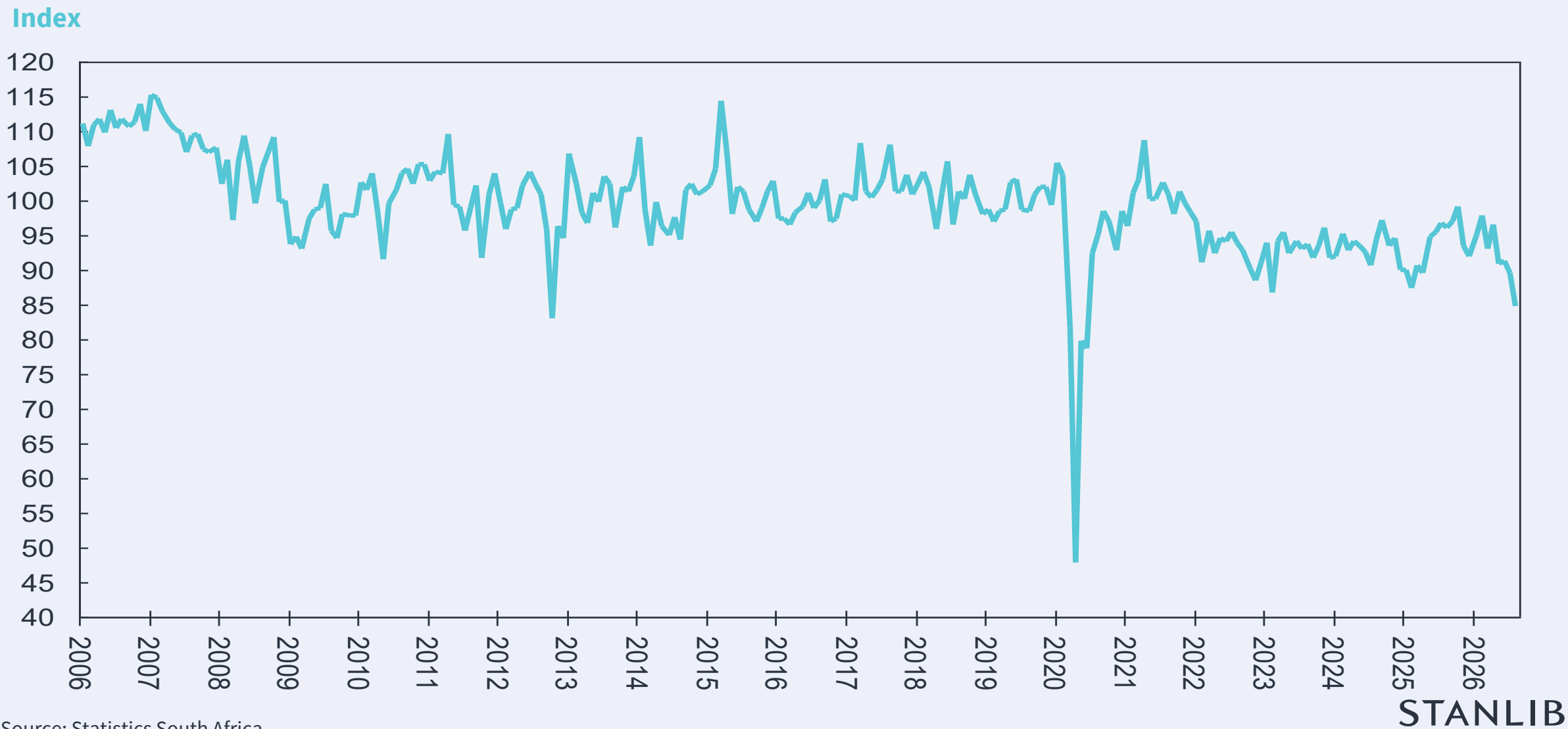
US small business confidence index (NFIB)



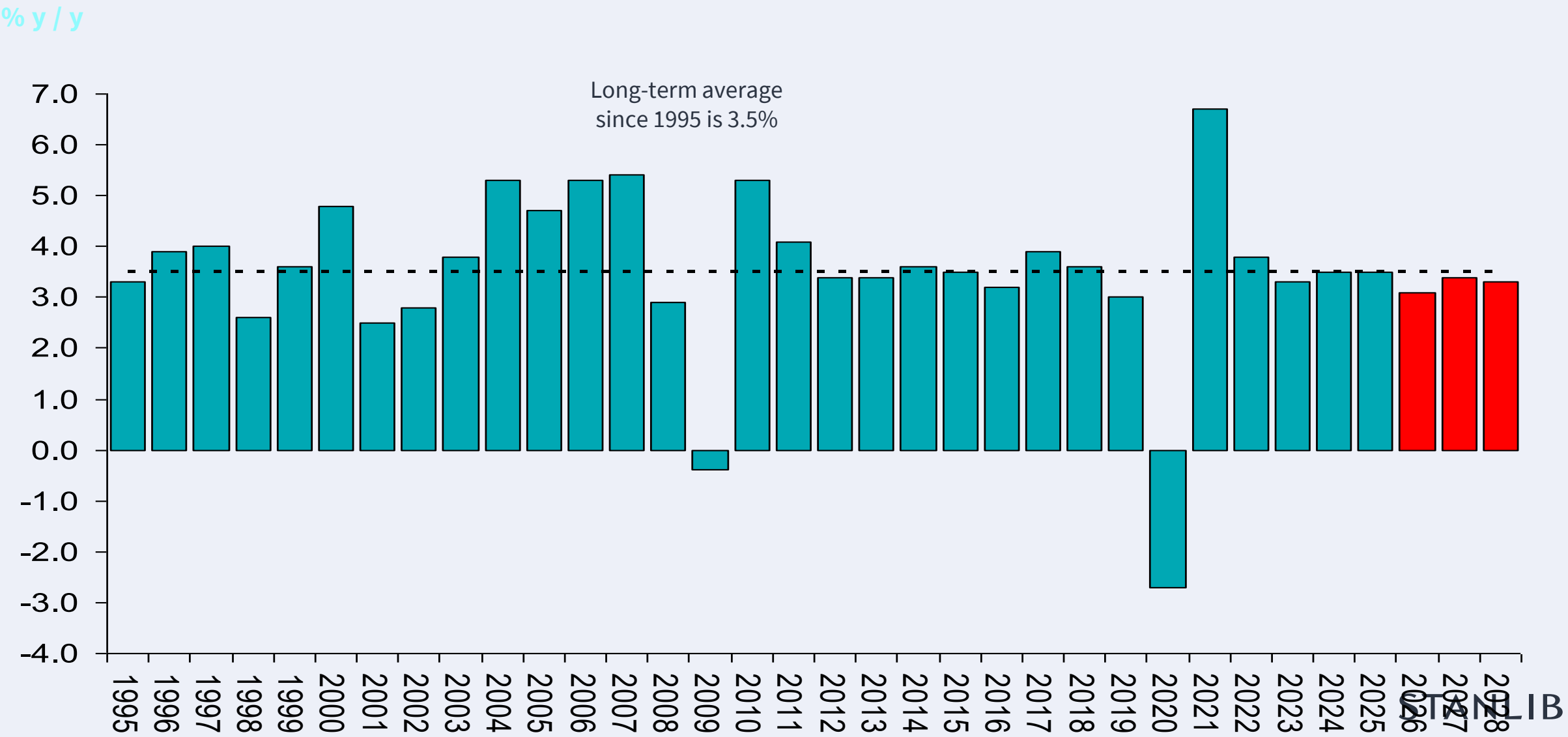
US existing home sales



SA mining production



IMF: World GDP growth forecast



IMF growth forecasts: October 2026

	2025	2026	2027
World	3.5	3.1	3.4
Advanced Economies	2.0	2.1	1.8
US	2.3	2.3	2.3
Euro Area	1.2	1.1	1.2
Japan	1.2	0.7	0.7
UK	1.2	1.3	1.2
Emerging Economies	4.5	3.7	4.4
China	5.0	4.5	4.0
India	7.8	7.0	7.0
Brazil	2.3	2.2	1.9
Russia	1.0	0.9	0.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	4.5	4.5	4.5
South Africa	1.1	1.0	1.3
Nigeria	4.0	4.2	4.3

IMF growth forecasts: revisions since July 2026

IMF	2026	2027
World	0.1	0.0
Advanced Economies	0.4	0.0
US	0.0	0.1
Euro Area	0.2	0.0
Japan	0.1	0.1
UK	0.3	-0.1
Emerging Economies	-0.1	-0.1
China	-0.1	-0.1
India	0.6	0.3
Brazil	-0.2	-0.3
Russia	-0.2	-0.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.2	0.0
South Africa	-0.1	0.0
Nigeria	0.1	0.0

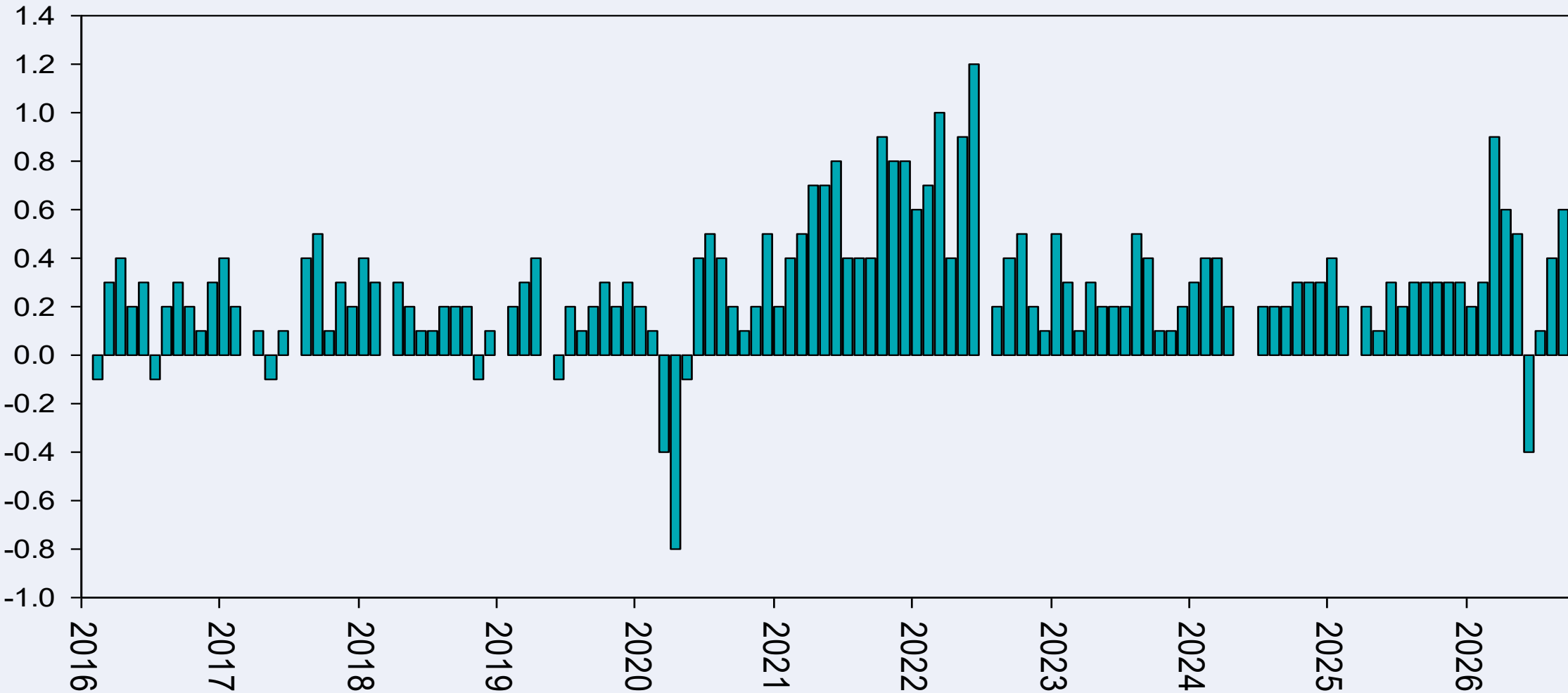
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Wednesday, 14 October 2026

- US consumer inflation for September 2026
- US weekly mortgage applications
- China CPI and PPI inflation for September 2026
- China growth in imports and exports for September 2026

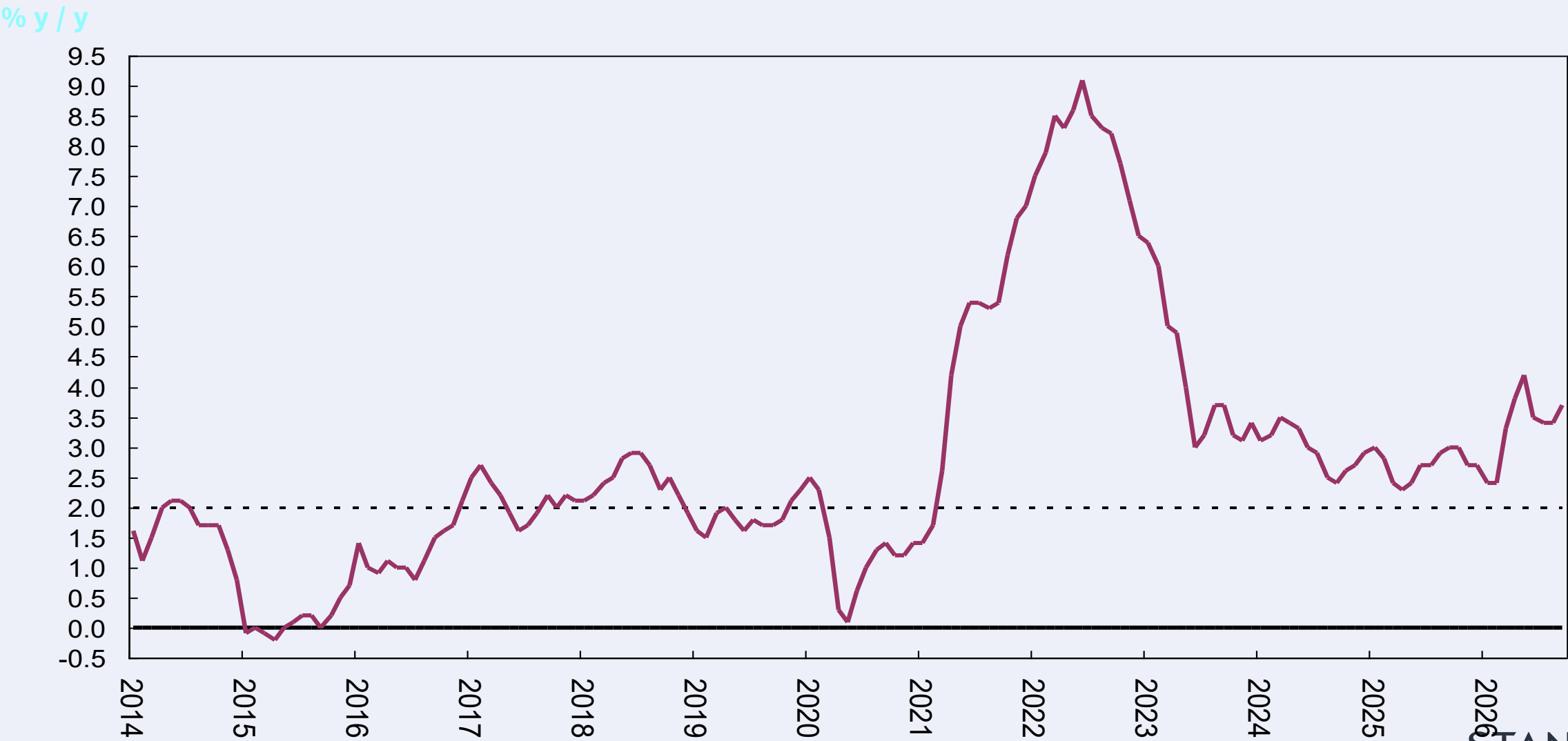
US headline inflation (month-on-month)

% m/m (seasonally adjusted)



Source: US Bureau of Labour Statistics

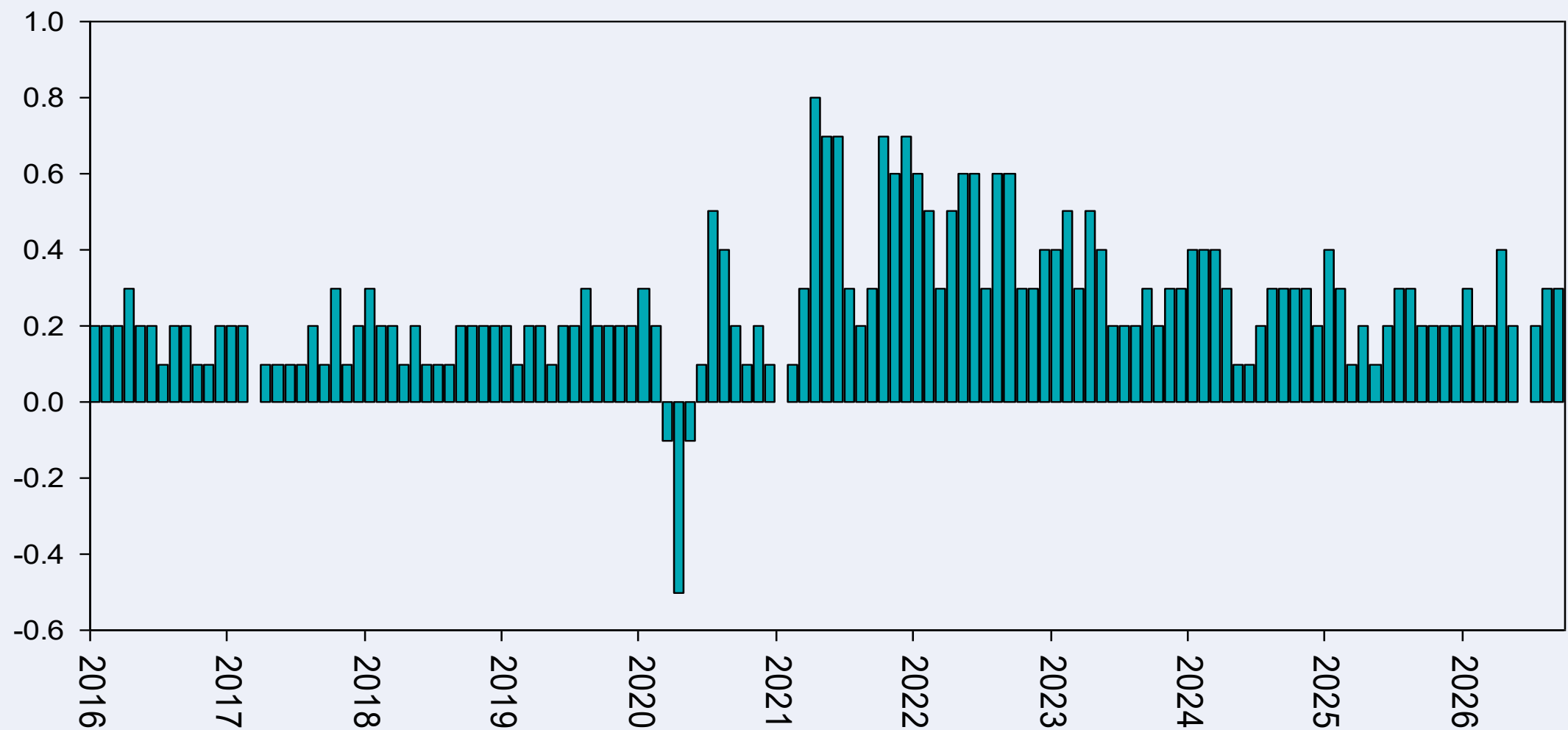
US consumer inflation



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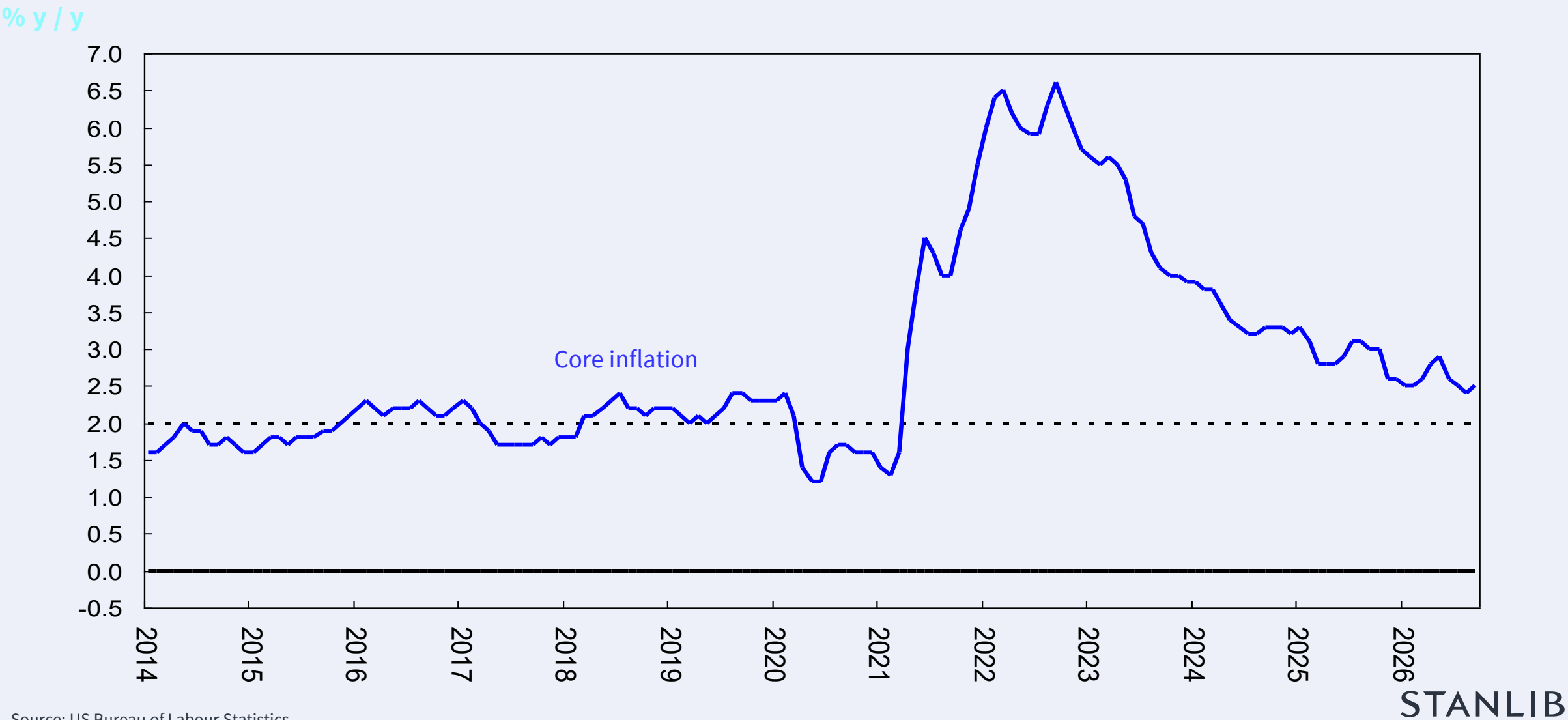
US core inflation (month-on-month)

% m/m (seasonally adjusted)



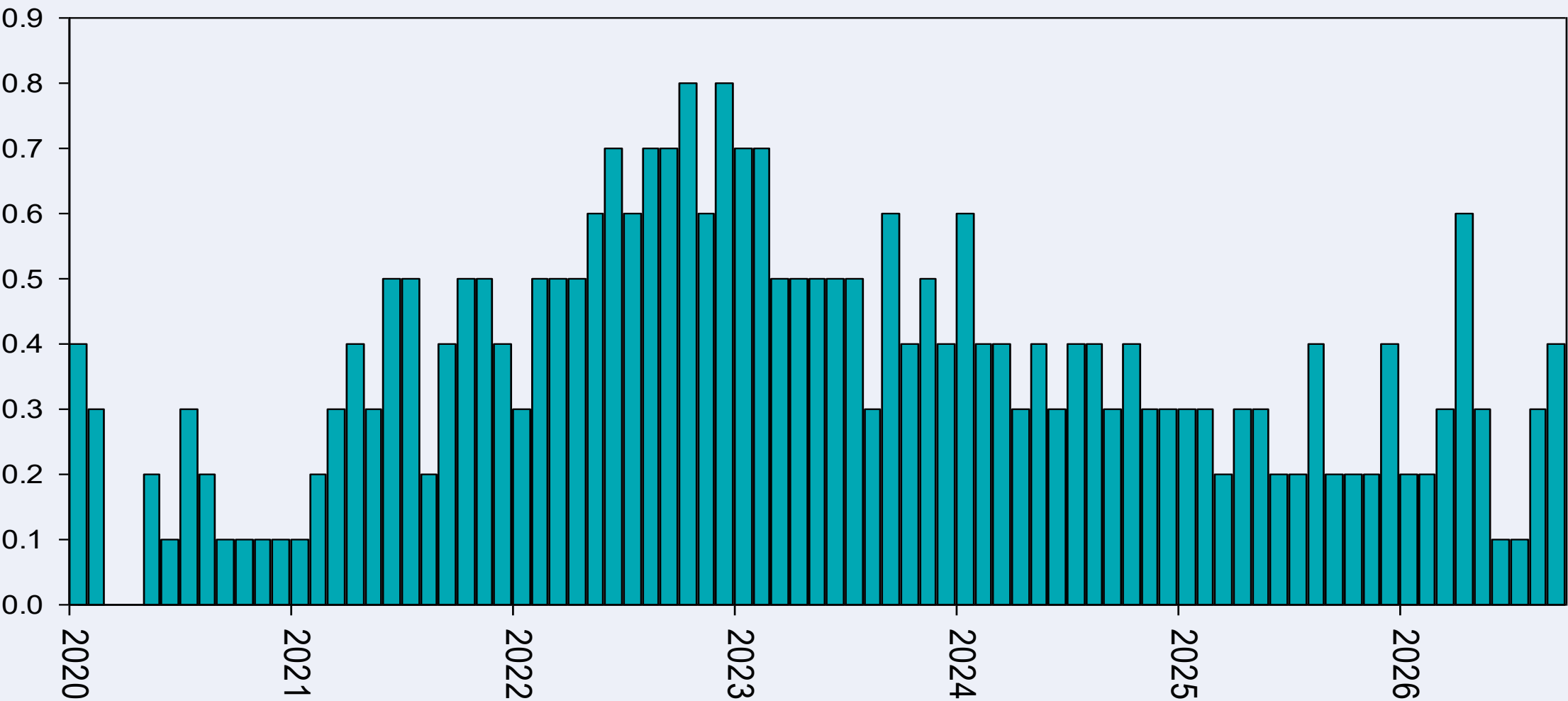
Source: US Bureau of Labour Statistics

US core consumer inflation



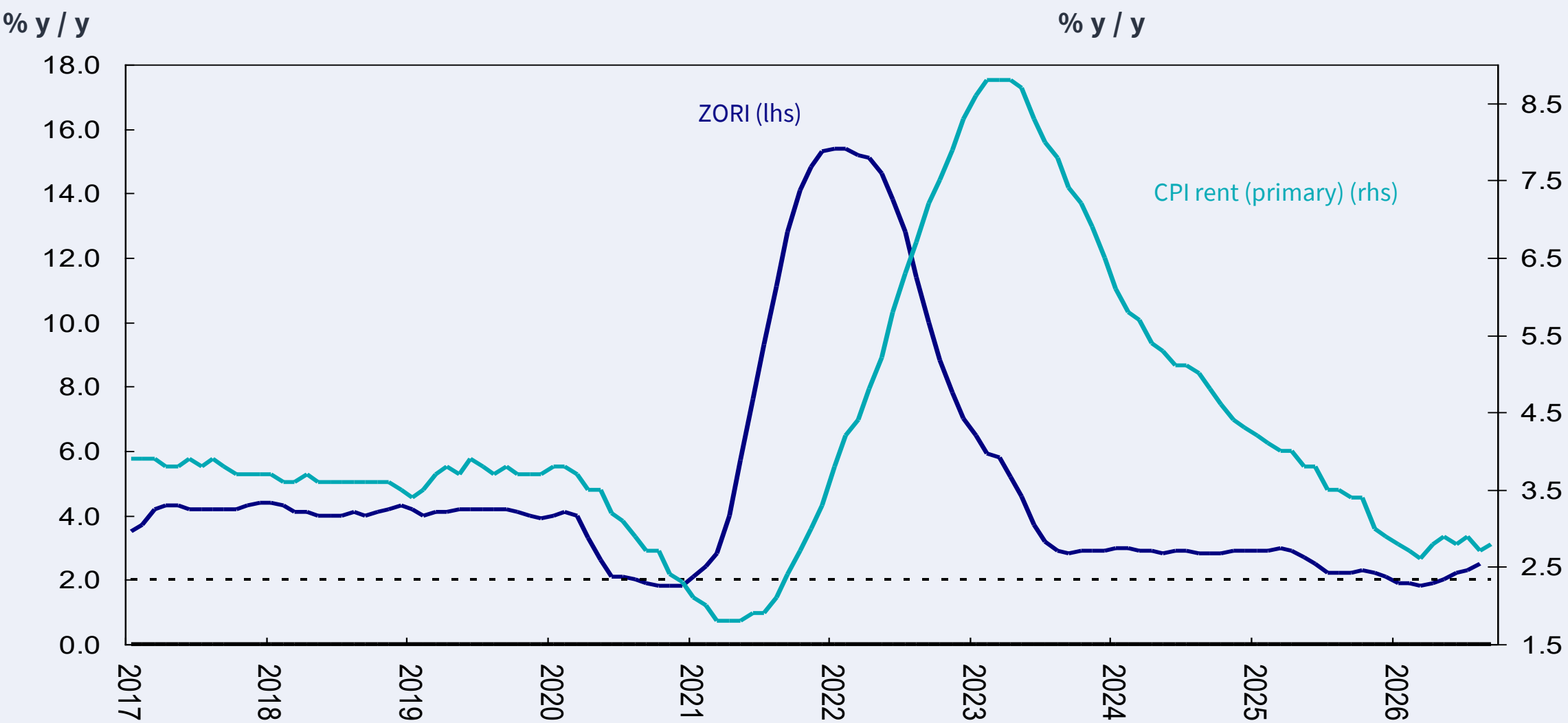
US shelter inflation (month-on-month)

%m/m (seasonally adjusted)



Source: US Bureau of Labour Statistics

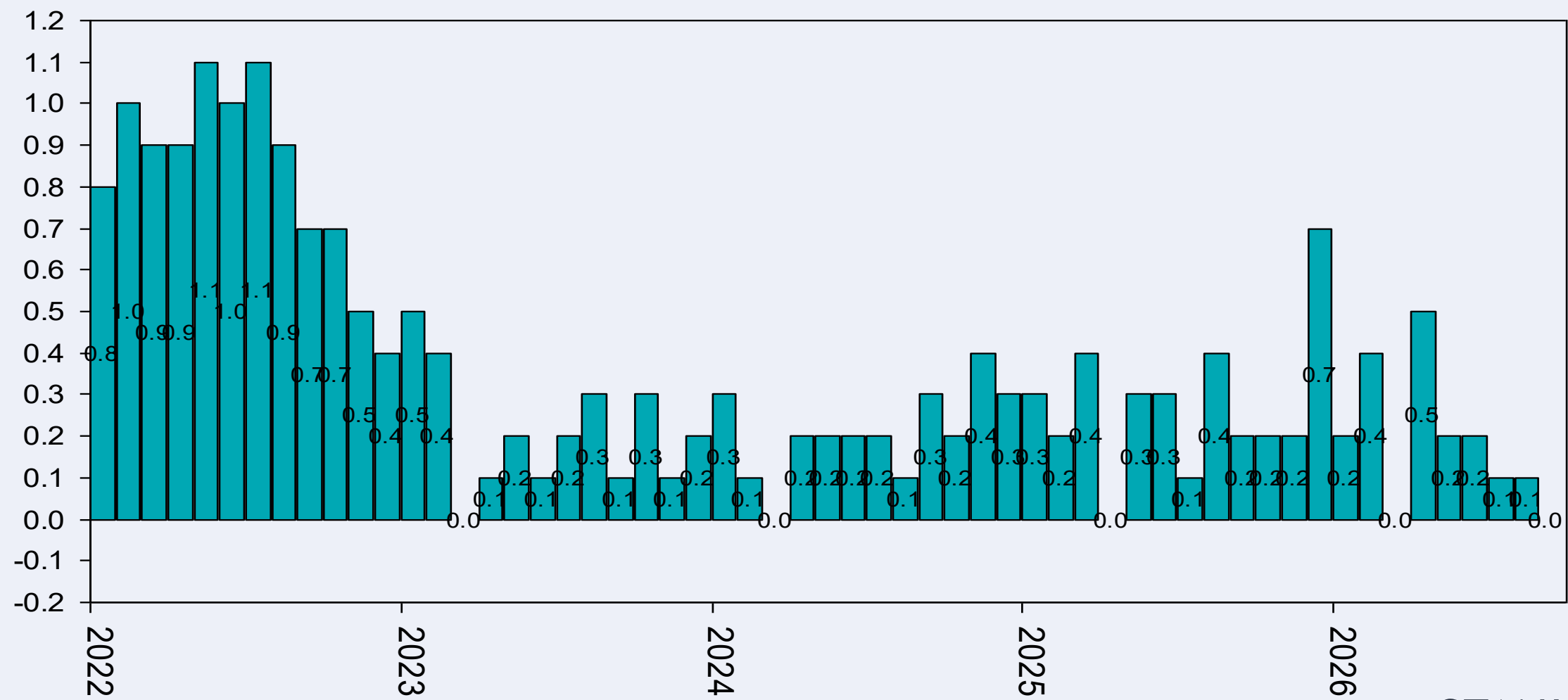
US shelter inflation vs Zillow Observed Rent Index



Source: US Bureau of Labour Statistics and Zillow

US food inflation (month-on-month)

%m/m (seasonally adjusted)



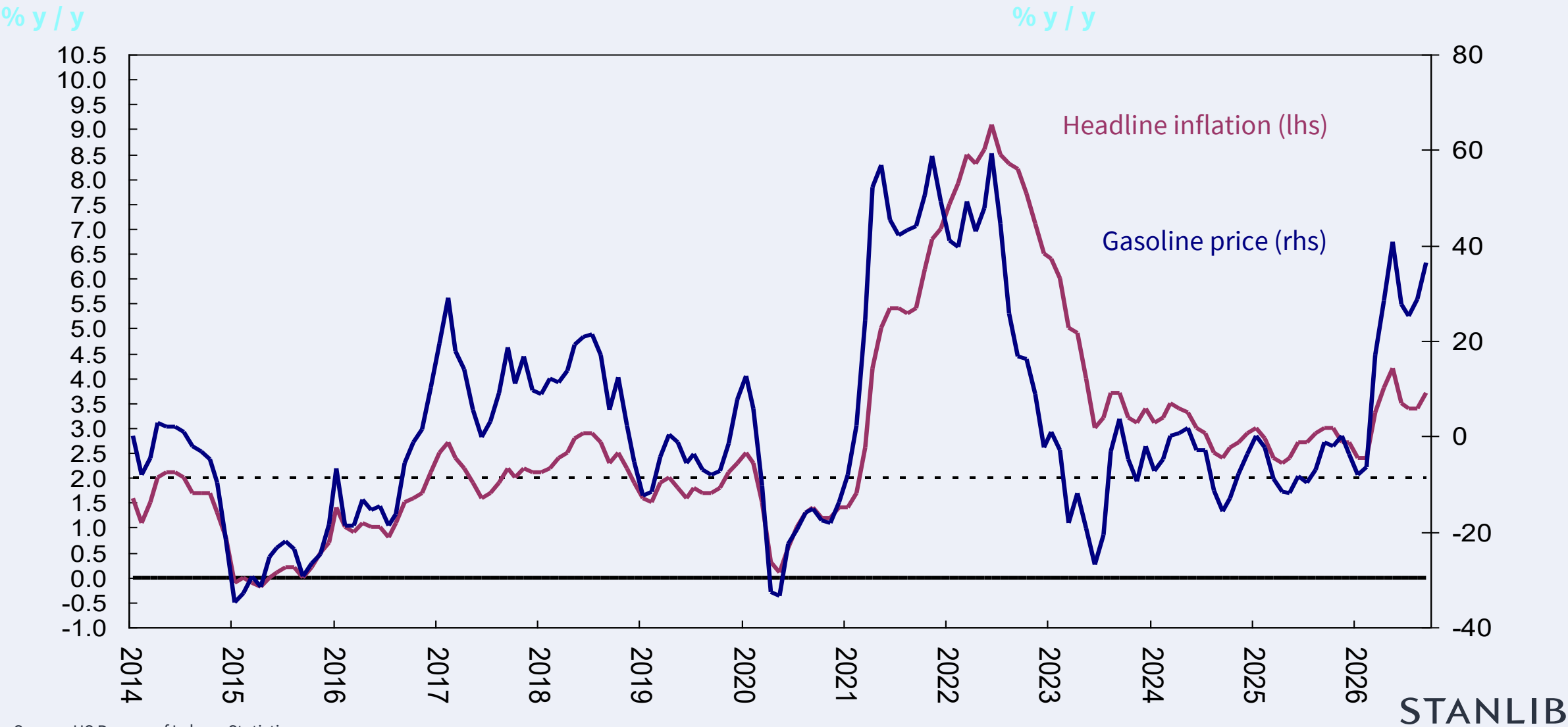
Source: US Bureau of Labour Statistics

US food inflation

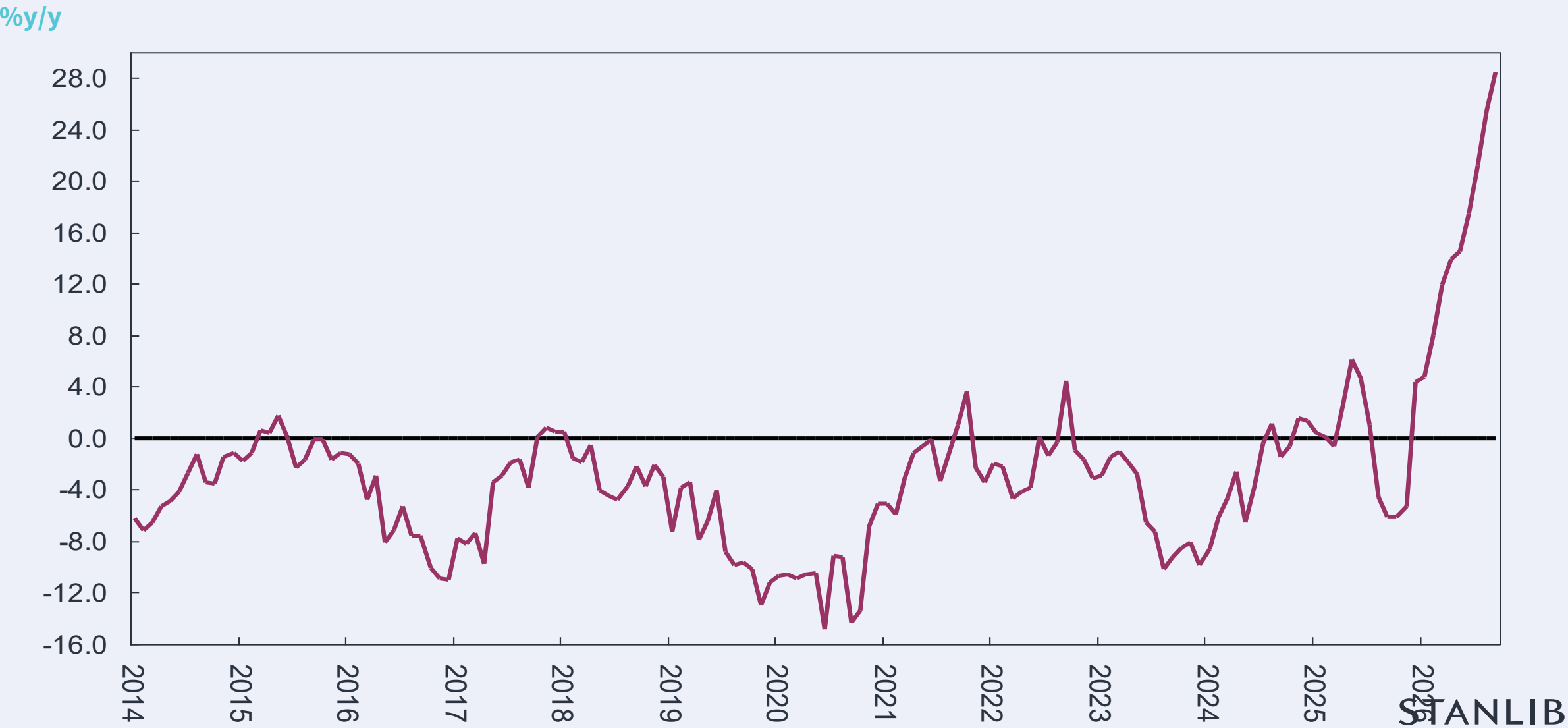
% y / y



US consumer inflation vs gasoline price

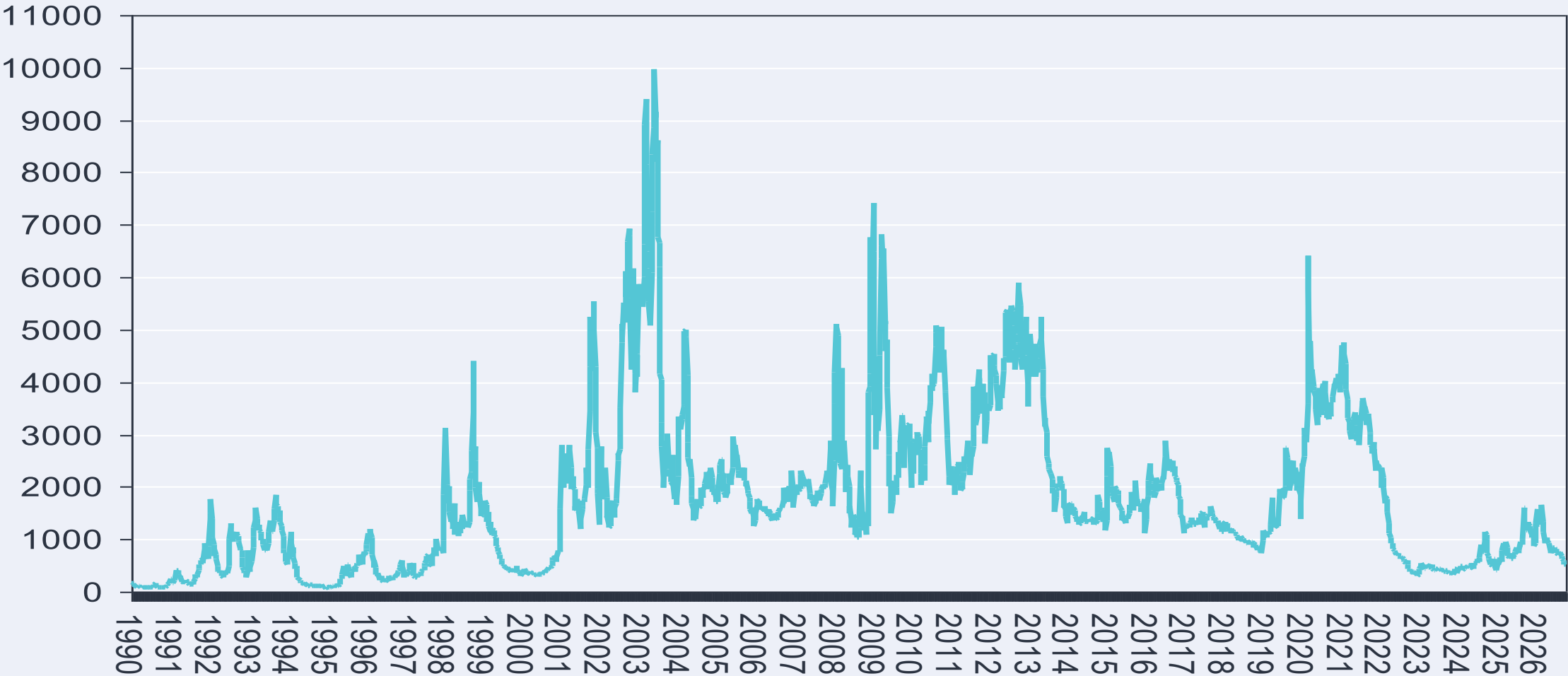


US computer software inflation



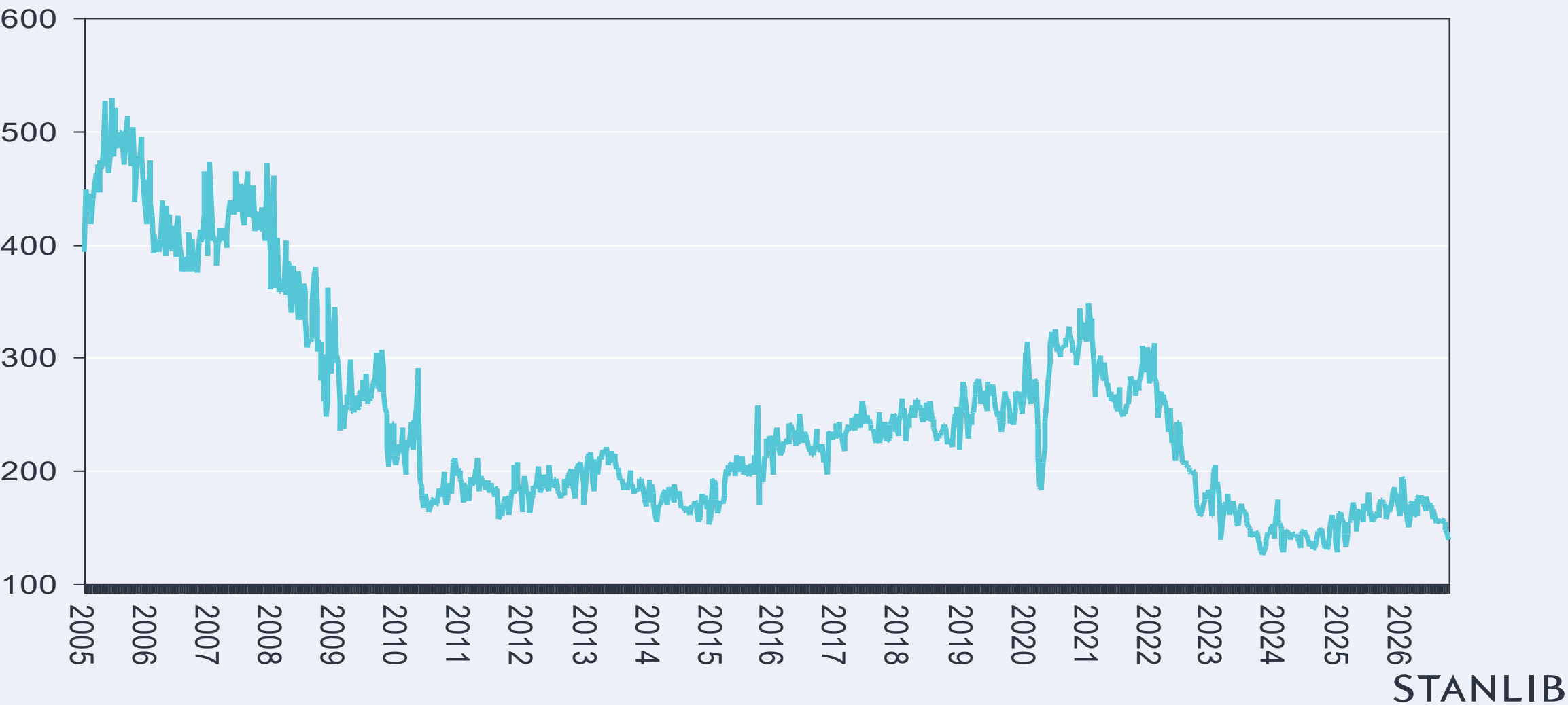
US mortgage refinancing index

Index



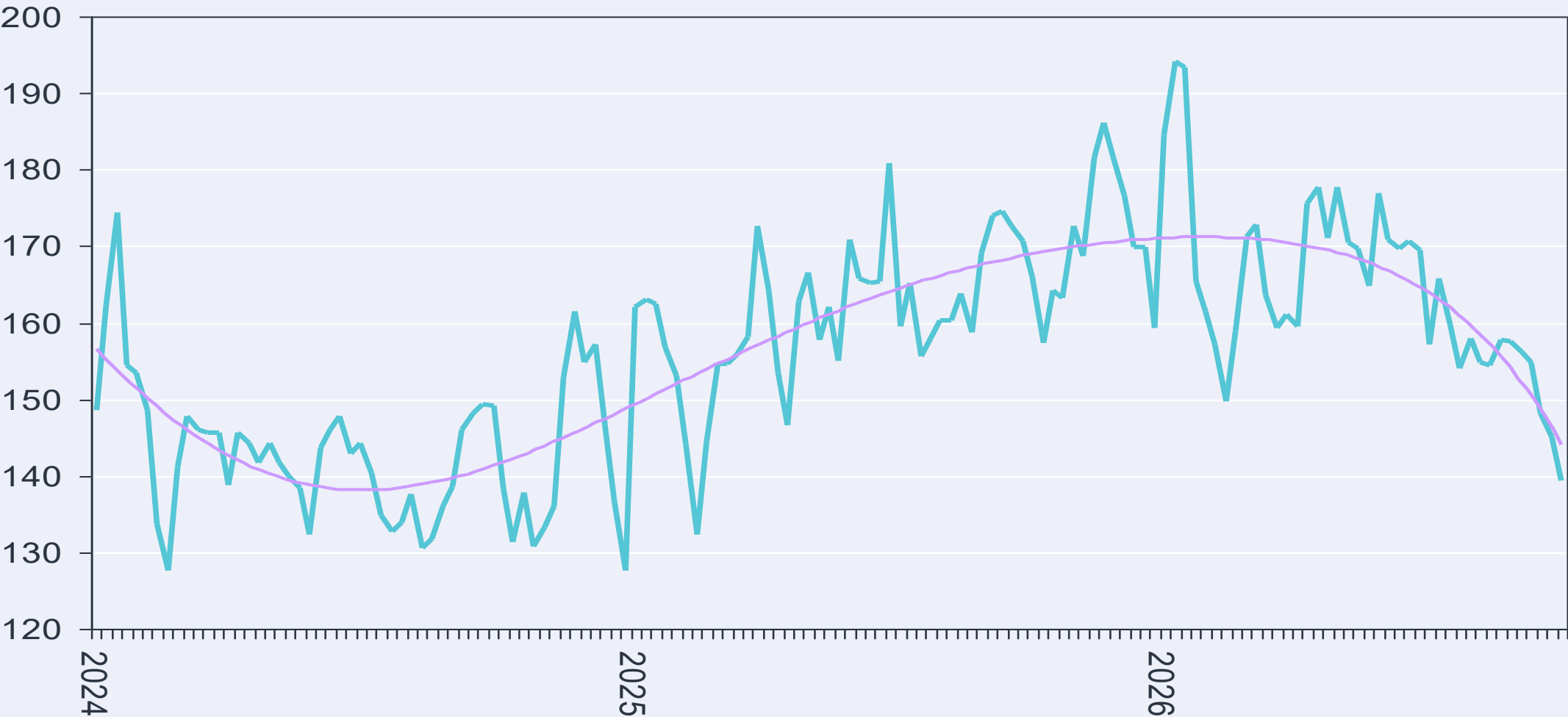
US mortgage applications for purchase

Market composite index



US mortgage applications for purchase

Market composite index



US 30-year fixed rate mortgage

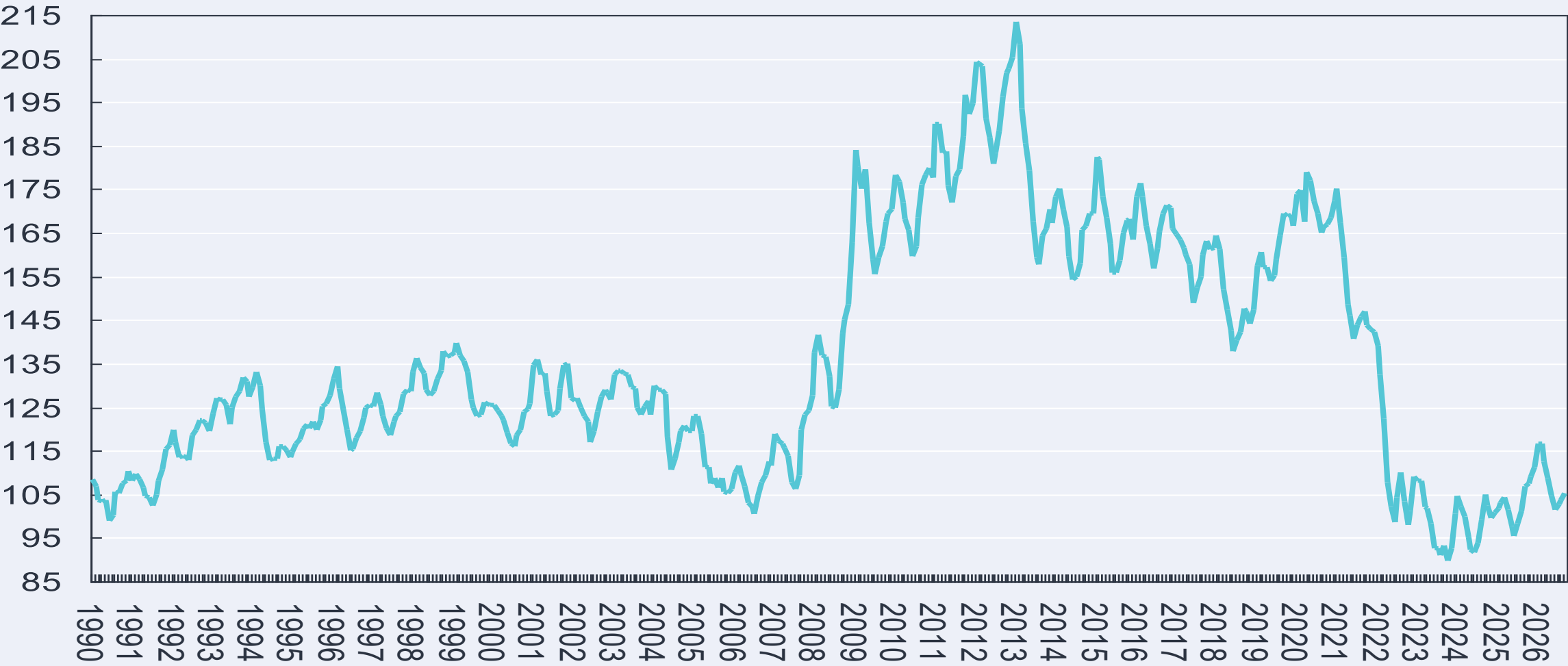
% yield, 30-year rate



US housing affordability

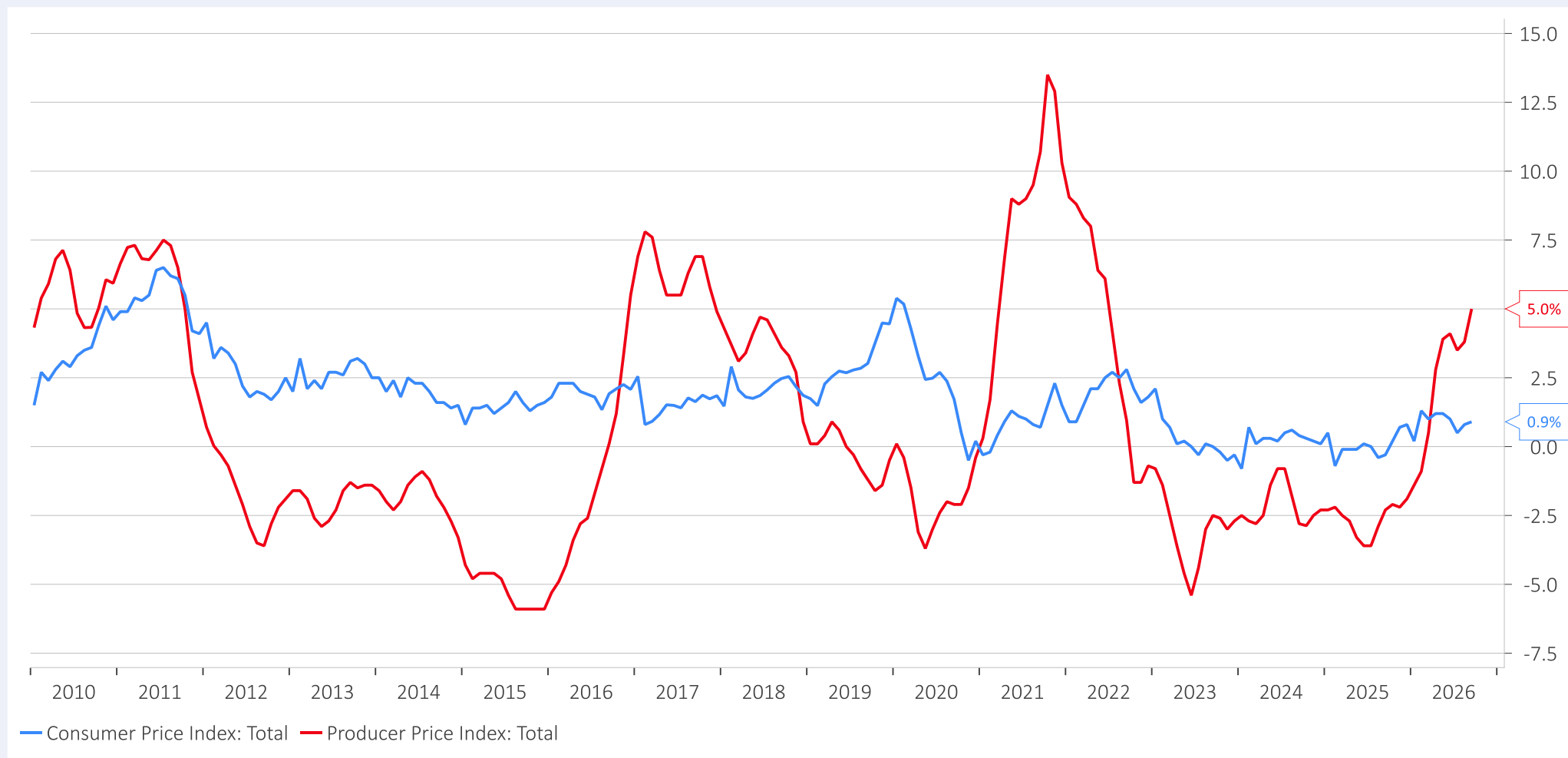
Index, composite

The lower the index the more unaffordable housing has become



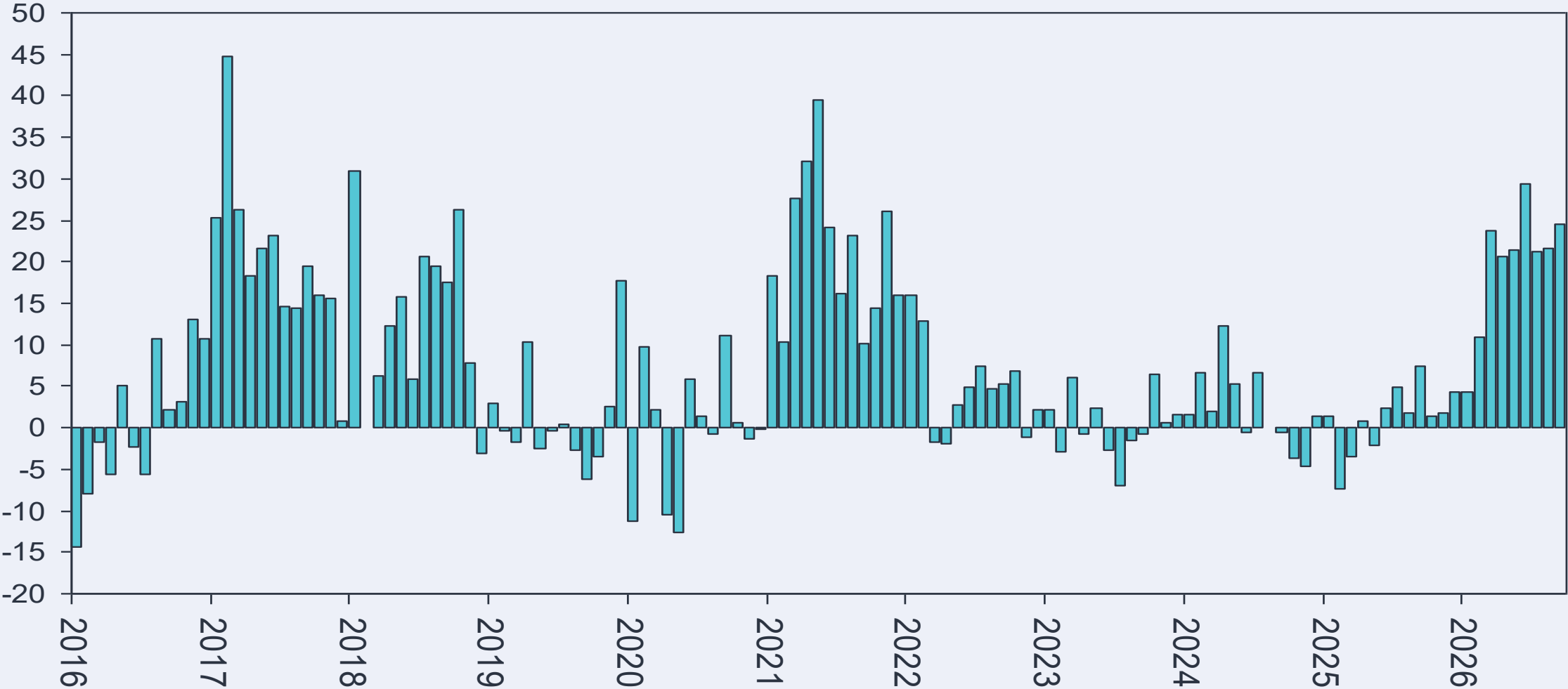
China consumer and producer inflation

%y/y



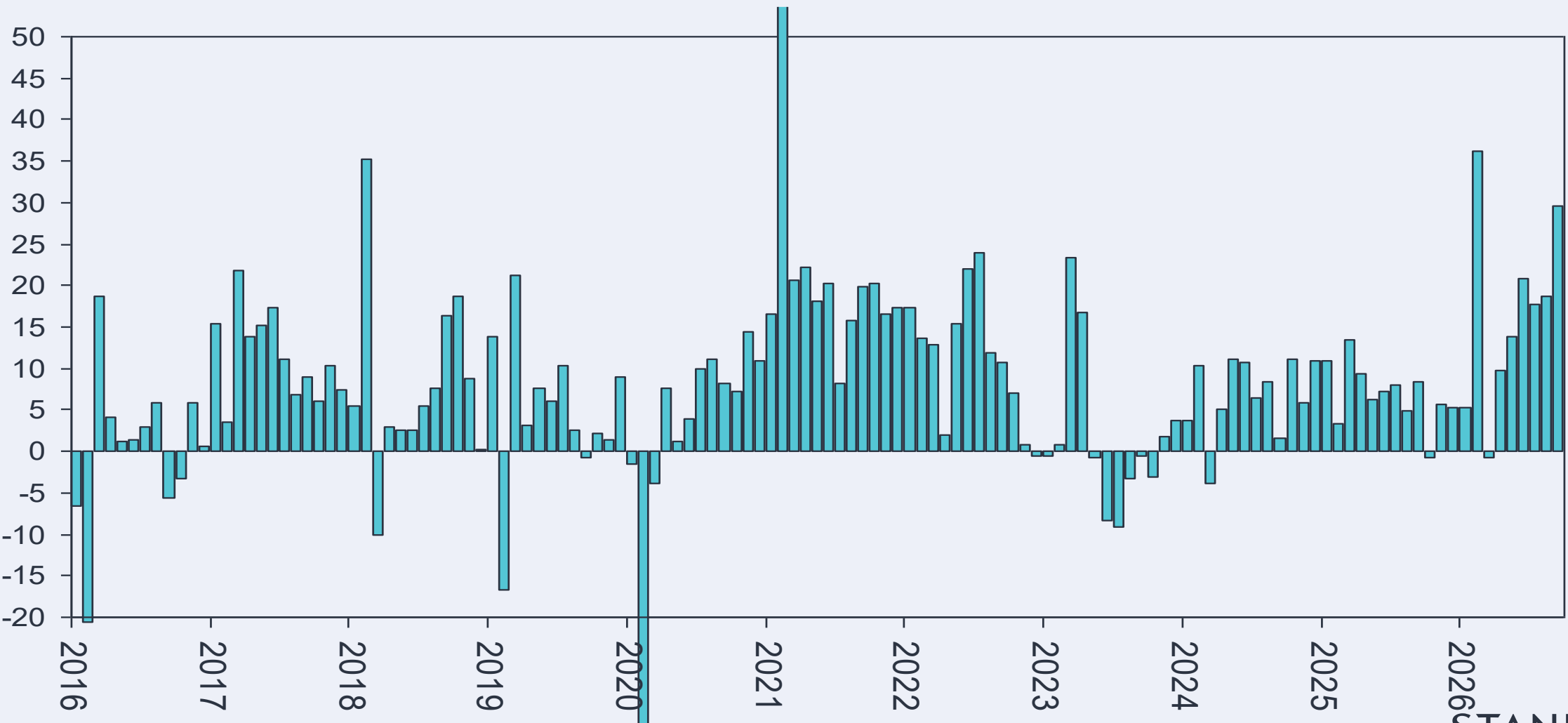
China growth in imports

%y/y (CNY)



China growth in exports

%y/y (CNY)



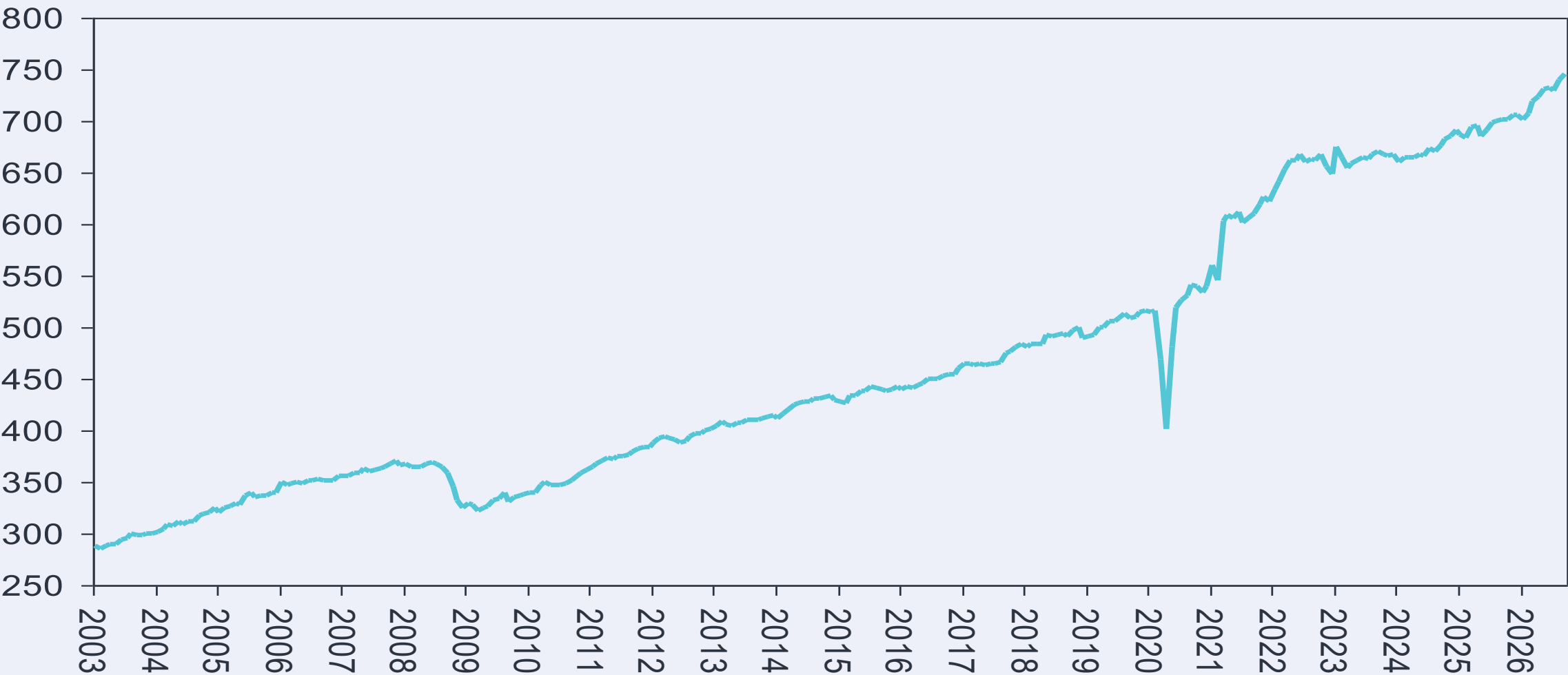
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Thursday, 15 October 2026

- US retail sales for September 2026
- US Empire manufacturing index for October 2026
- US weekly jobless claims
- US PPI inflation for September 2026

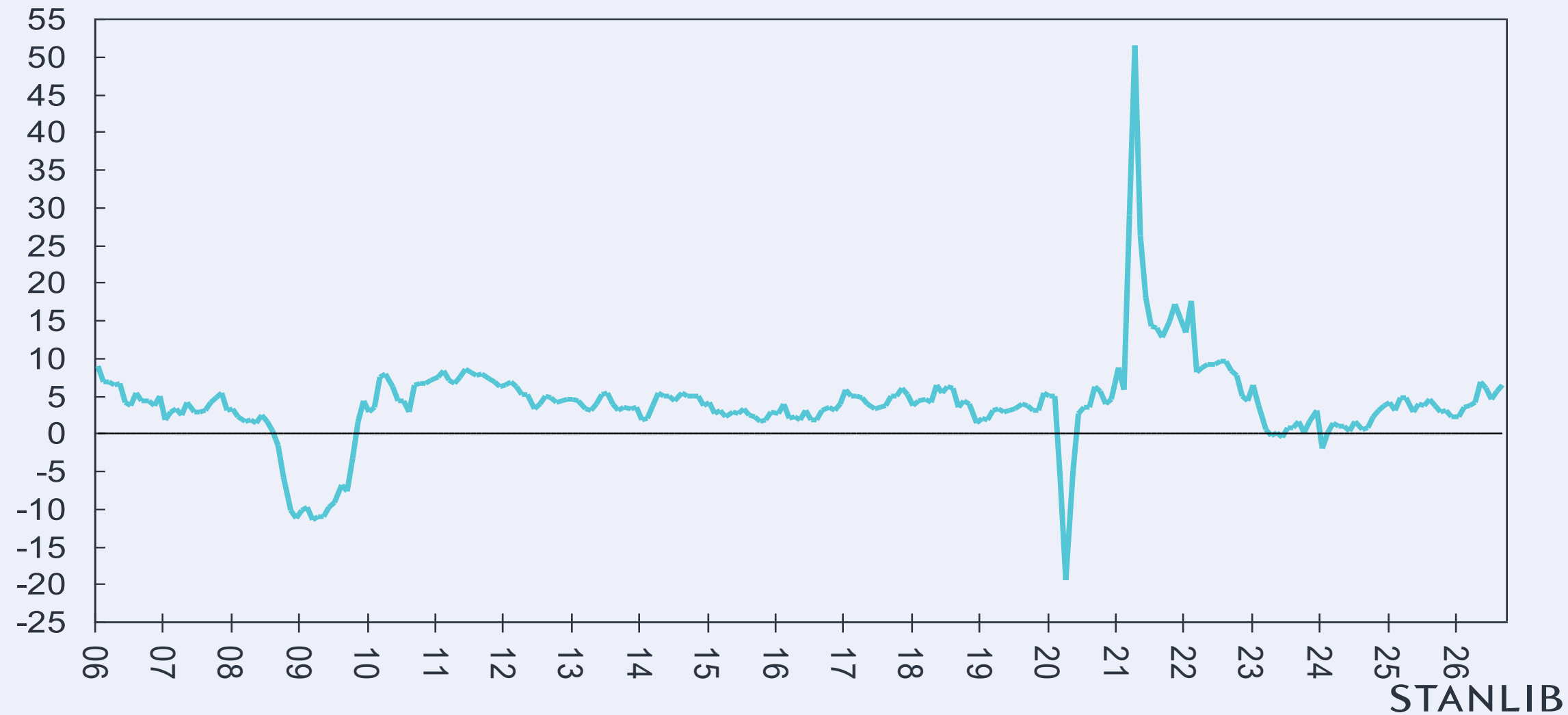
US retail sales (total value)

R billion



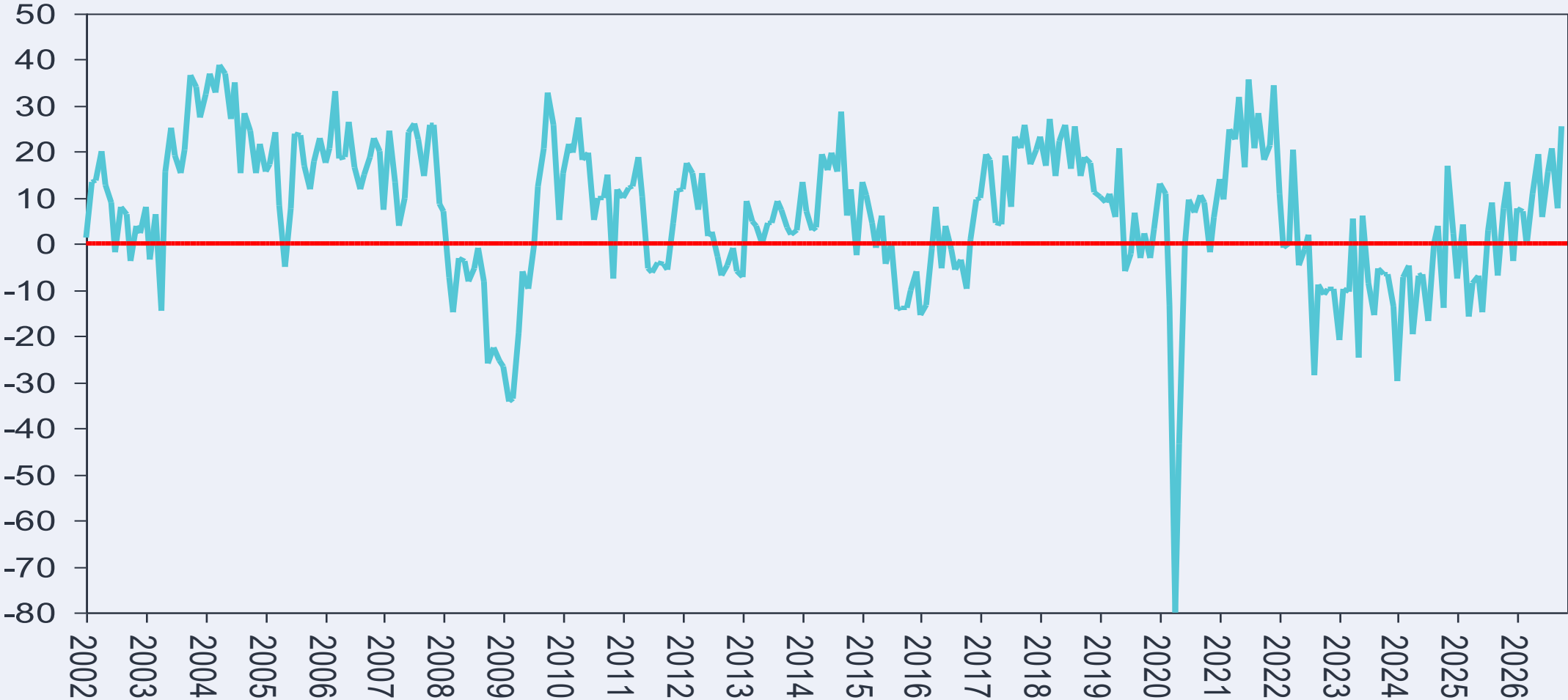
US retail sales

% year-on-year, nominal

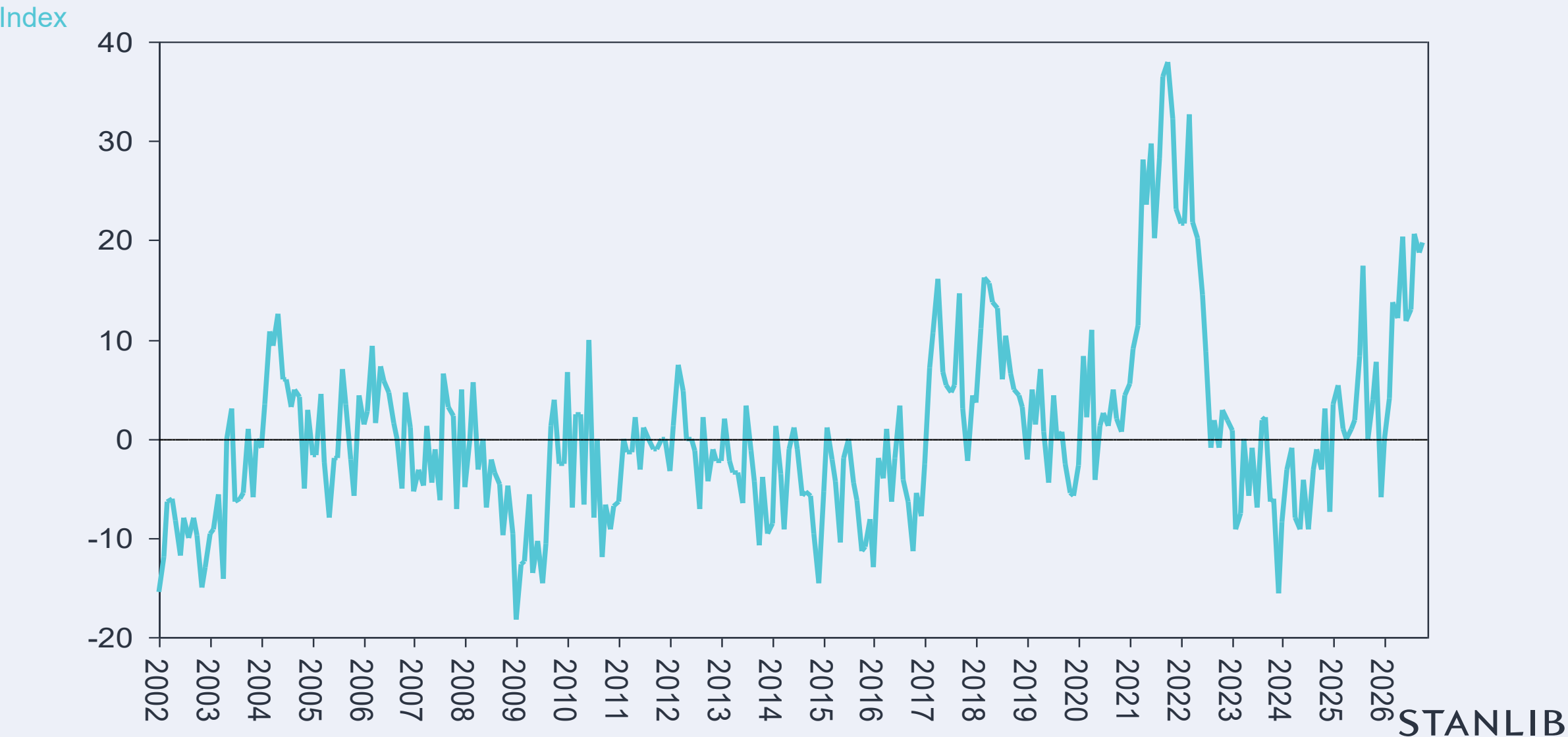


US Empire State Manufacturing survey

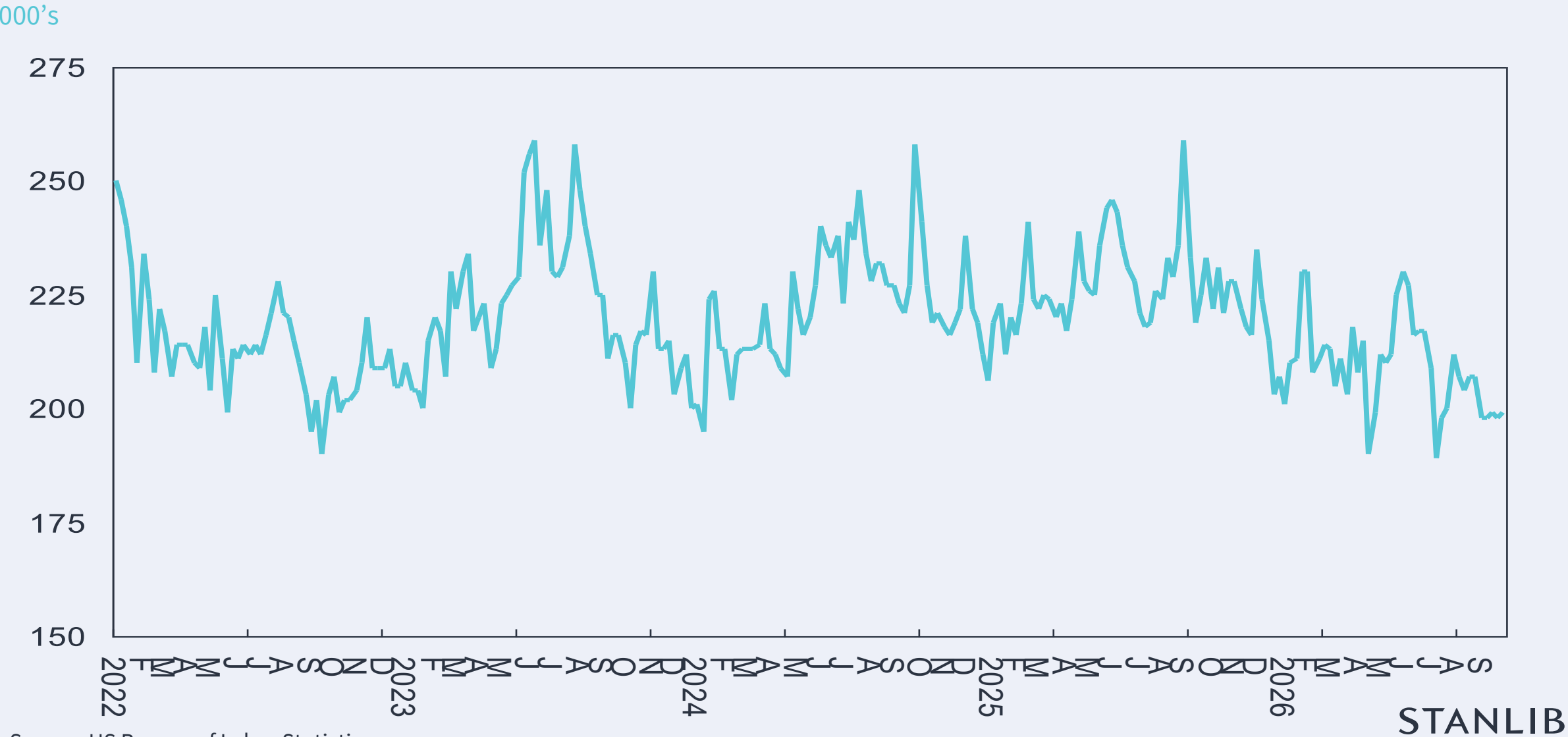
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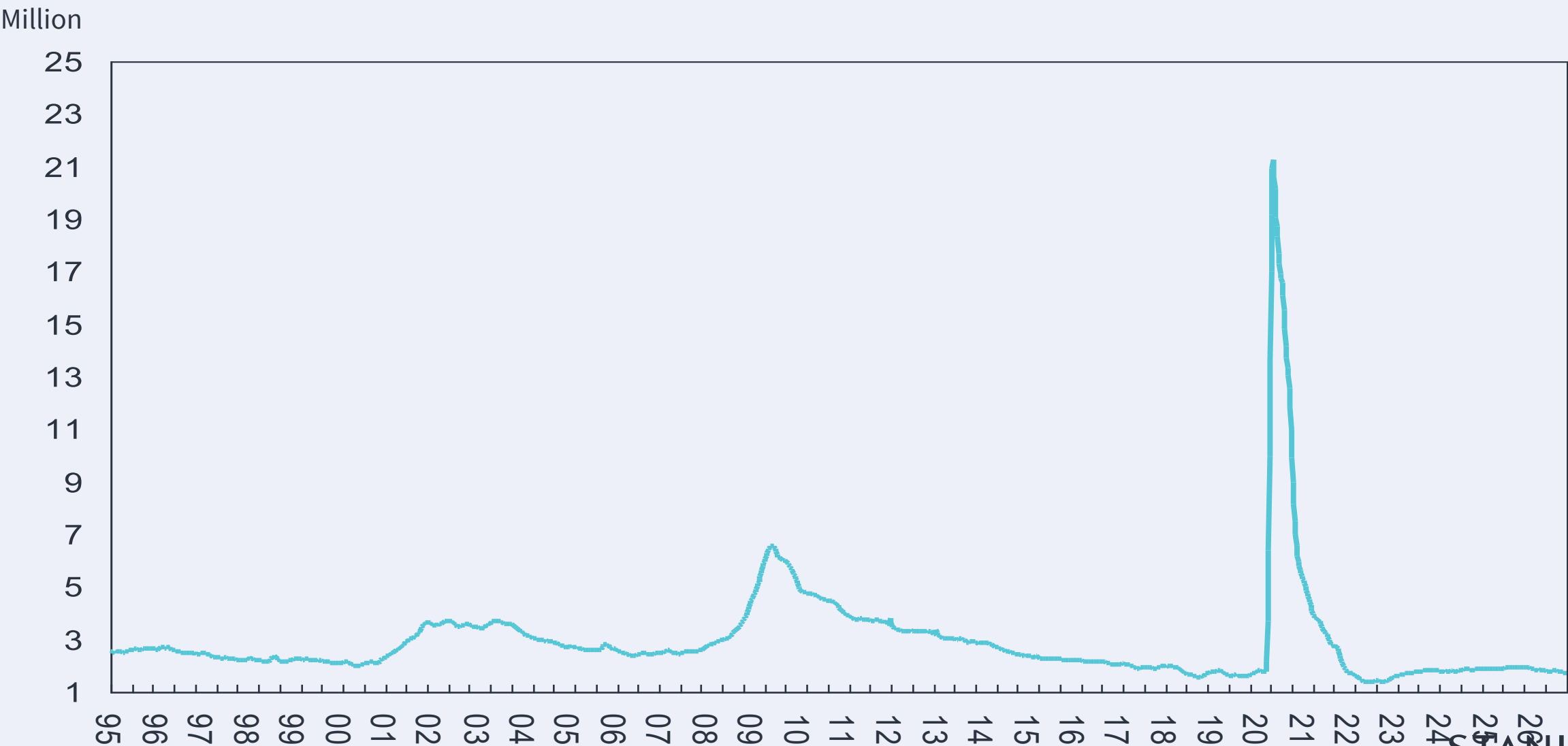
US Empire State Manufacturing survey – delivery time



US initial jobless claims

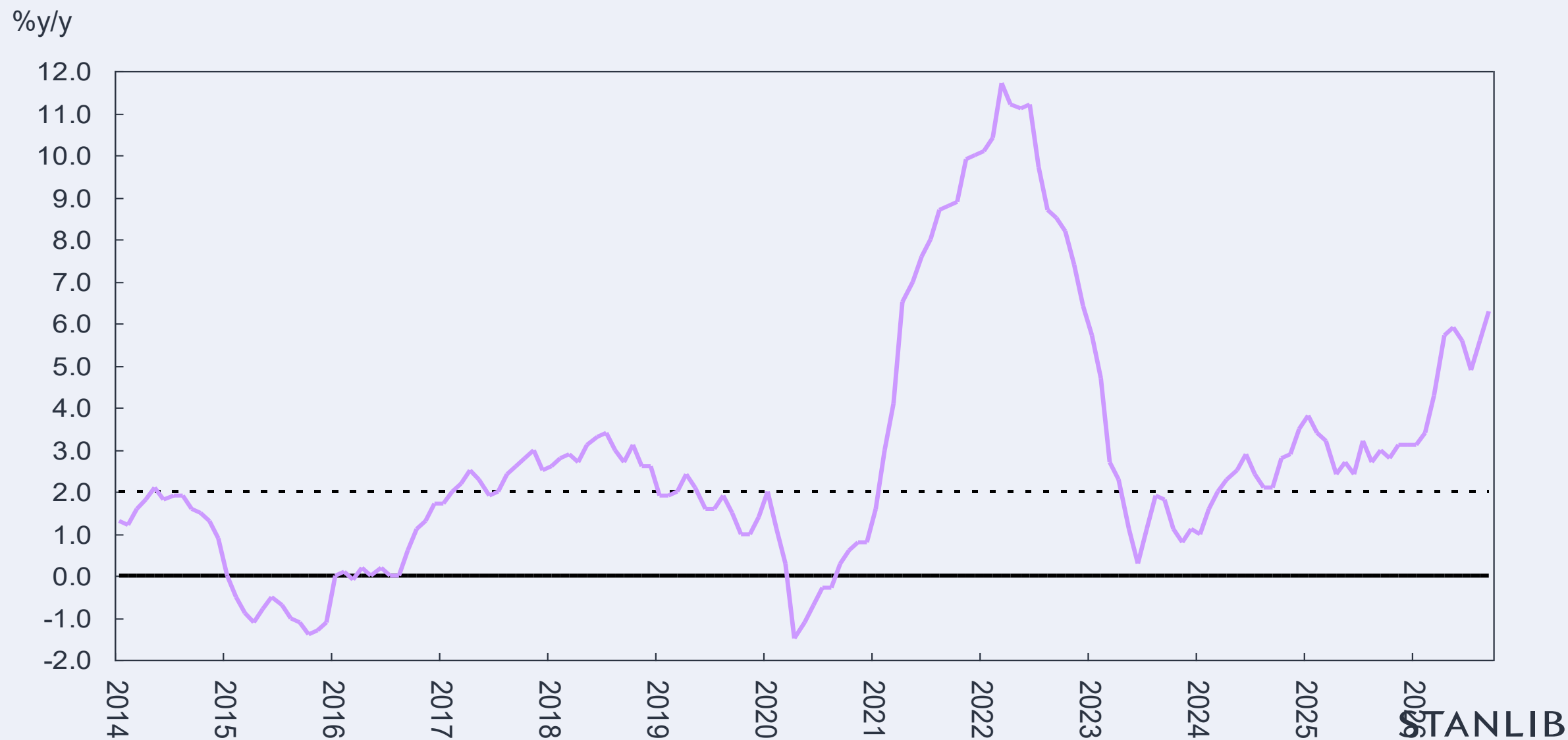


US continuing claims

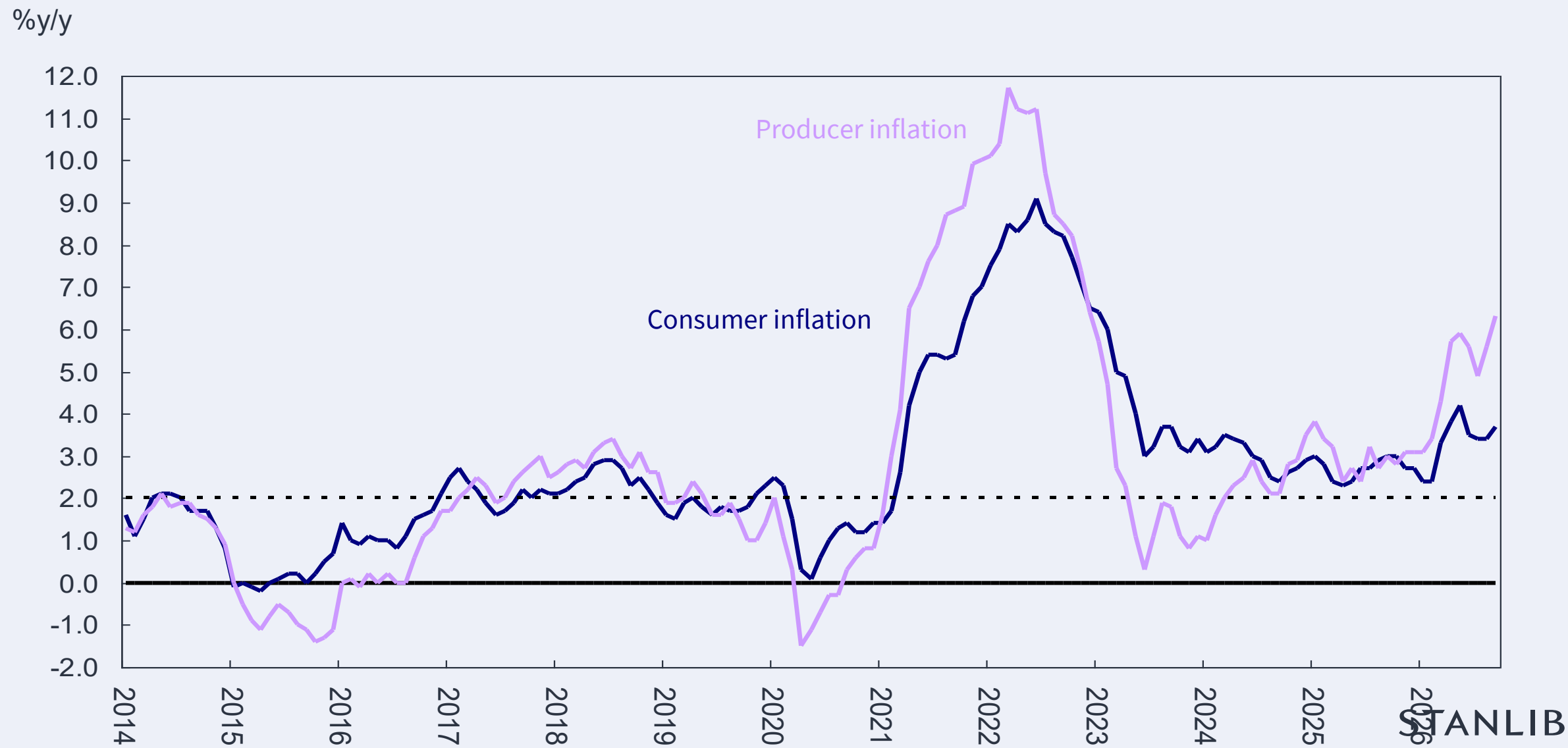


Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

US producer inflation



US consumer vs producer inflation

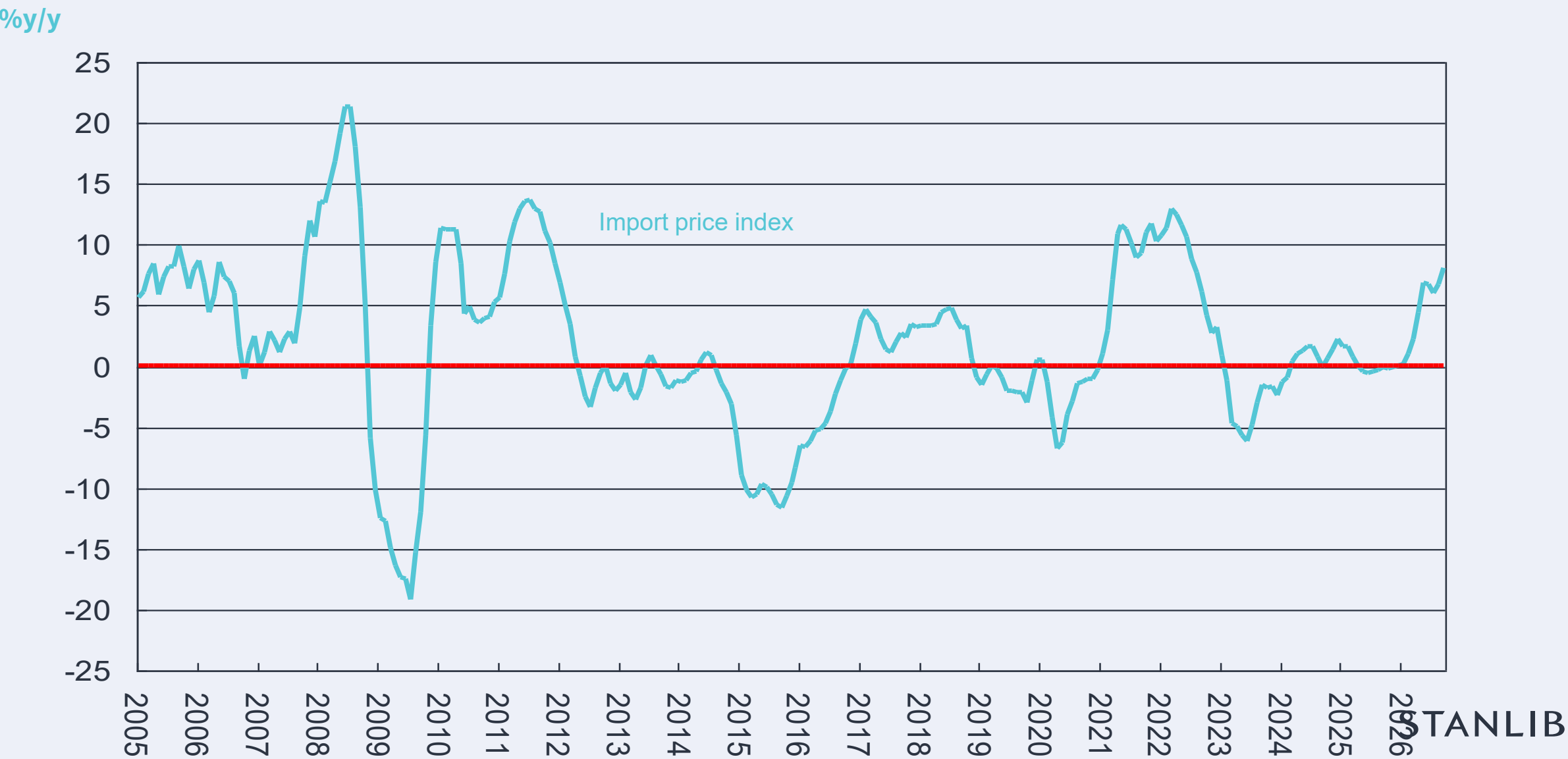


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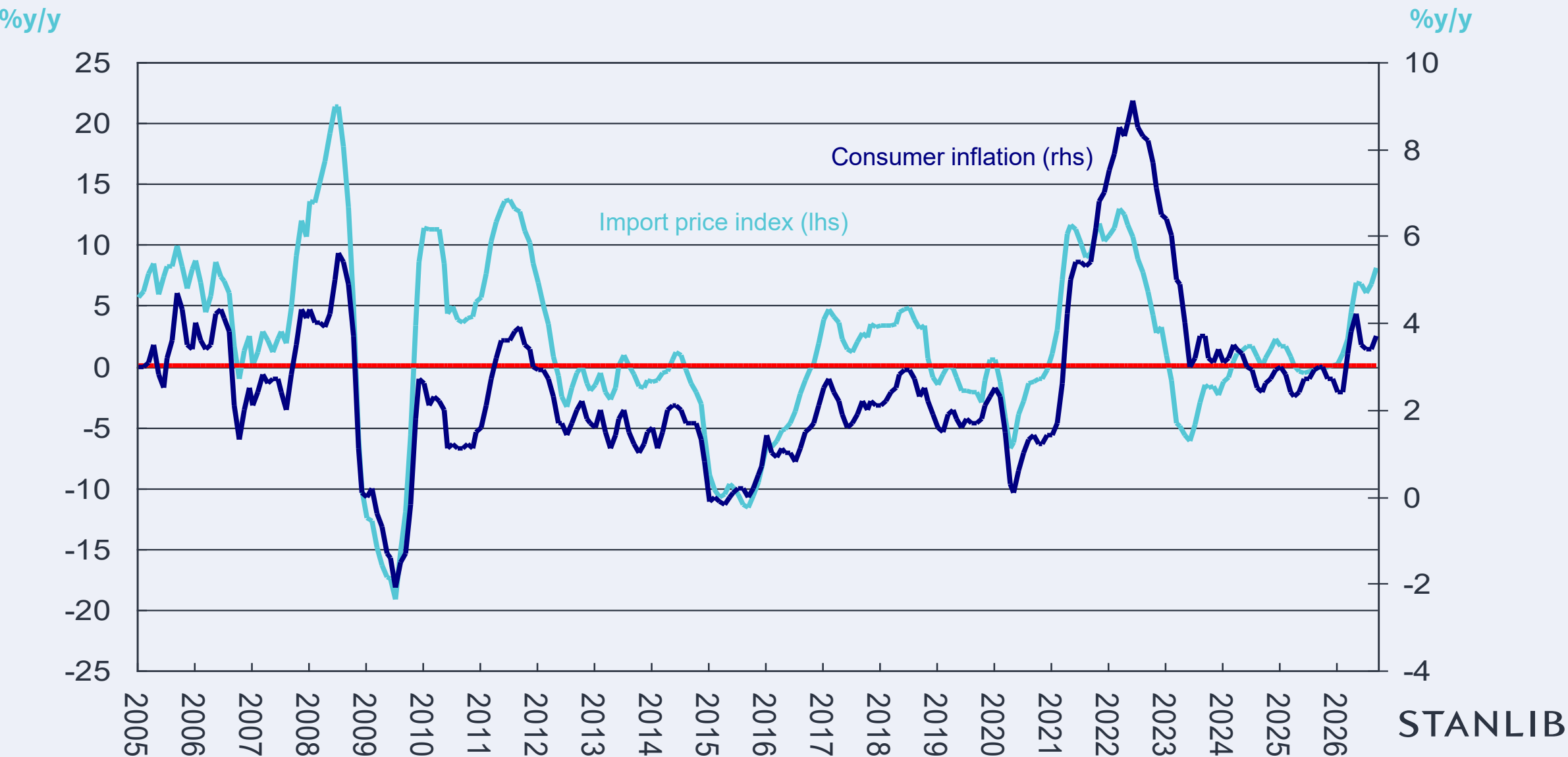
Friday, 16 October 2026

- US import price index for September 2026
- US industrial production for September 2026
- US government revenue and expenditure for September 2026
- Euro-area consensus growth forecast for October 2026
- Euro-area trade balance for August 2026

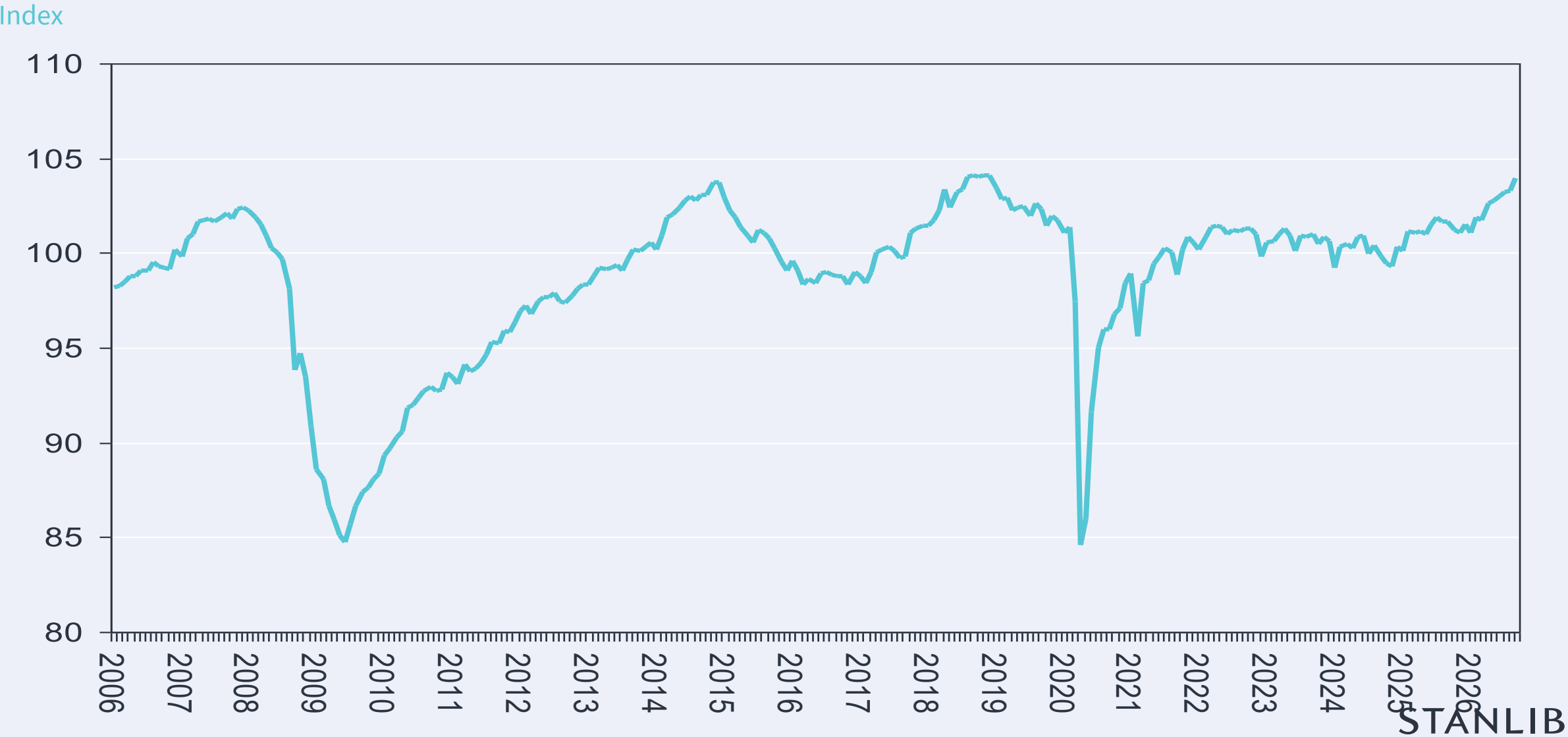
US import price index (annual rate of change)



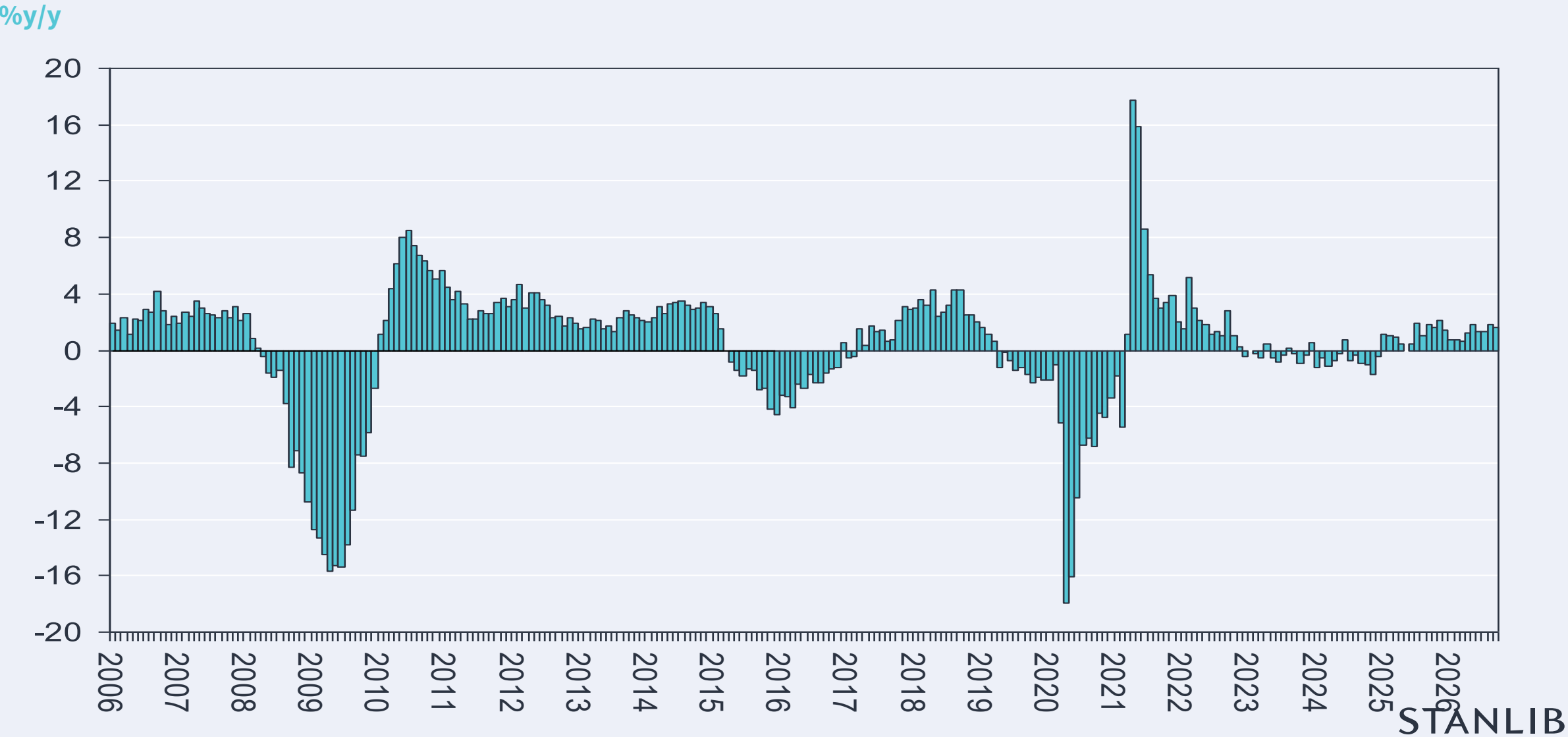
US import price index (annual rate of change) vs consumer inflation



US industrial production

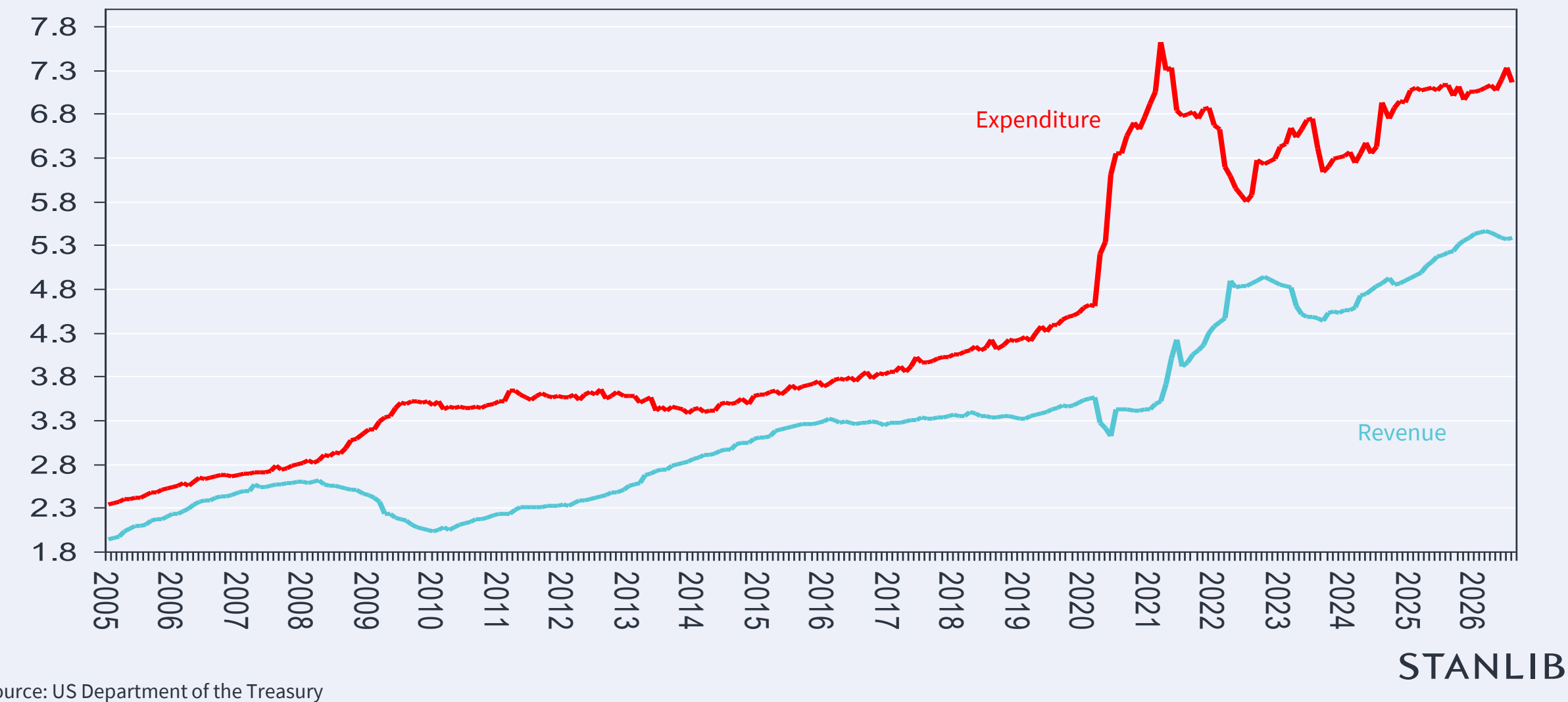


US industrial production



US Federal Budget

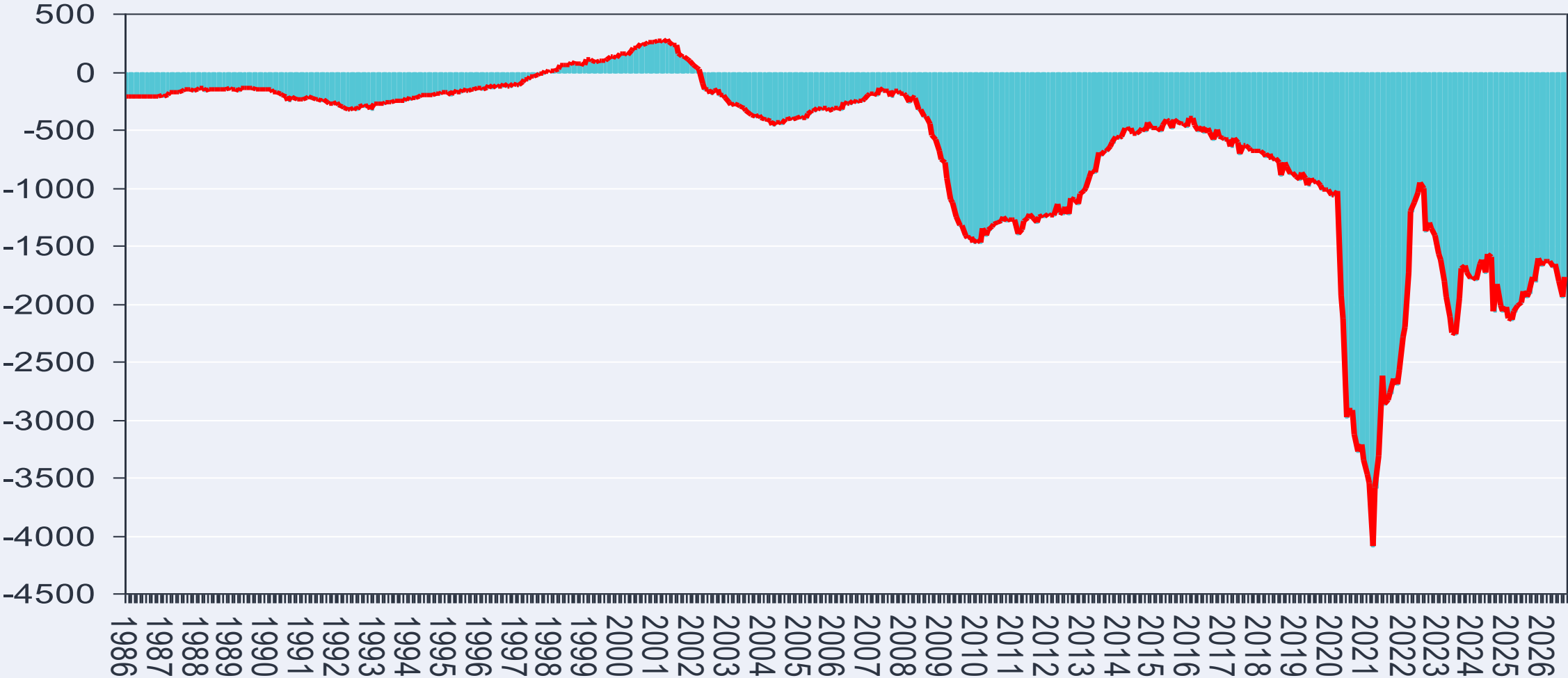
\$ trillion, 12-month running total



Source: US Department of the Treasury

US Federal budget

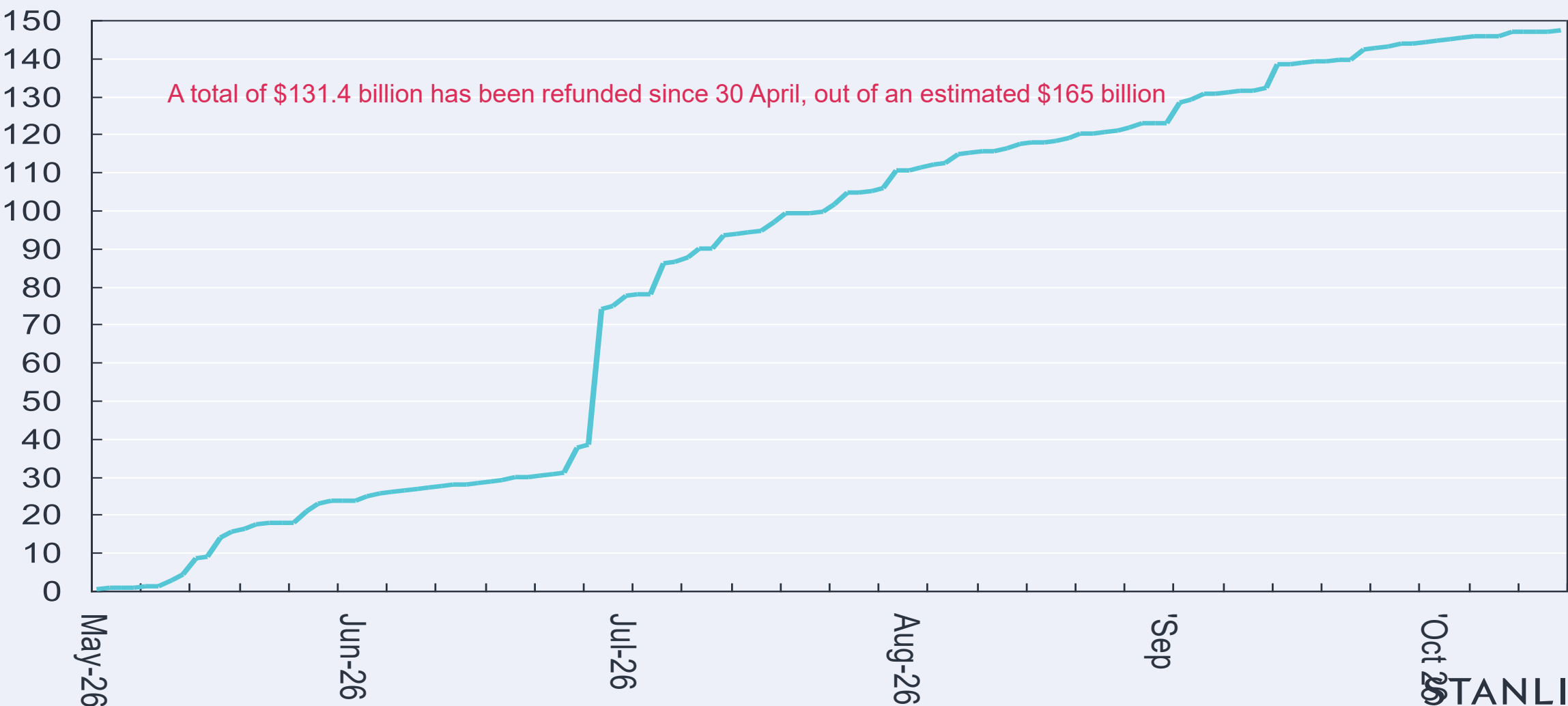
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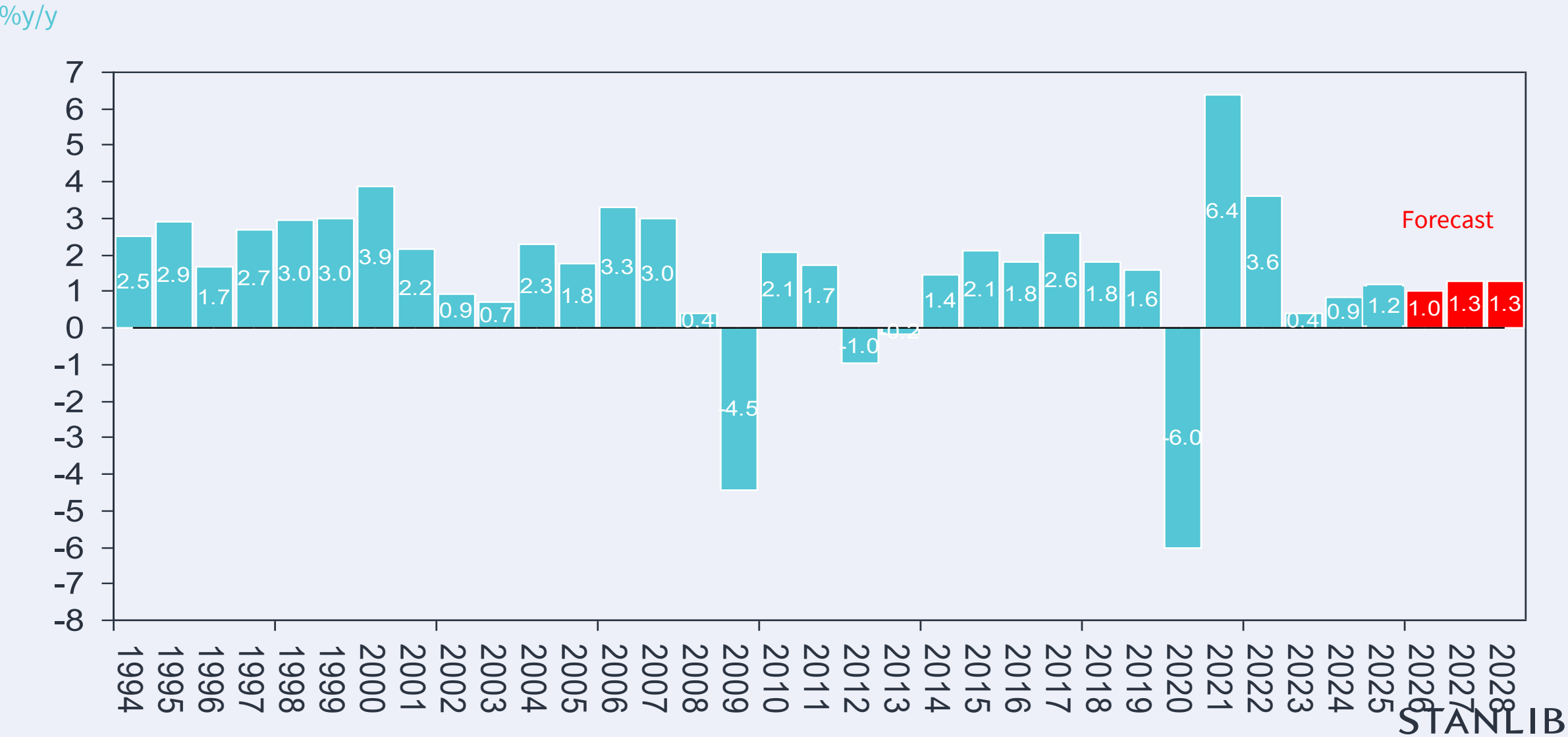
US IEEPA tariff refunds: CBP withdrawals from Treasury General Account

\$ billion, since 30 April 2026



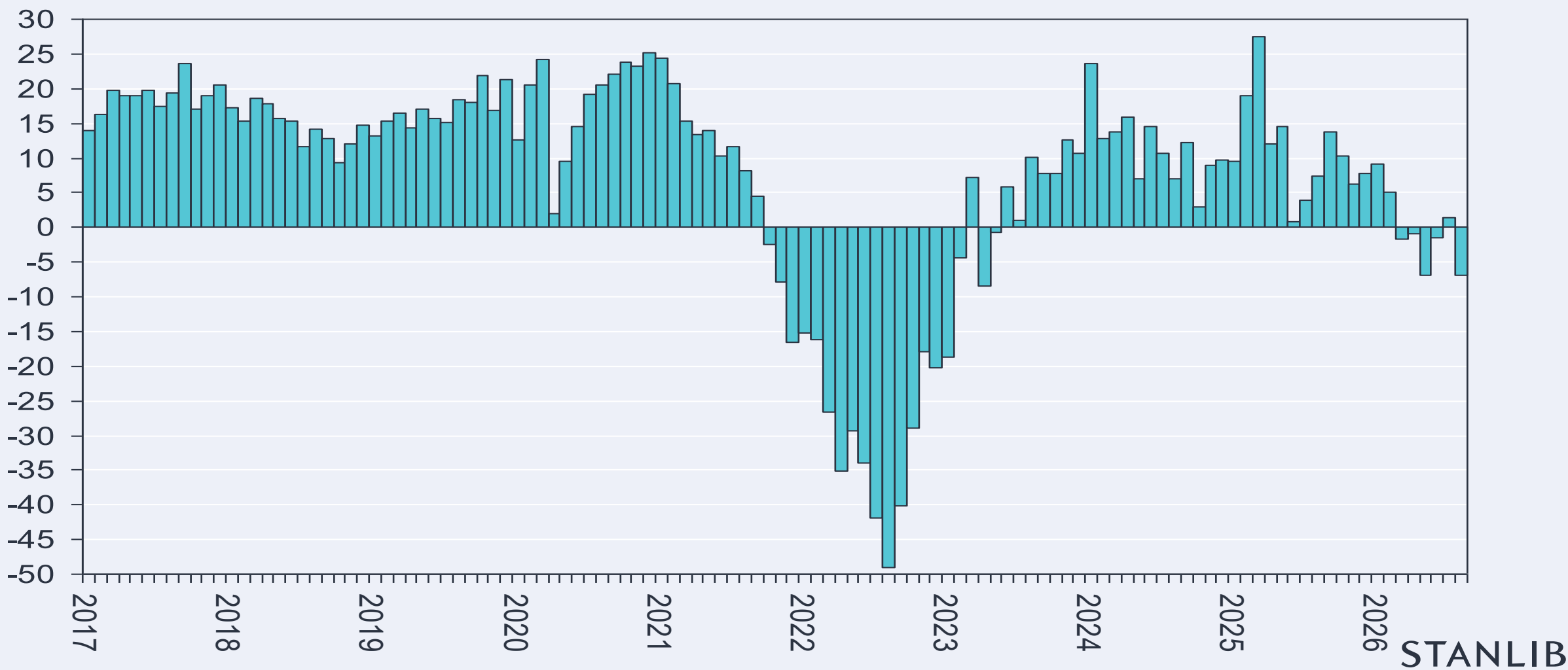
Source: US Treasury Department

Euro-area GDP annual growth rate: consensus growth estimate



Euro-area monthly trade balance

€ billion, seasonally adjusted

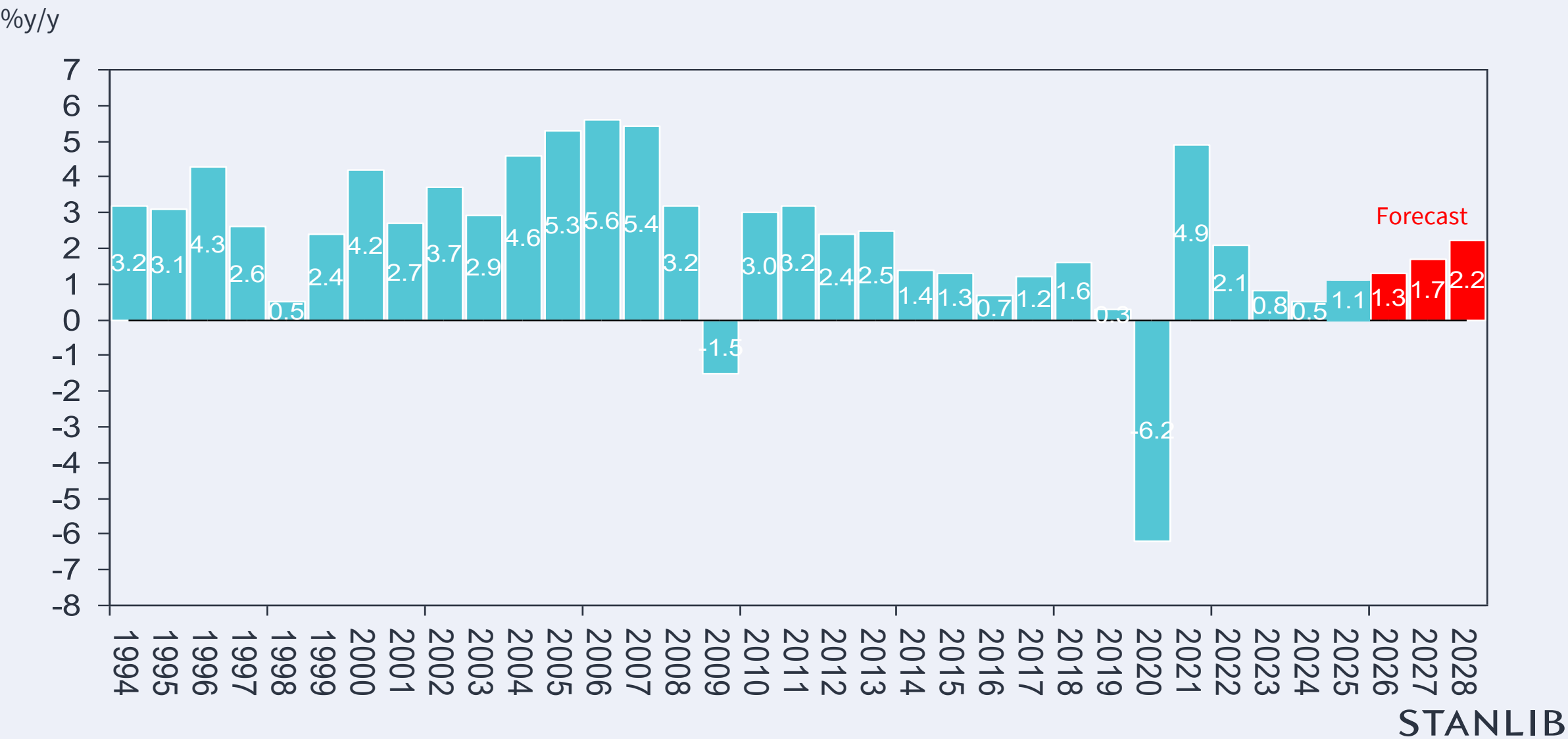


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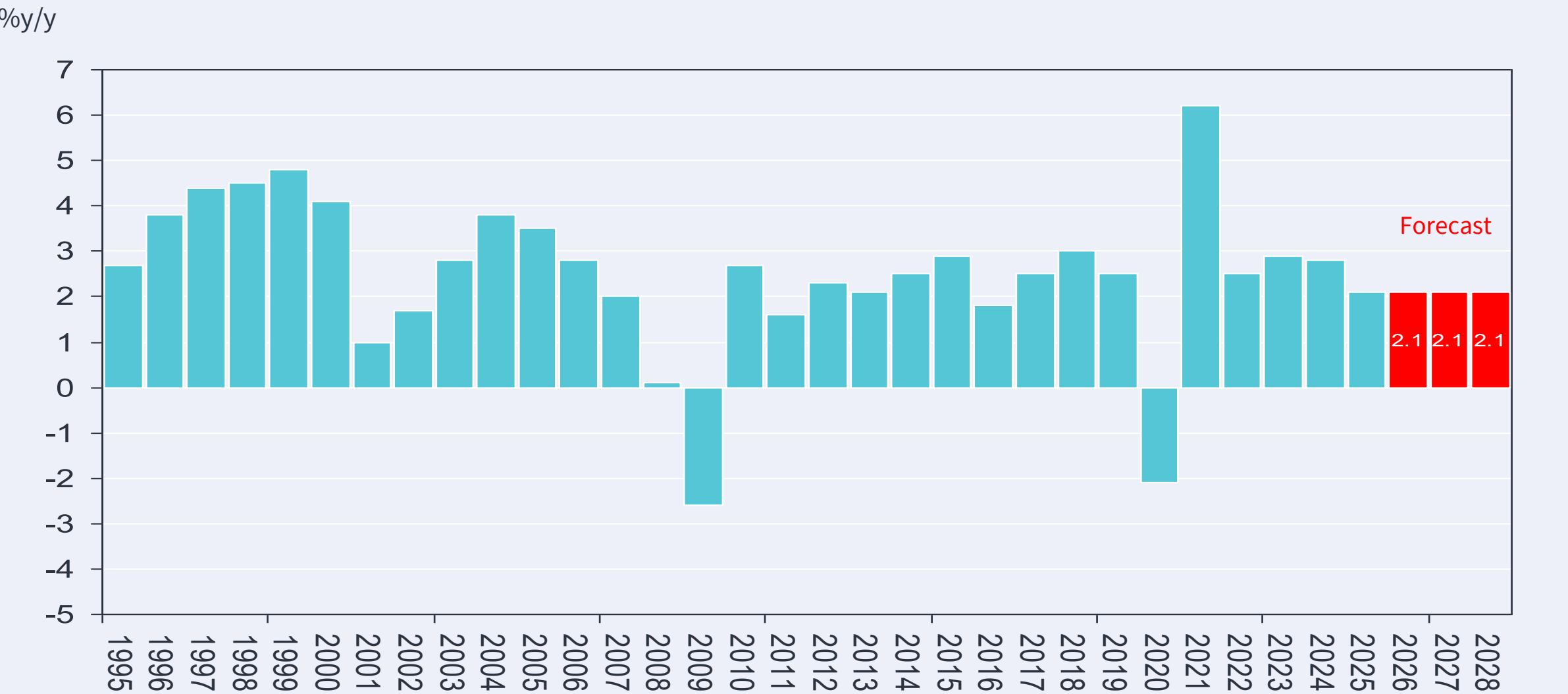
Consensus GDP growth

- South Africa consensus GDP growth forecast
- United States consensus GDP growth forecast
- Euro-area consensus GDP growth forecast
- China consensus GDP growth forecast

SA consensus GDP annual growth rate

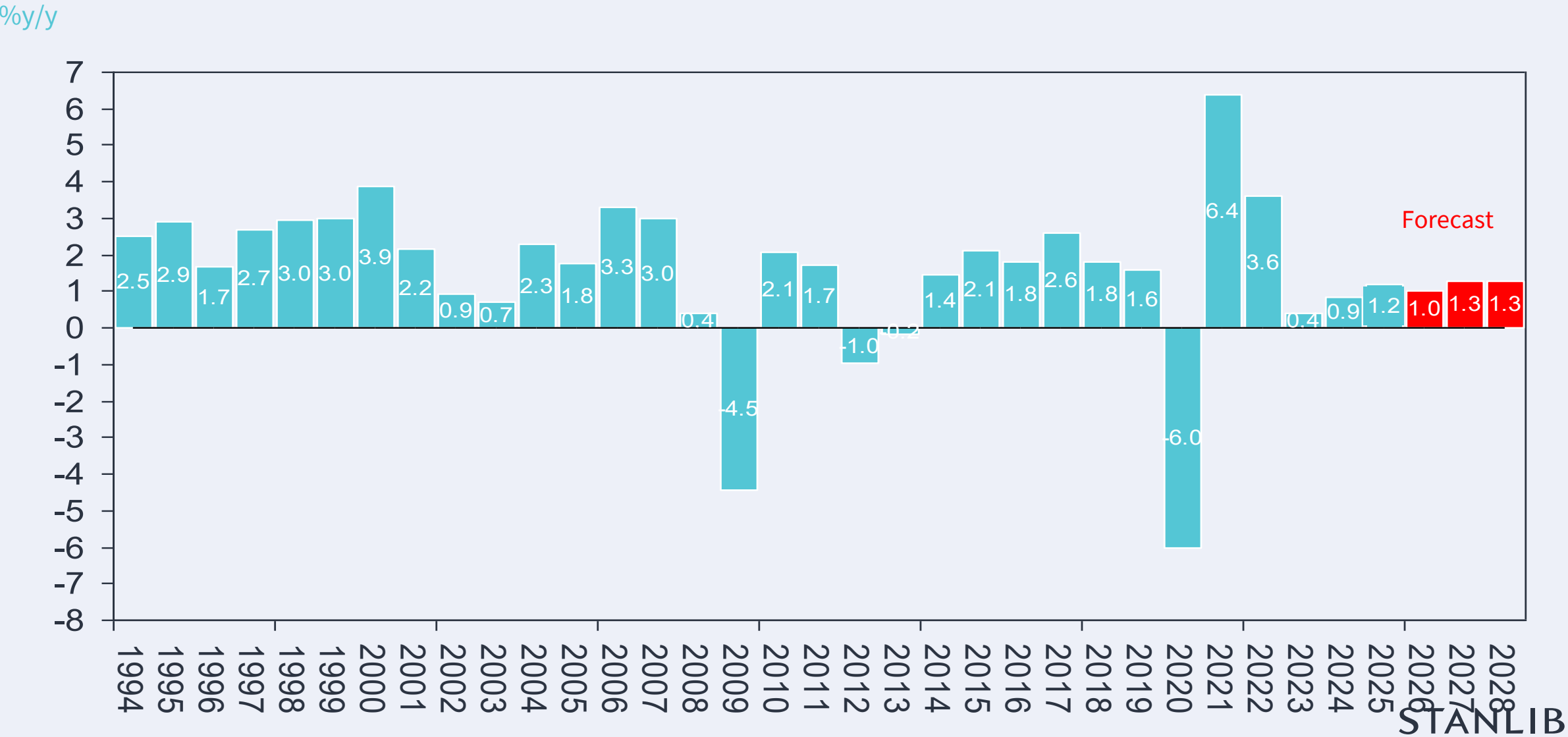


US consensus real annual GDP growth

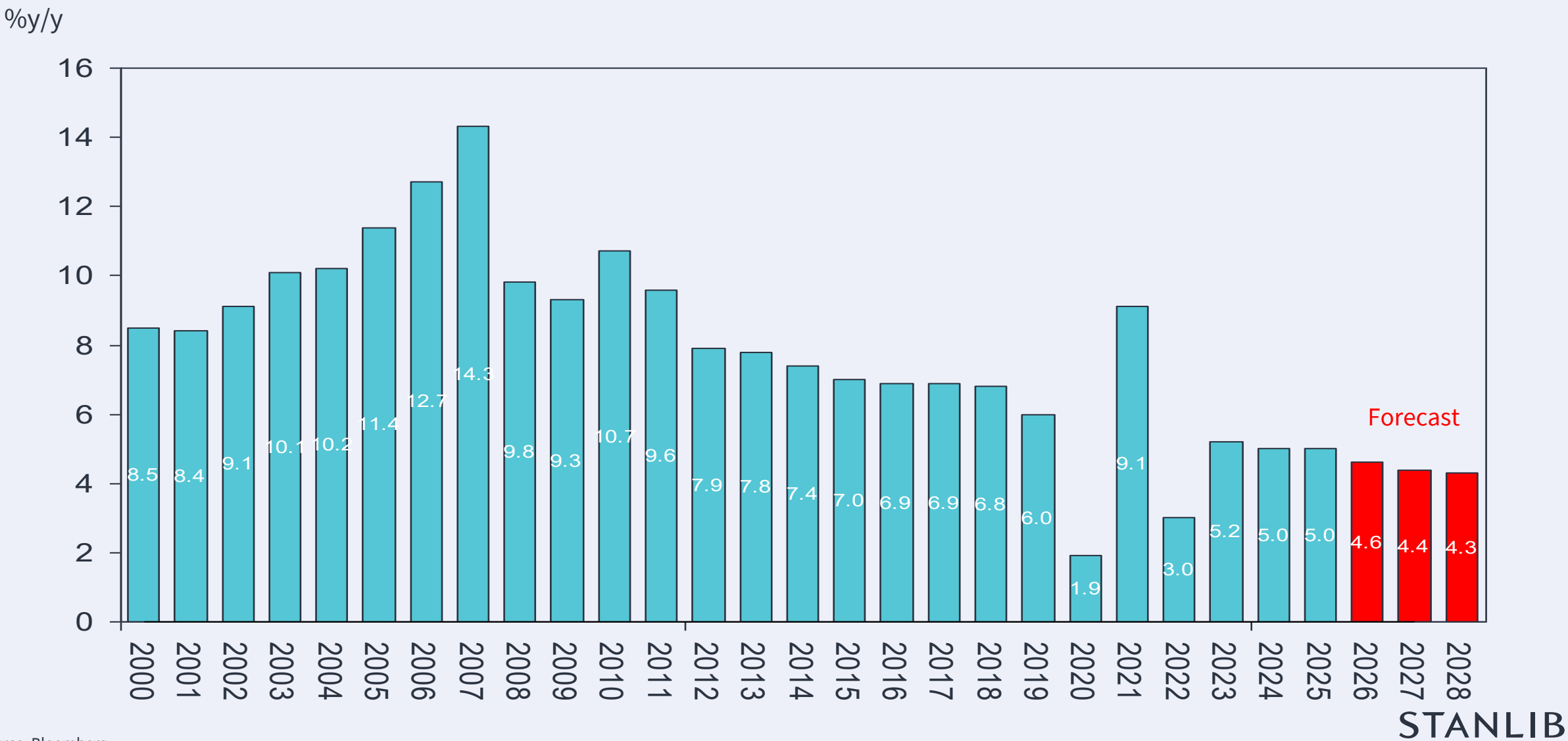


Source: Bloomberg

Euro-area GDP annual growth rate: consensus growth estimate



China GDP growth consensus forecast



Source: Bloomberg

Commodity prices: 12 to 18 October 2026

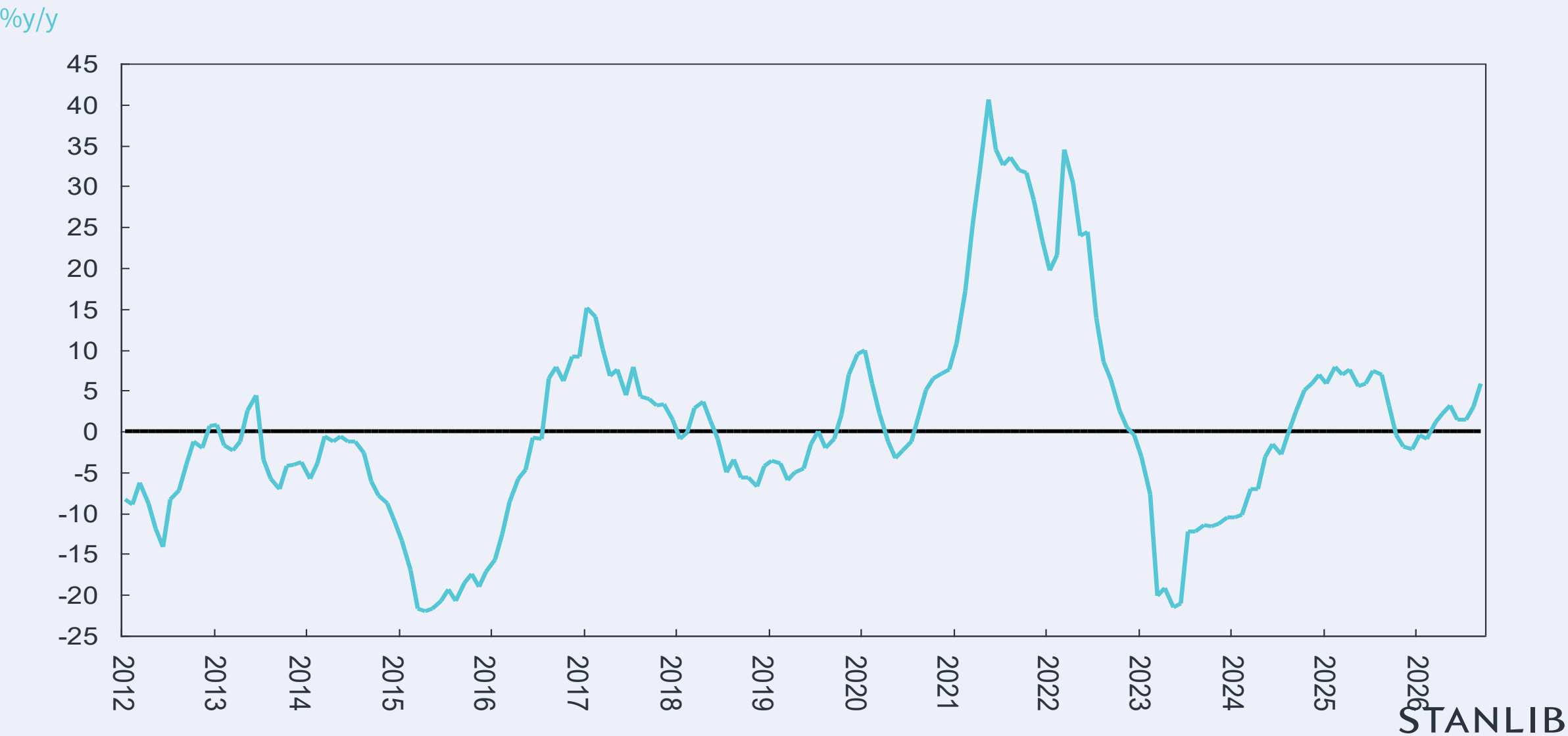
- Global commodity price index
- World food inflation
- Gold price
- Tin price
- Zinc price
- Lead price
- Silver price
- Oil price
- Copper price
- Platinum price
- Aluminium price
- Palladium price
- Rhodium price
- Wheat price

Global commodity price index (S&P GSCI)



Source: Macrobond

World food inflation



Gold price

\$/ounce

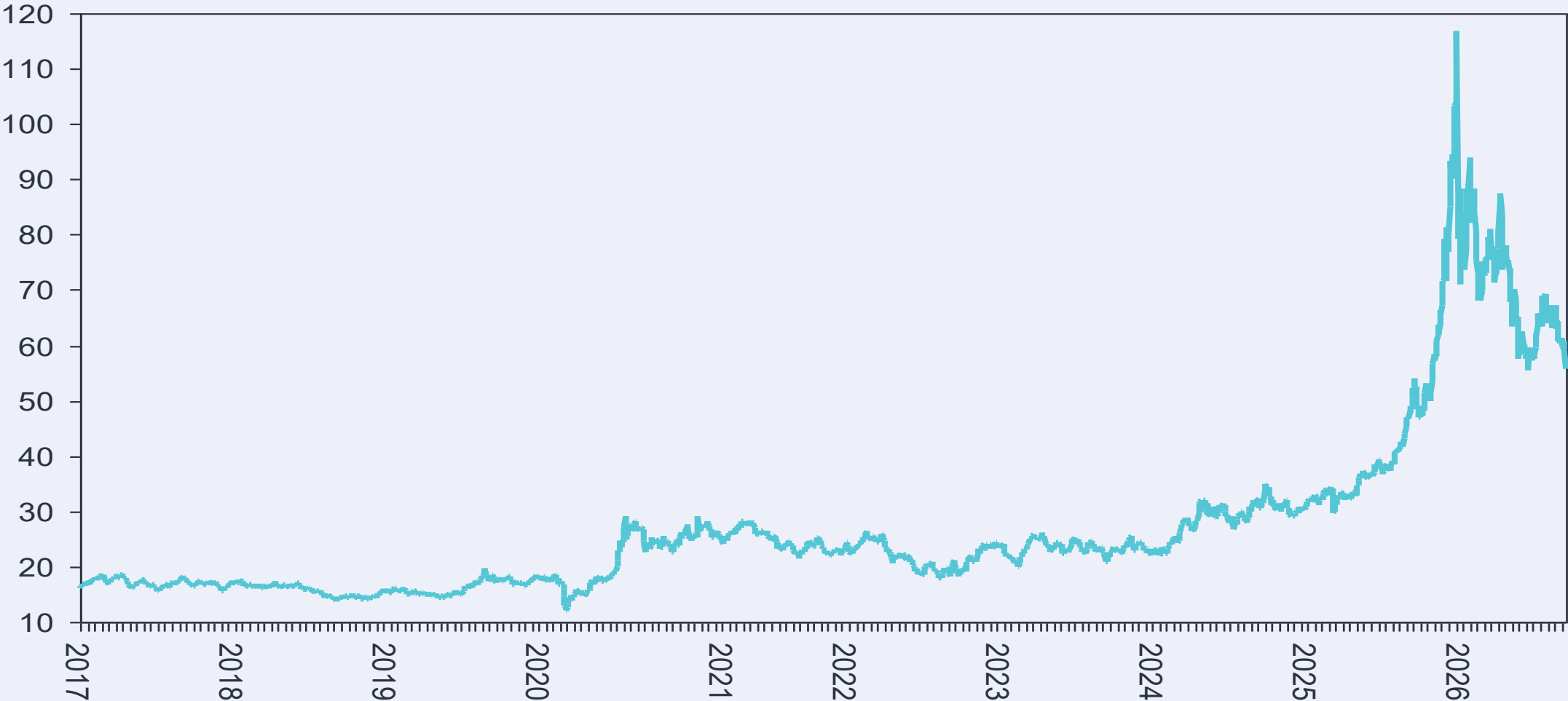


Tin price



Silver price

\$/ounce



Oil price



Copper price



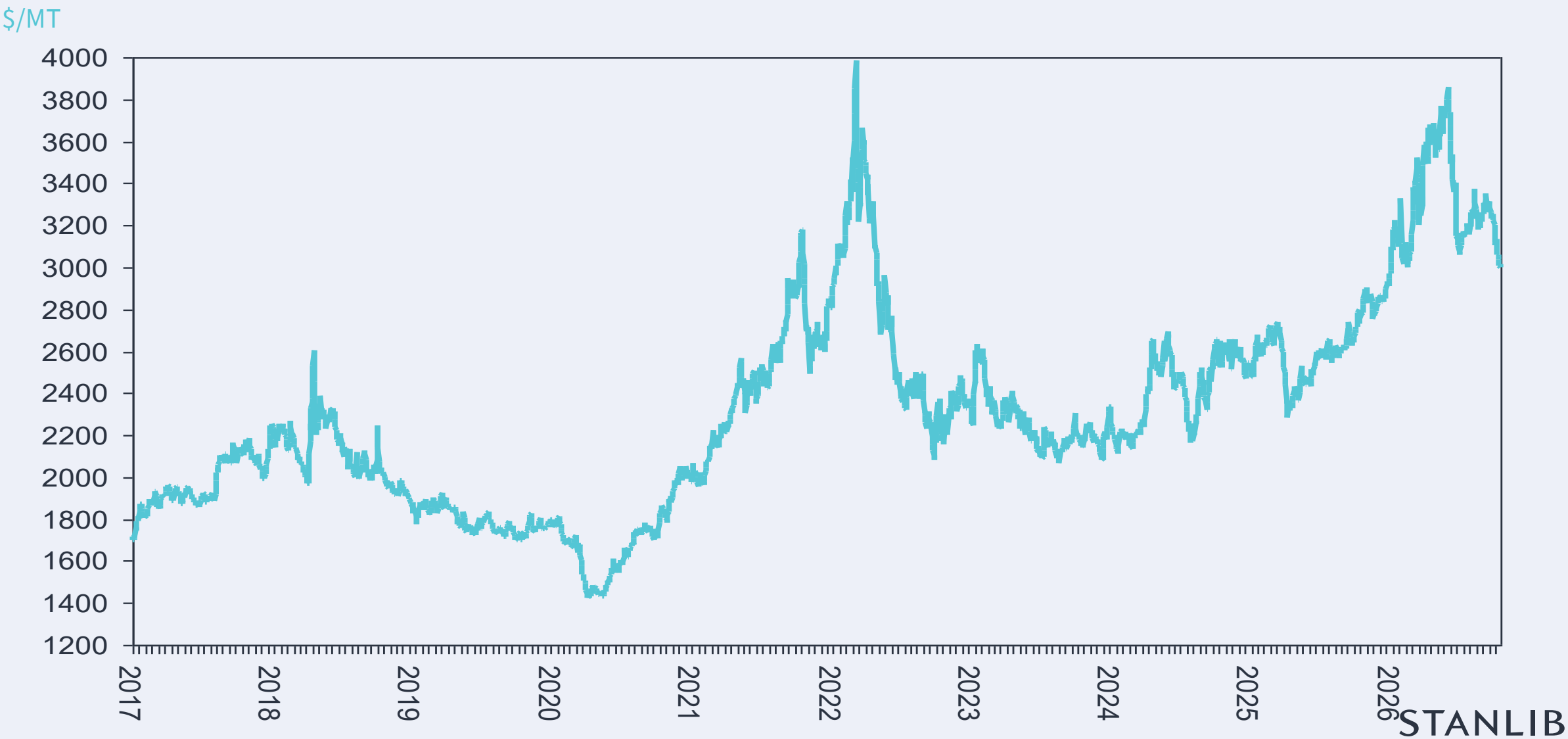
Platinum price

\$/ounce



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Aluminium price



Palladium price



Rhodium price

\$/ounce



Global wheat price index



Source: Goldman Sachs

Financial markets: 12 to 18 October 2026

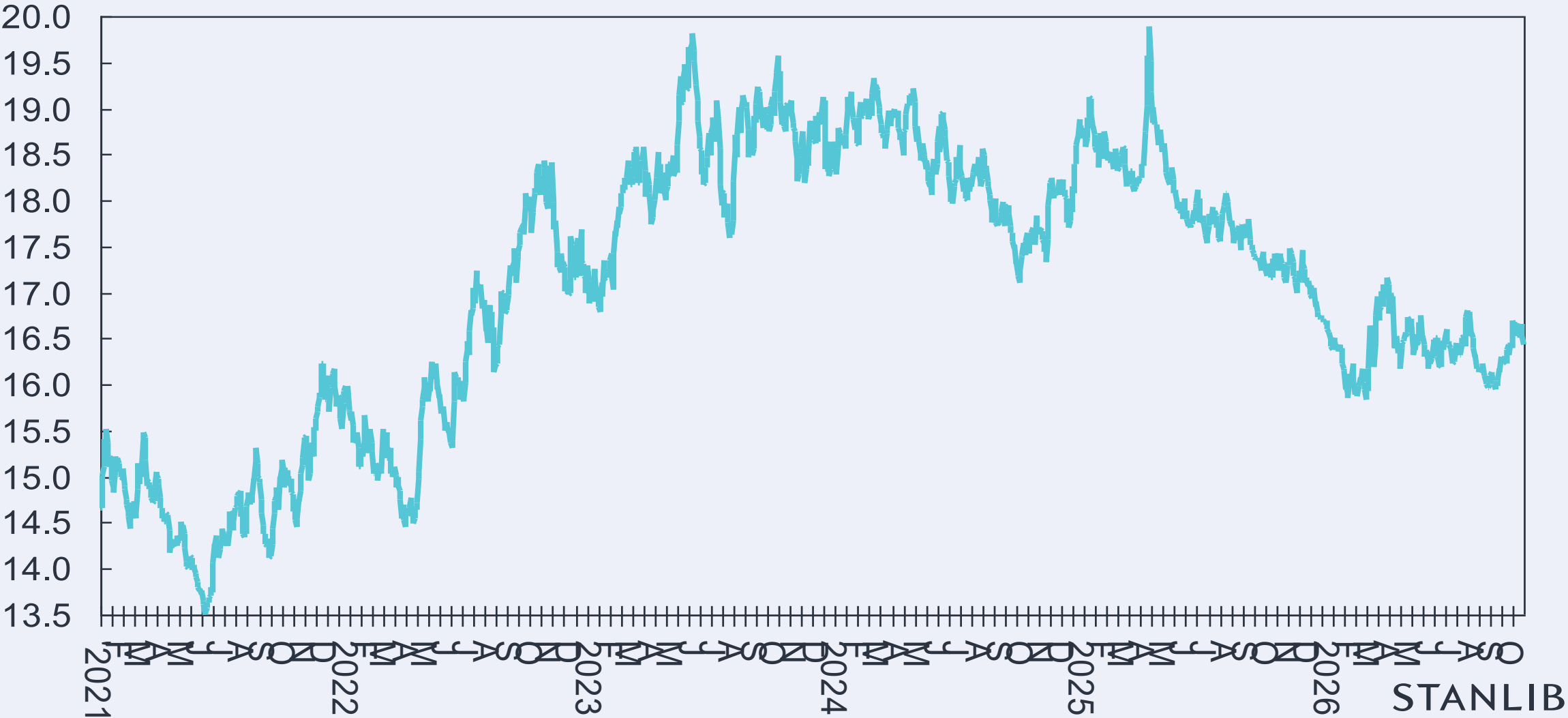
- US Bitcoin price
- SA Rand vs Dollar, monthly rate of change
- SA 10-year government bond yield
- US 10-year bond yield
- US S&P 500 equity index
- US Nasdaq 100 index
- US Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index
- SA All Share equity index
- US Dollar per Euro
- US Dollar vs RMB
- SA 10-year bond yield
- Foreign buying of SA government bonds
- Foreign buying of SA equities
- Foreign ownership of SA government bonds
- US Fed holding of US government bonds
- US Treasury cash holding at Federal Reserve
- SA Rand vs commodity prices
- Baltic dry shipping index
- SA volume of equity transactions on the JSE
- SA value of equity transactions on the JSE
- SA volume of transactions in the SA bond market
- SA value of transactions in the SA bond market

Bitcoin price

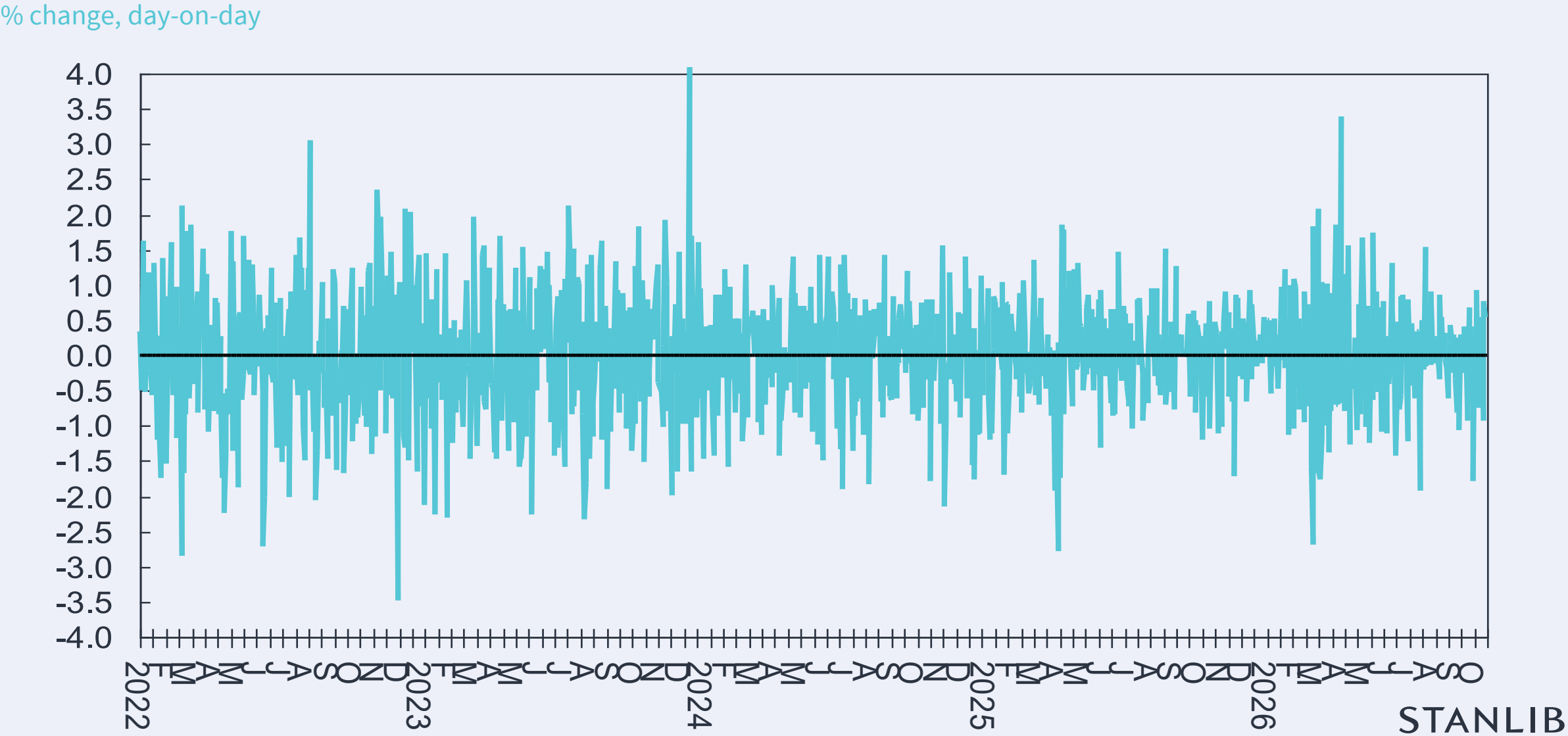


South Africa Rand vs US Dollar (daily)

Rand per Dollar

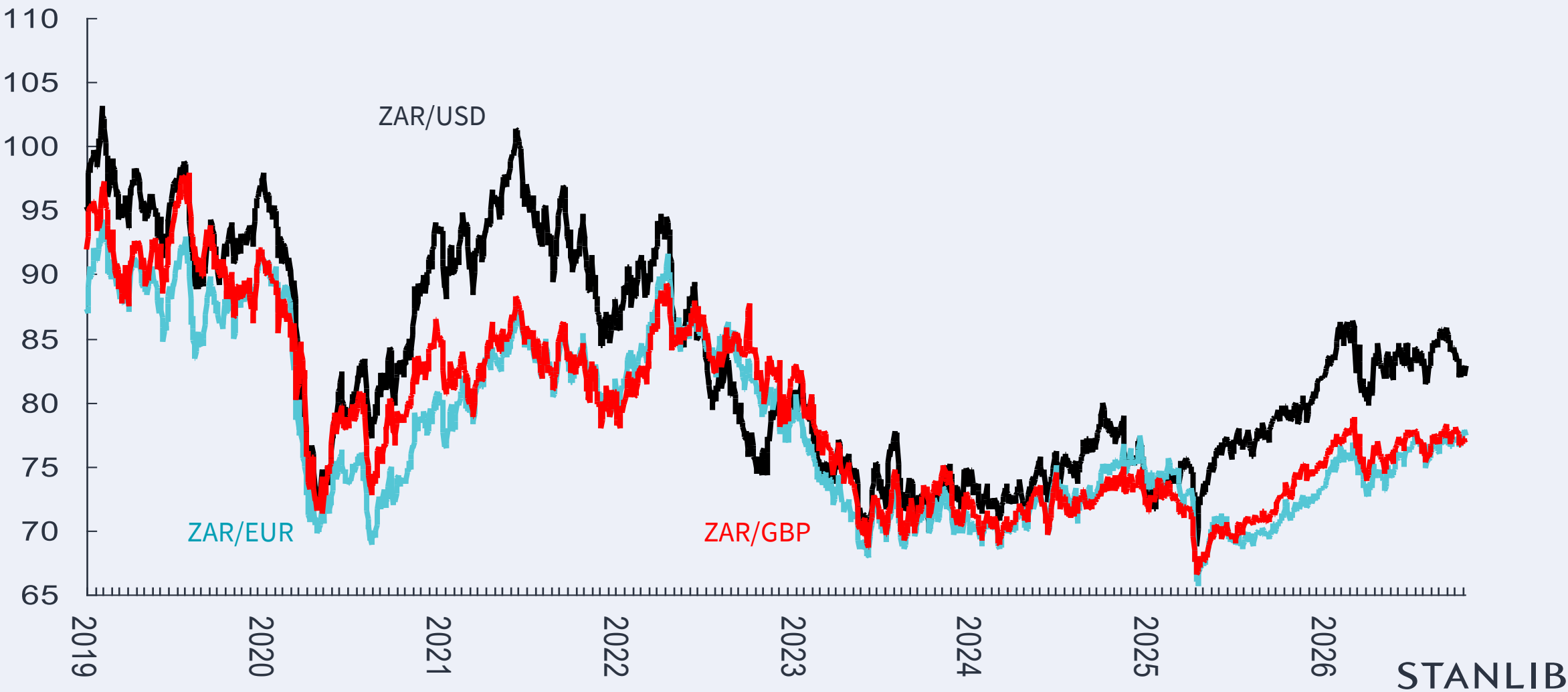


South Africa Rand vs US Dollar (daily change in value)

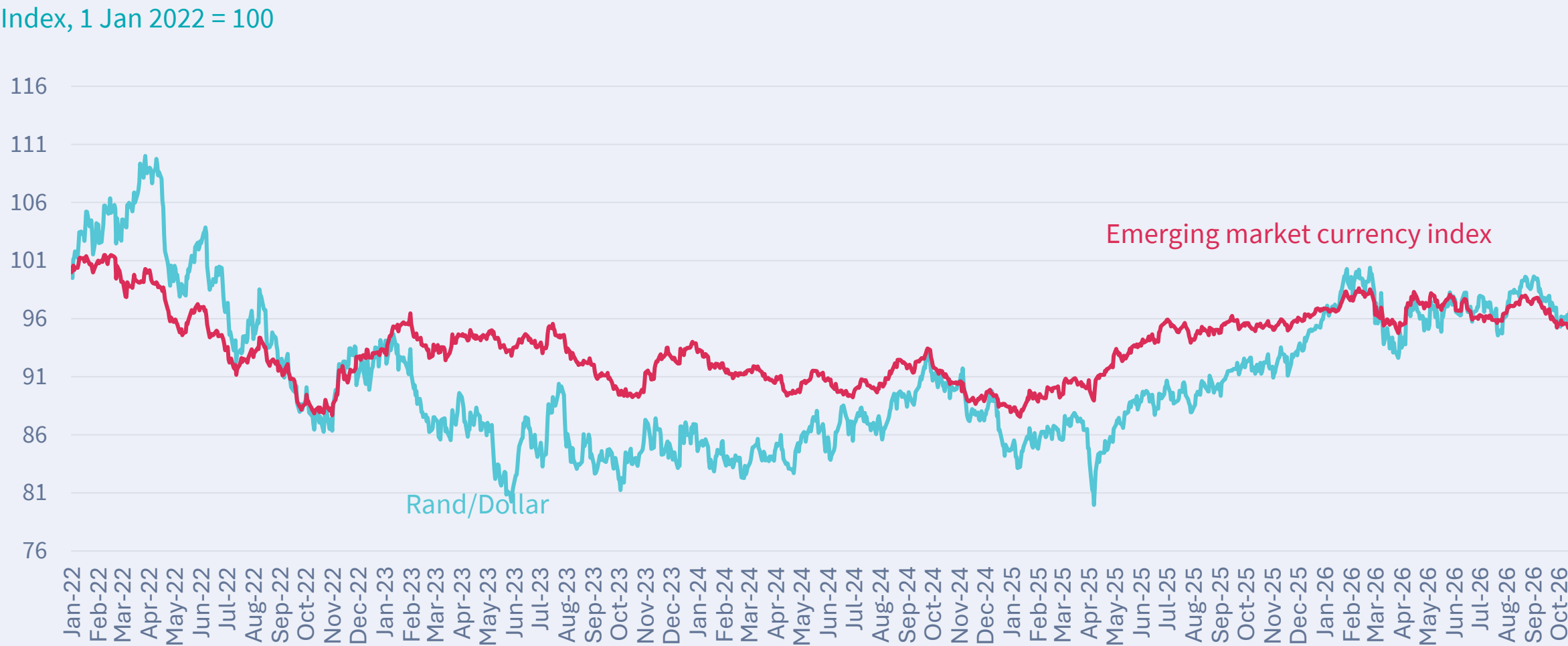


SA Rand vs Dollar, Euro and Pound

Index, 1 January 2017 = 100

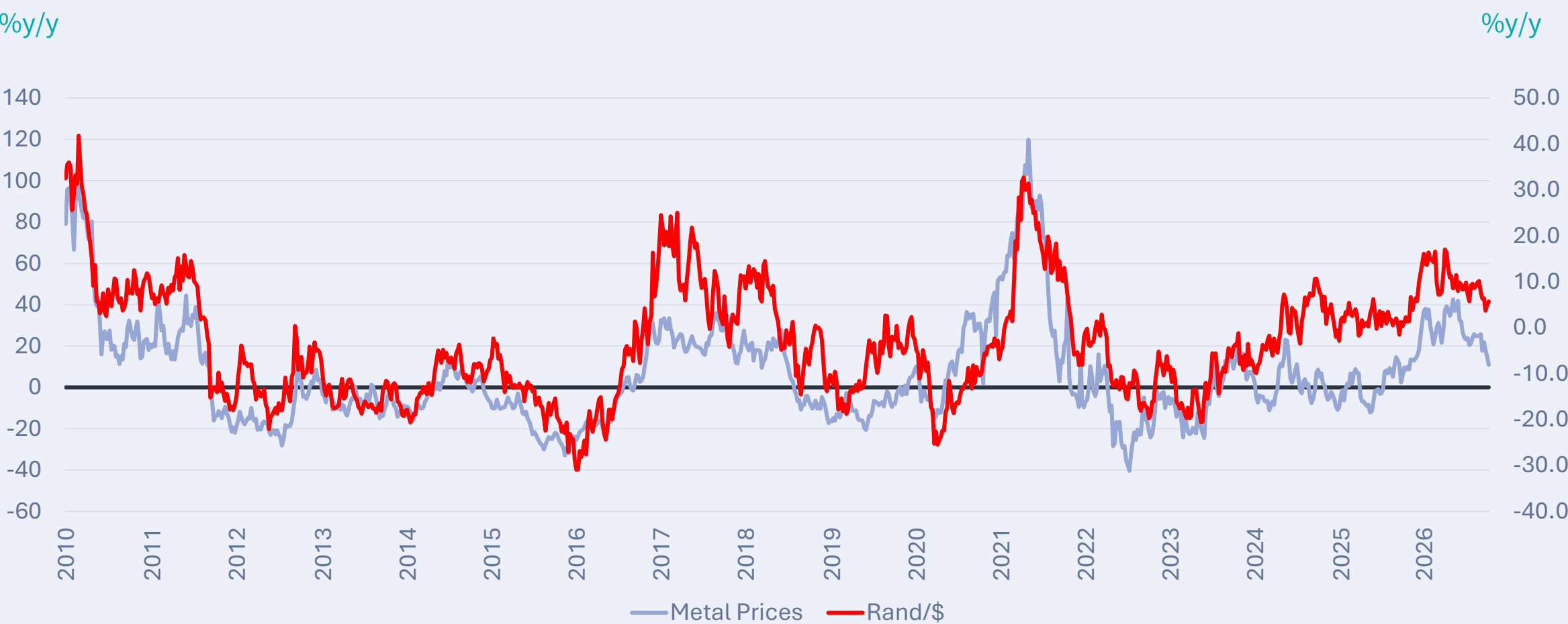


Rand/US Dollar vs Emerging Market Currencies



Source: Advantage, Macrobond, 16 October 2026

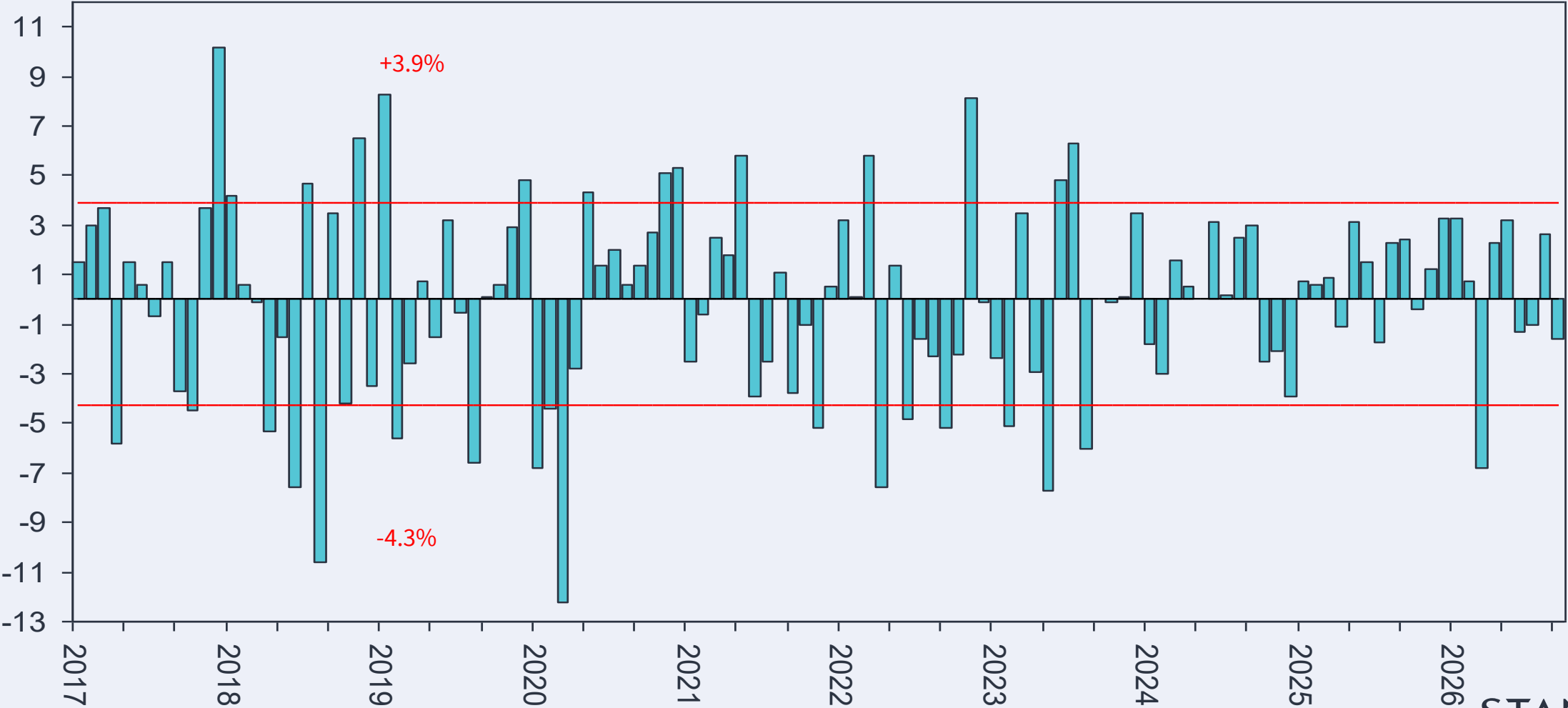
Rand/US Dollar vs Metal Prices



Source: Advantage, Macrobond, 16 October 2026

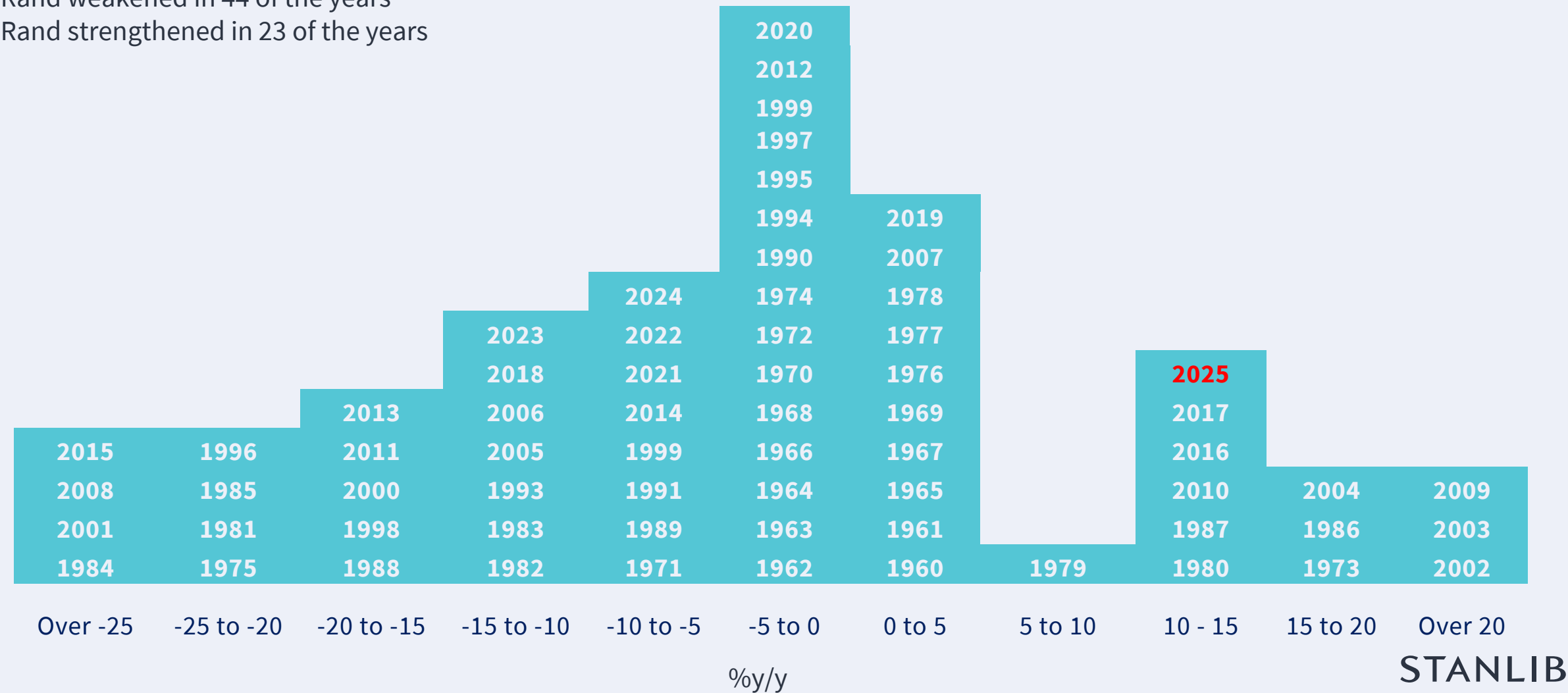
Monthly percentage change in Rand/Dollar

% month-on-month



Rand/Dollar annual performance

Out of last 67 years
Rand weakened in 44 of the years
Rand strengthened in 23 of the years



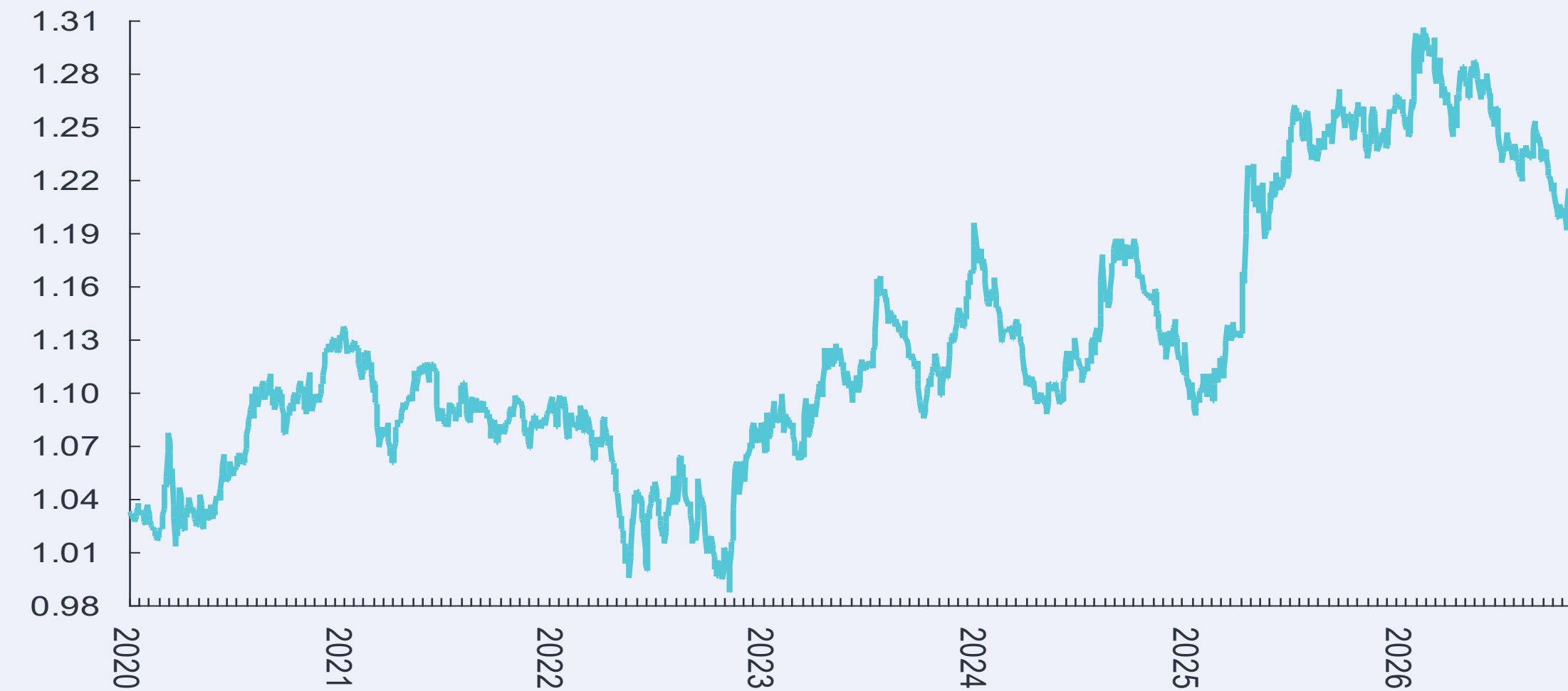
US Dollar vs Euro

Dollar per Euro



US Dollar per Swiss Franc

USD per CHF



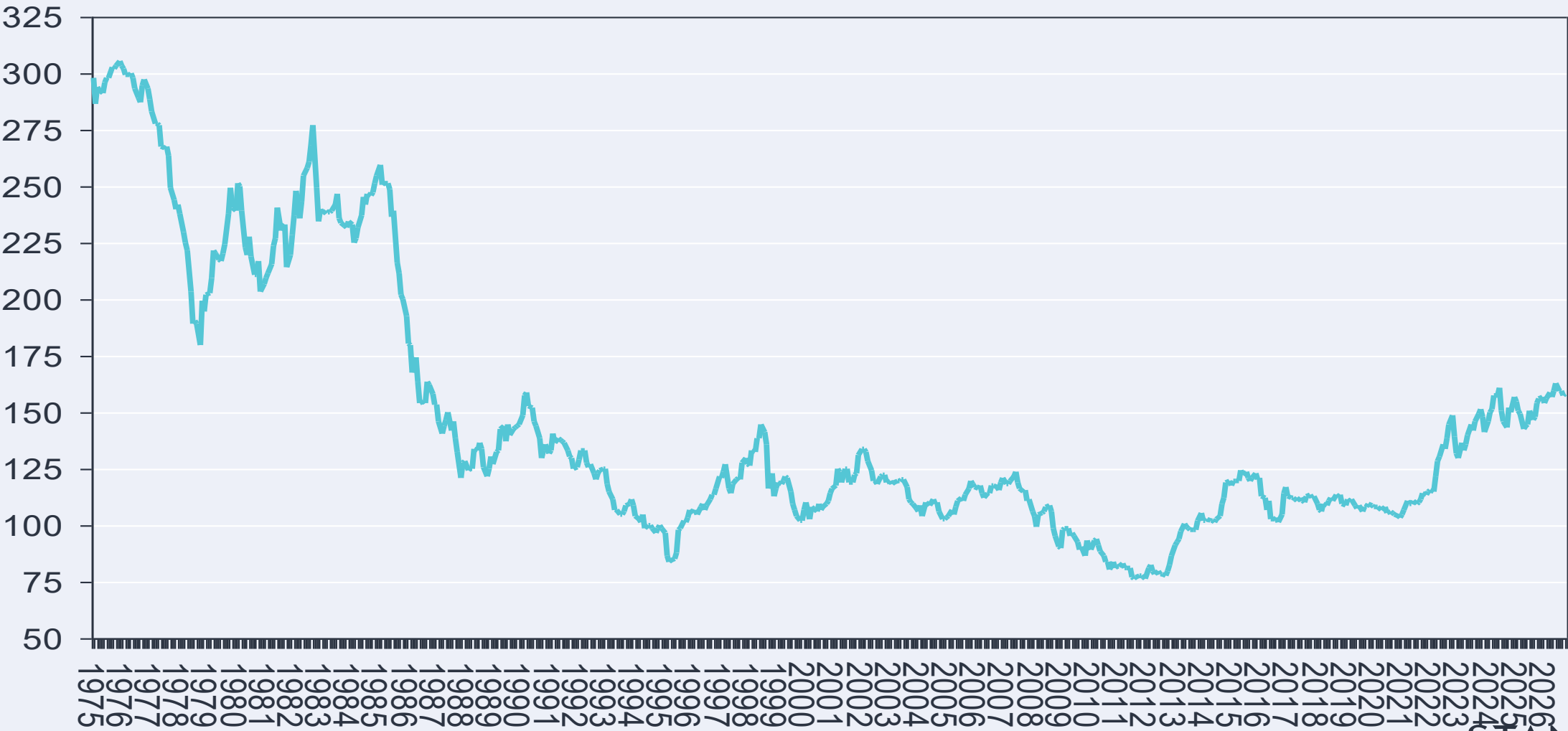
US Dollar vs CNY

CNY per US Dollar



Japanese Yen per US Dollar

Yen per Dollar

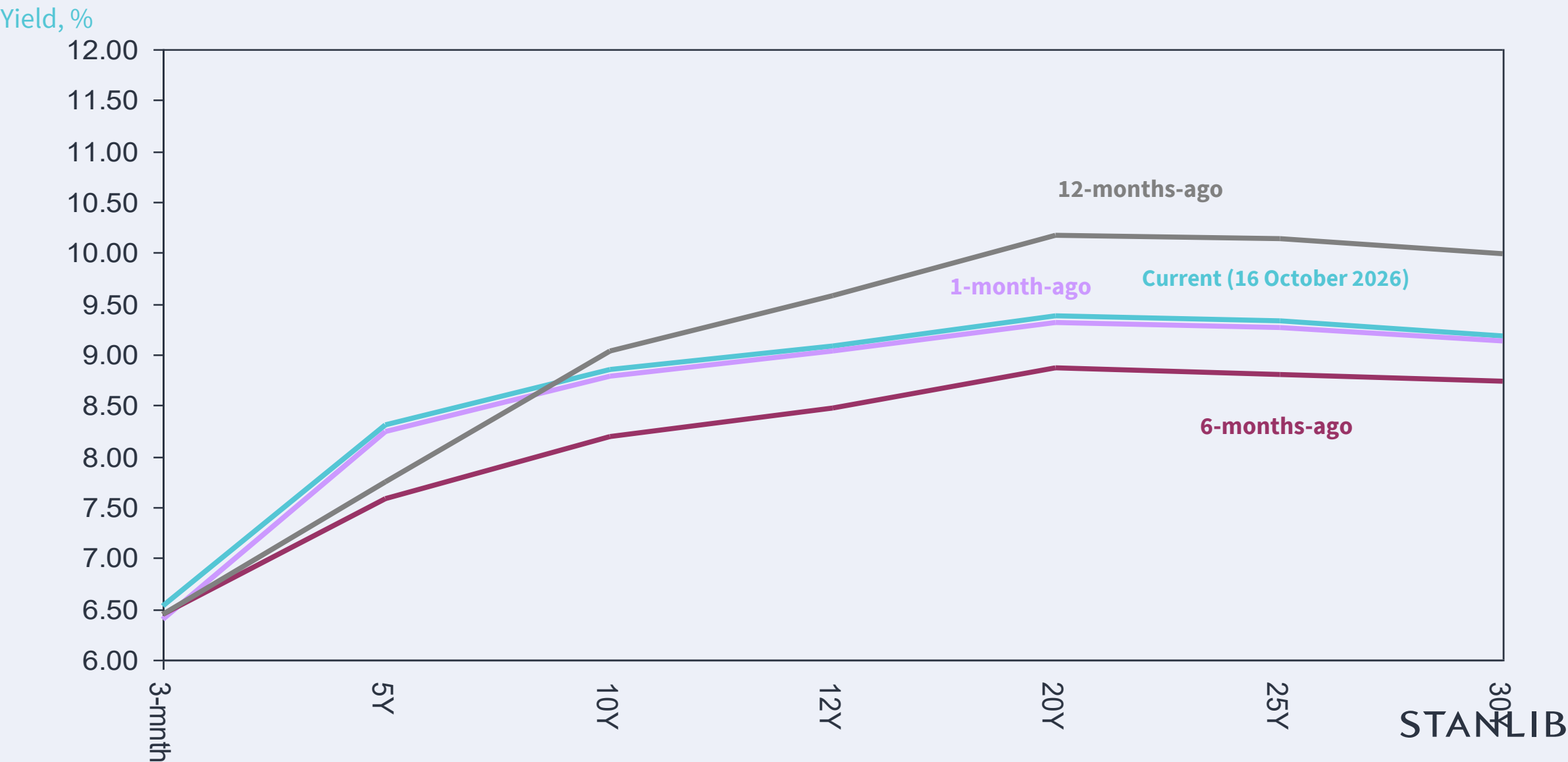


SA long-dated government bond yield

% yield



South Africa government yield curve



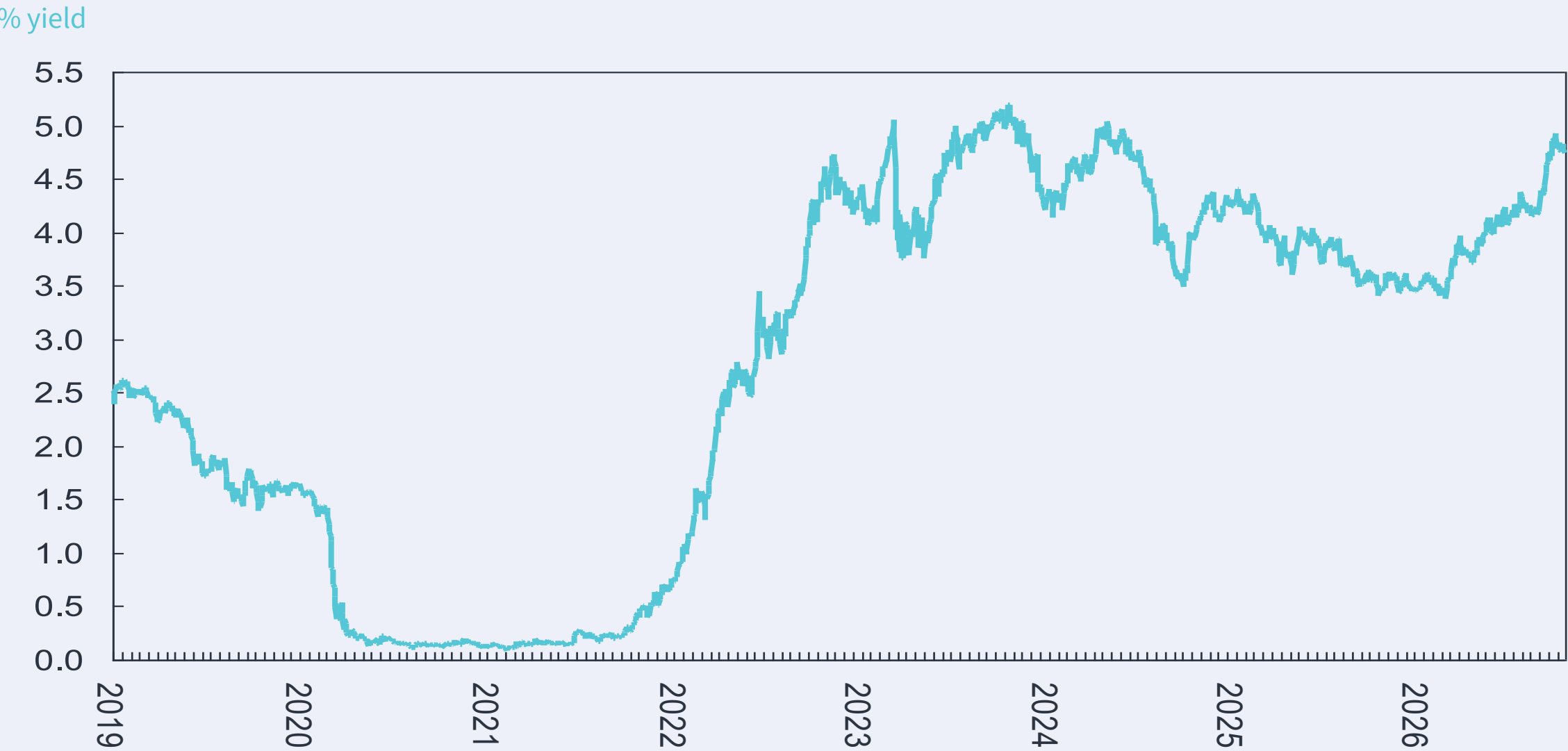
France 10-year government bond yield



US 10-year government bond yield

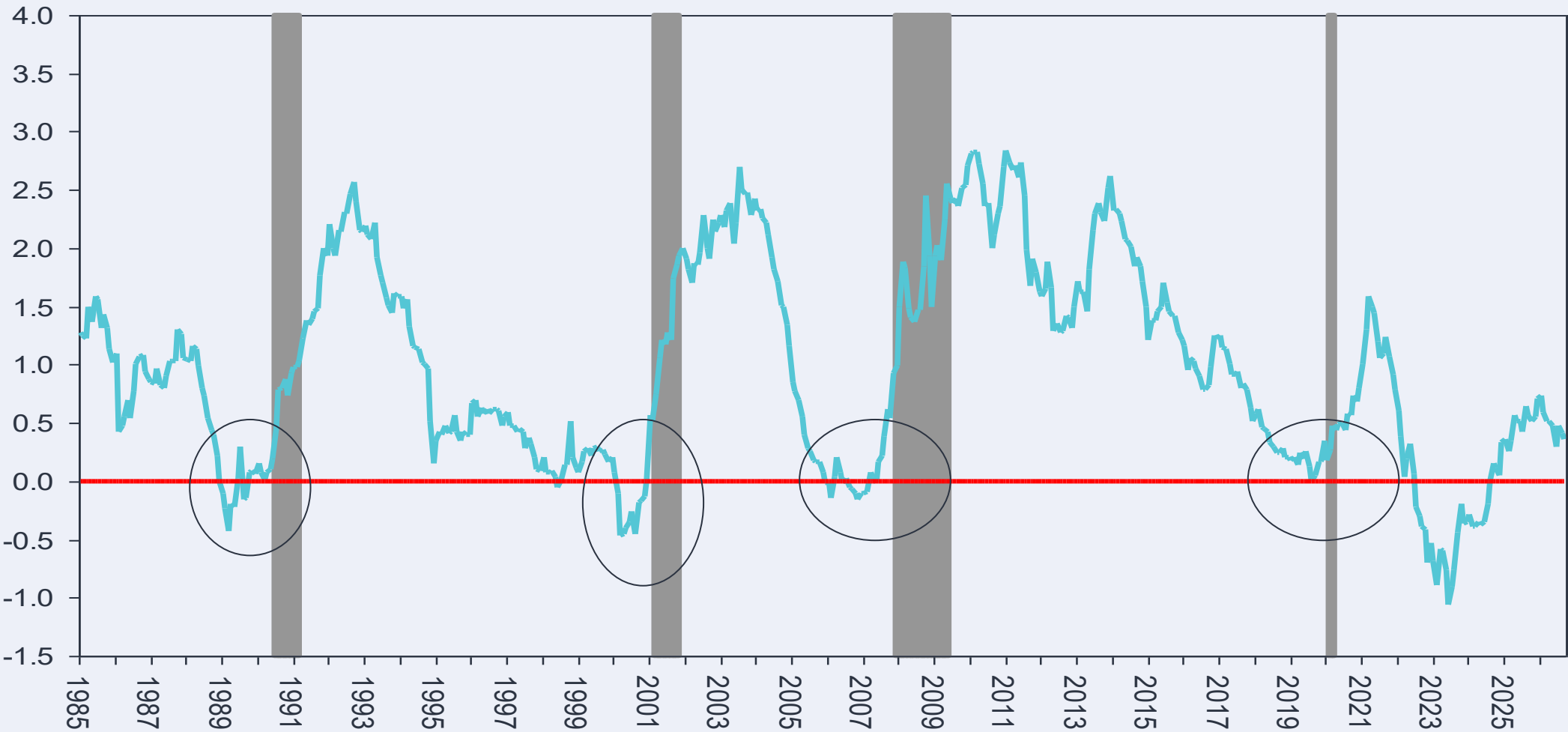


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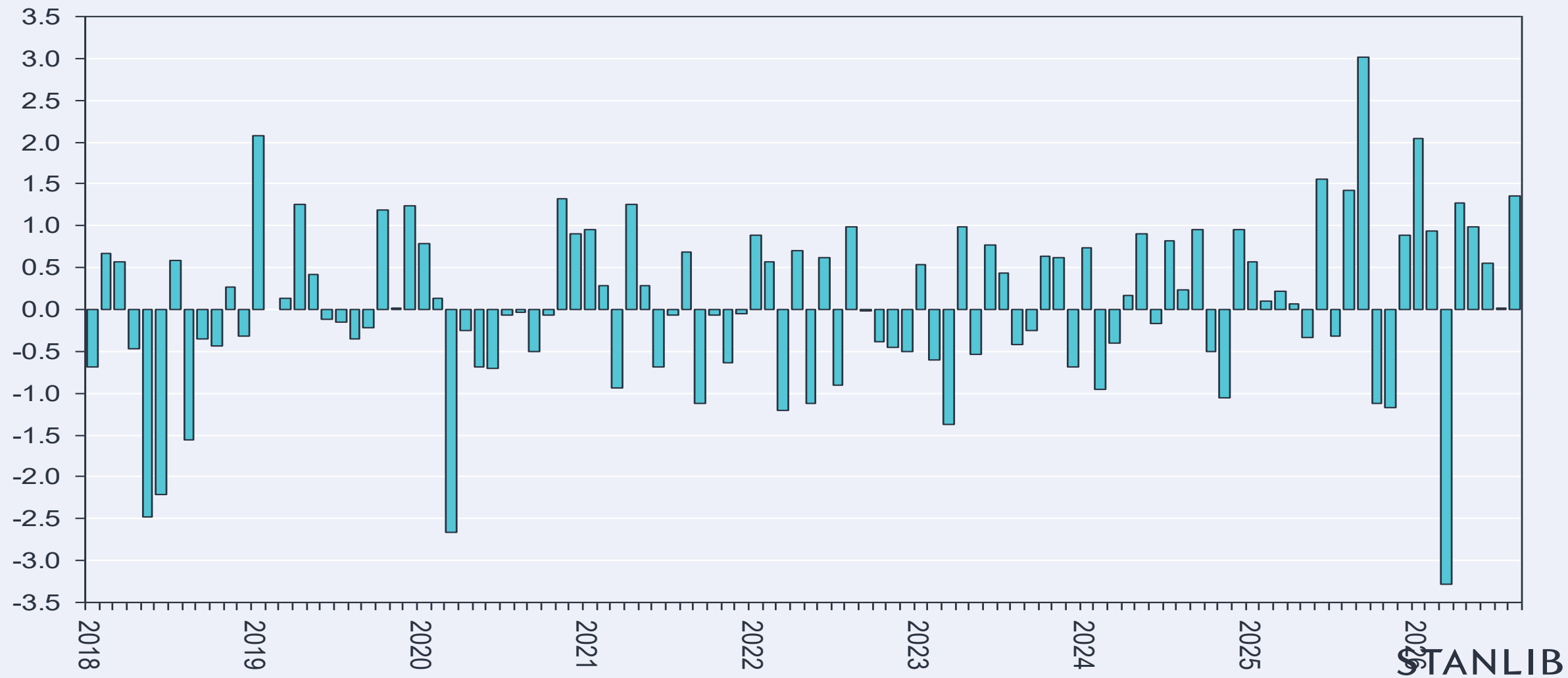
US 10-year less 2-year treasury and business cycle

Percentage points



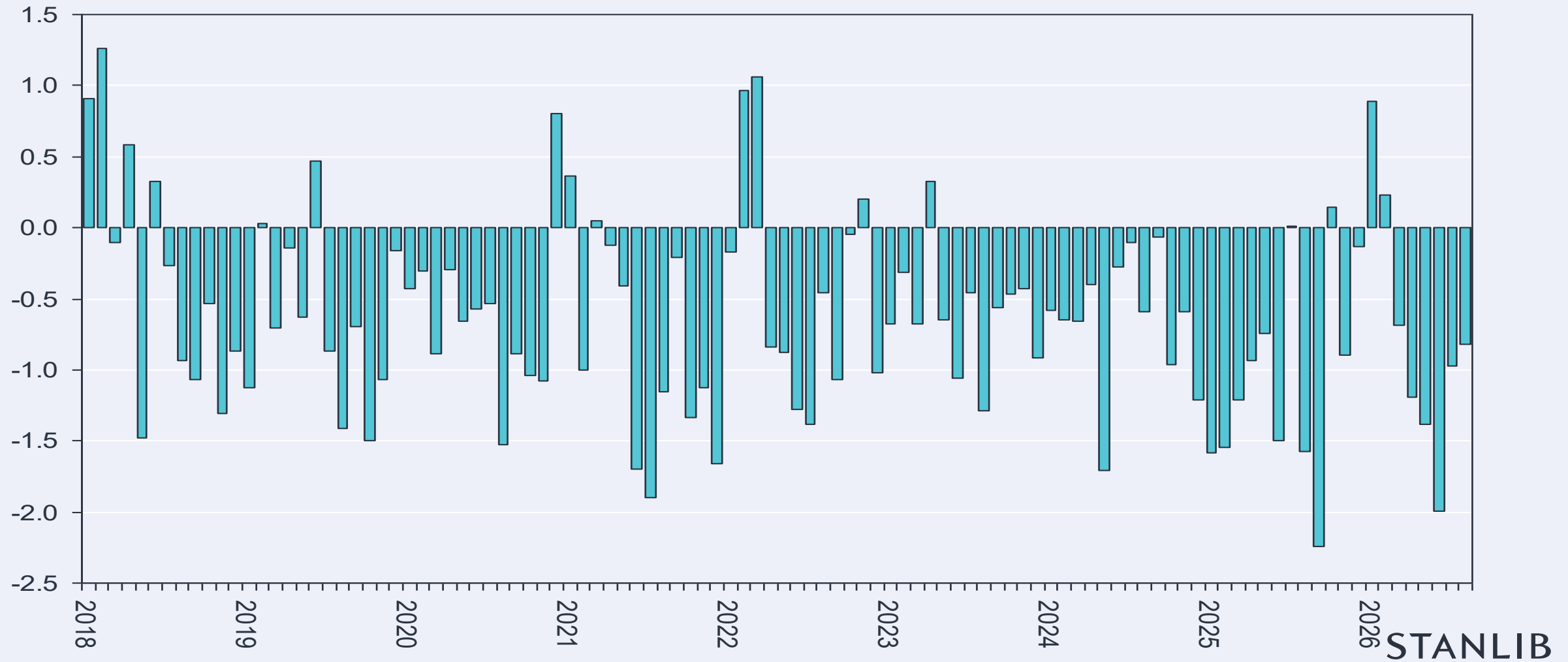
Foreign buying of South African government bonds

\$ billion (SA Reserve Bank data)

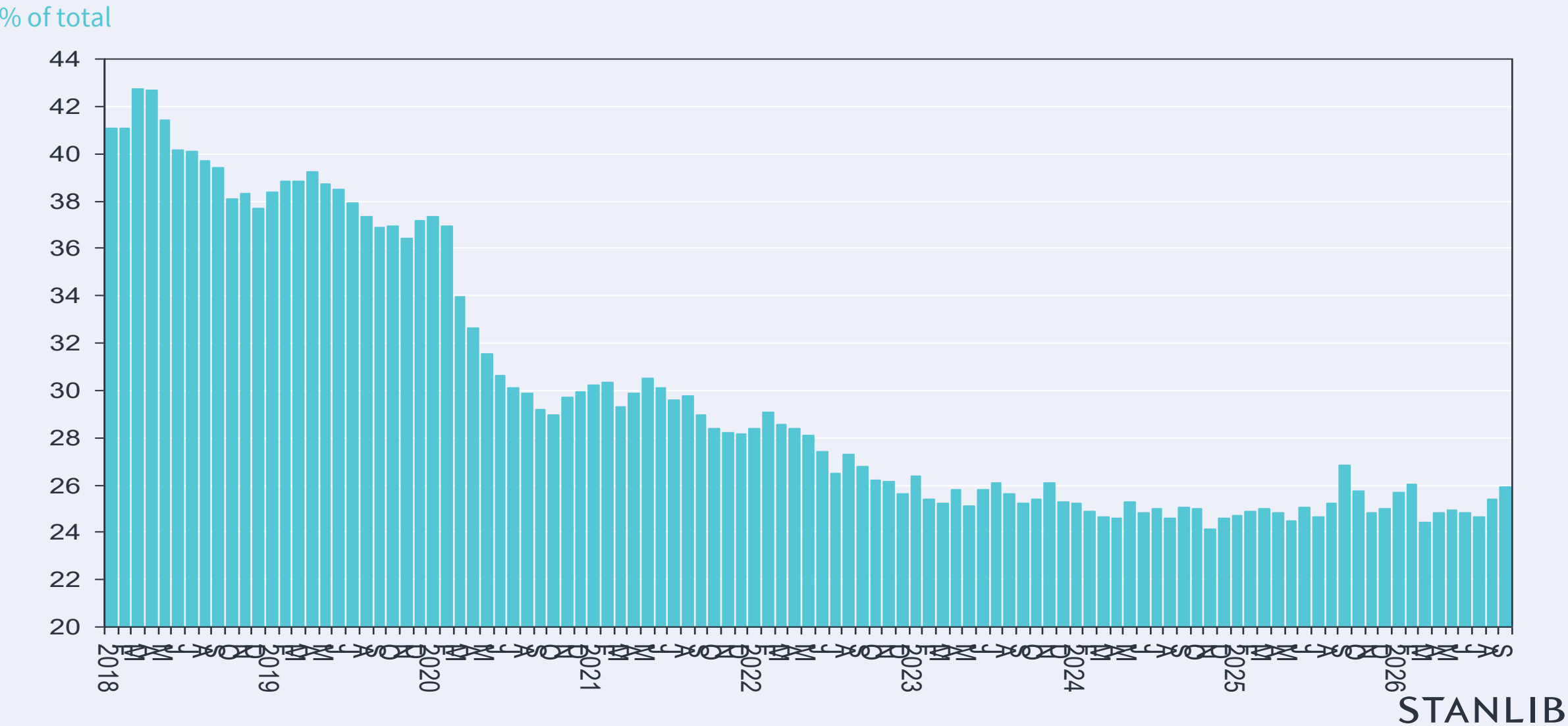


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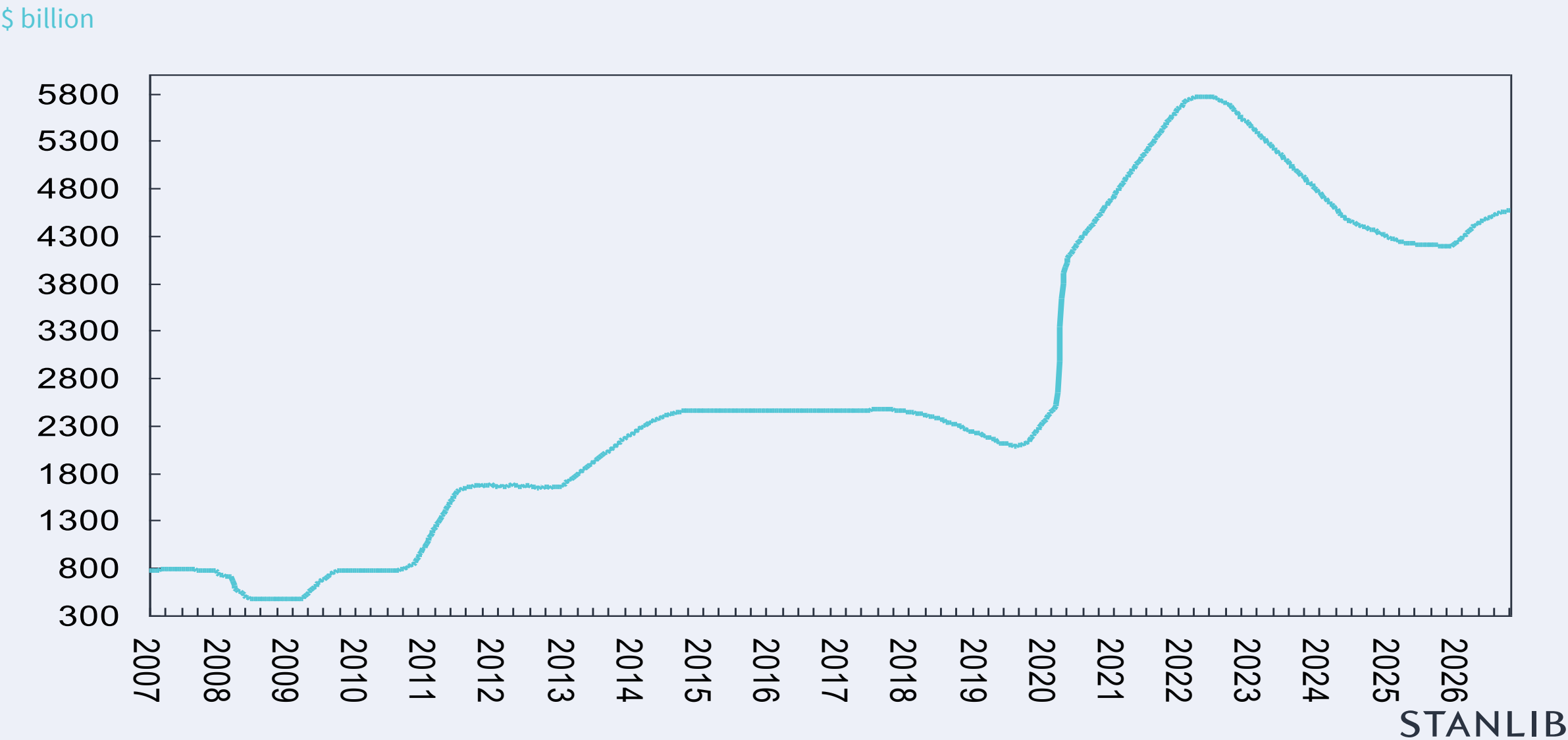


Foreign ownership of South African government bonds



Source: South African National Treasury

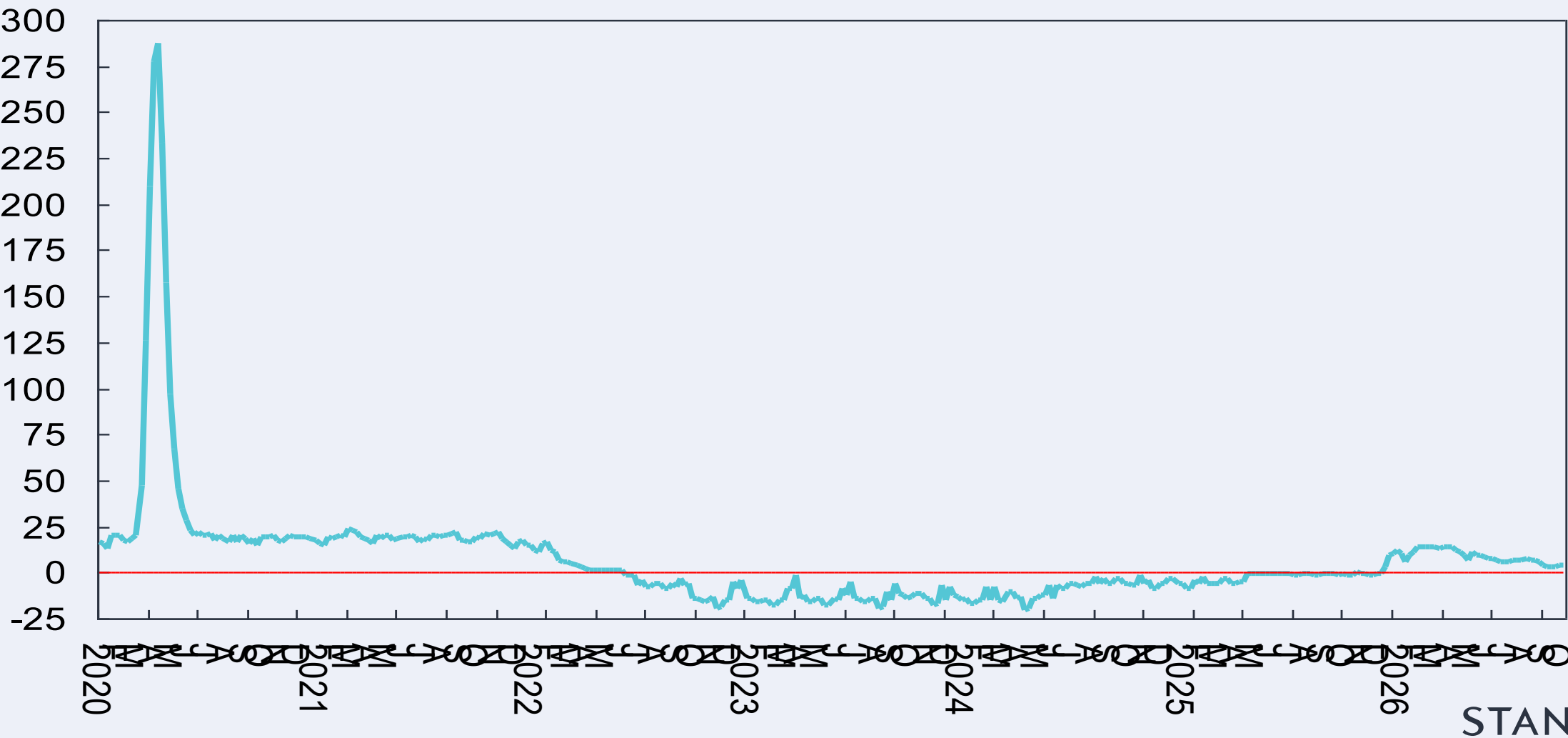
US Federal Reserve ownership of government bonds



Source: US Federal Reserve

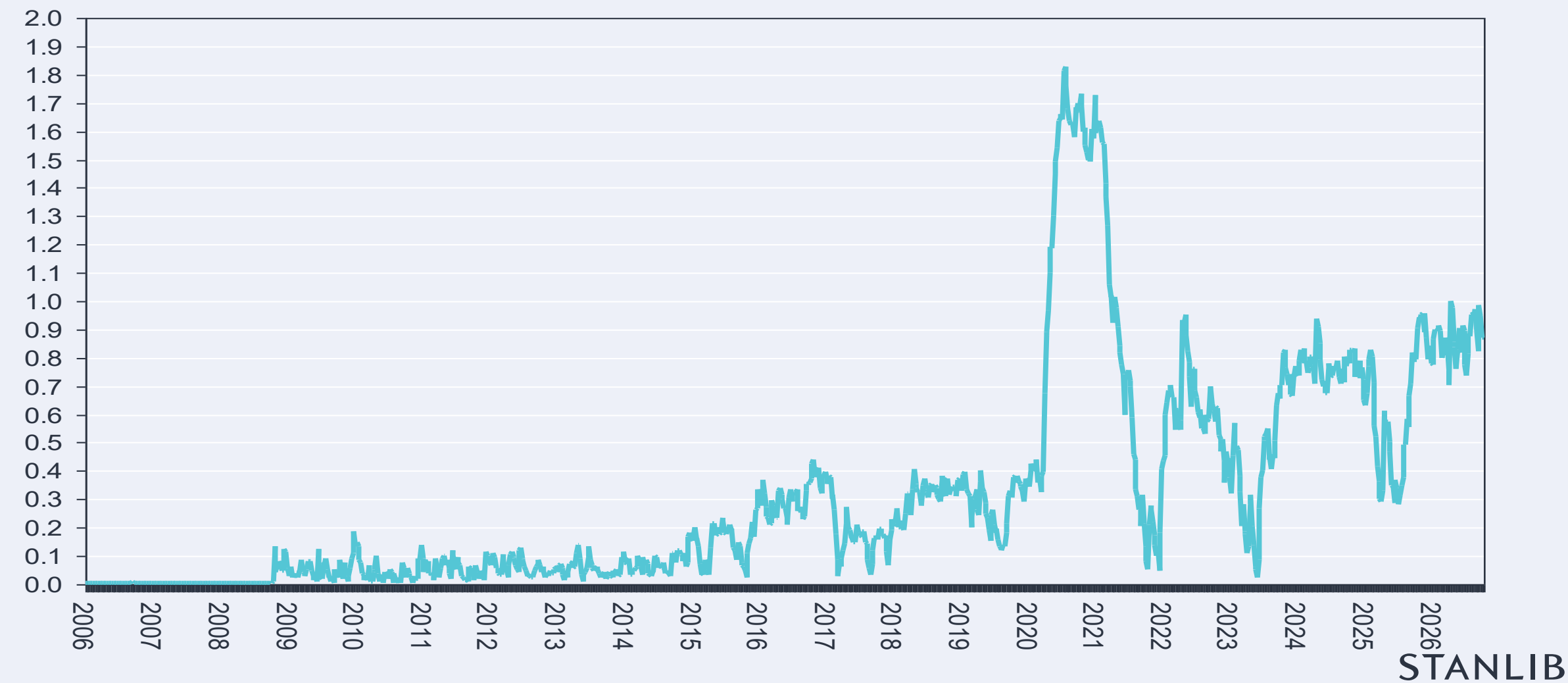
US Federal Reserve purchase of government bonds

4-week average rate of purchases, \$ billion



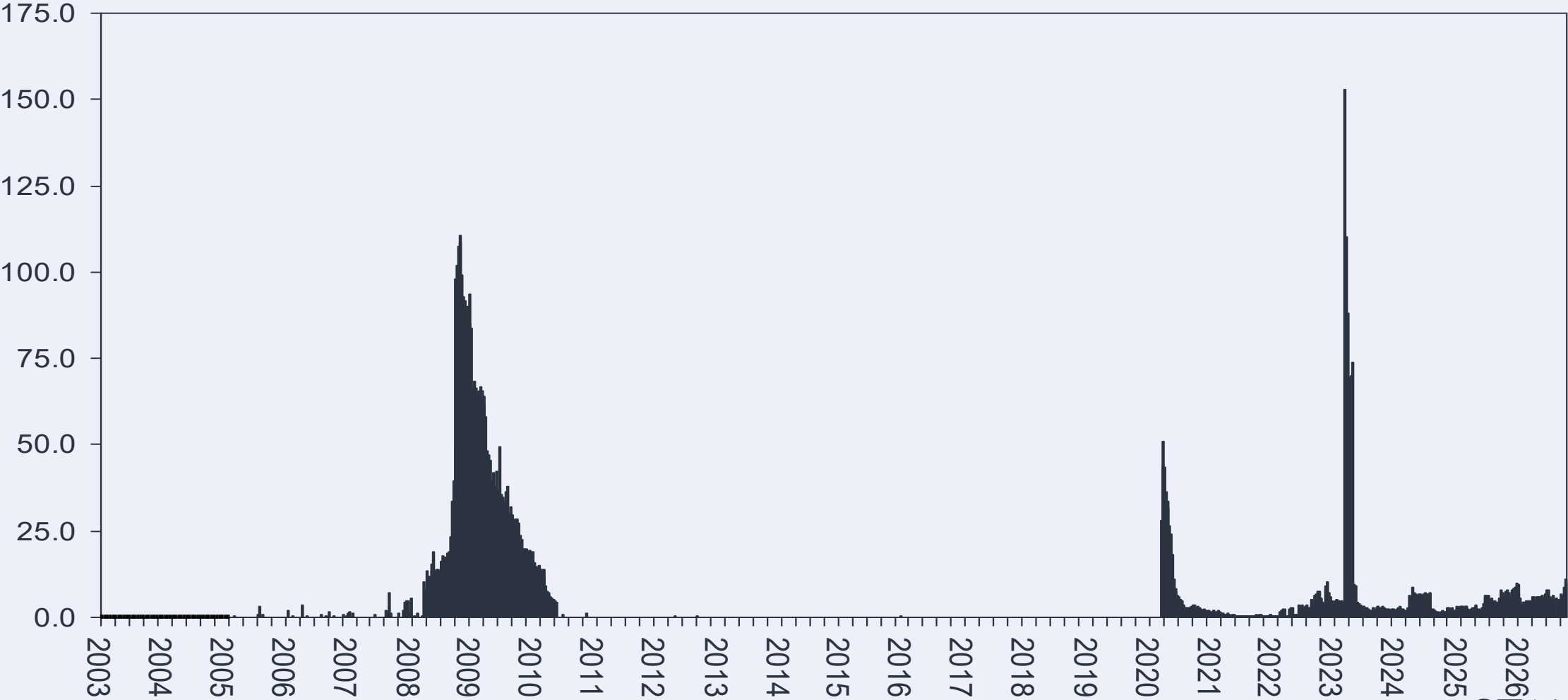
US Treasury cash balance at Federal Reserve

\$ trillion, weekly



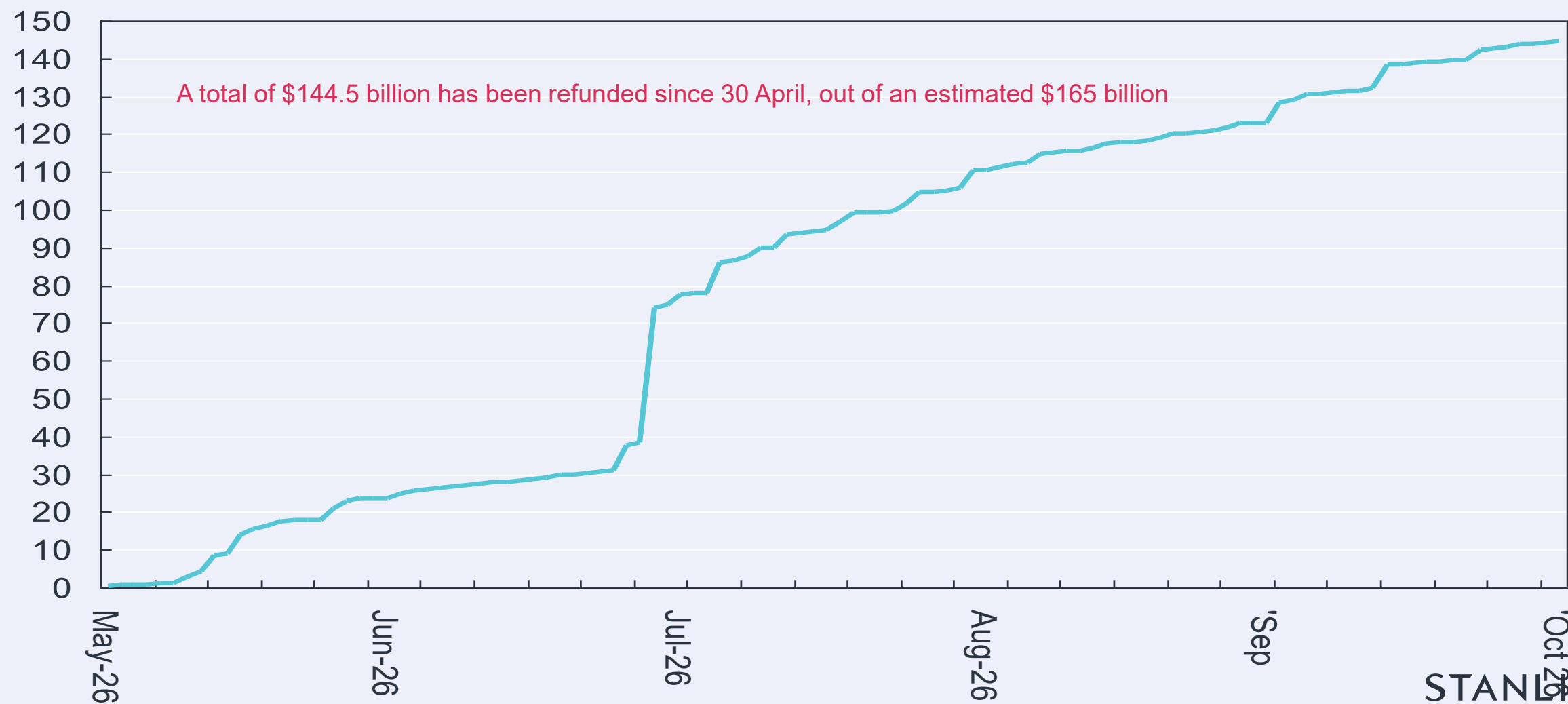
US Federal Reserve discount window (balance)

\$ billion (weekly data)



US IEEPA tariff refunds: CBP withdrawals from Treasury General Account

\$ billion, since 30 April 2026



Source: US Treasury Department

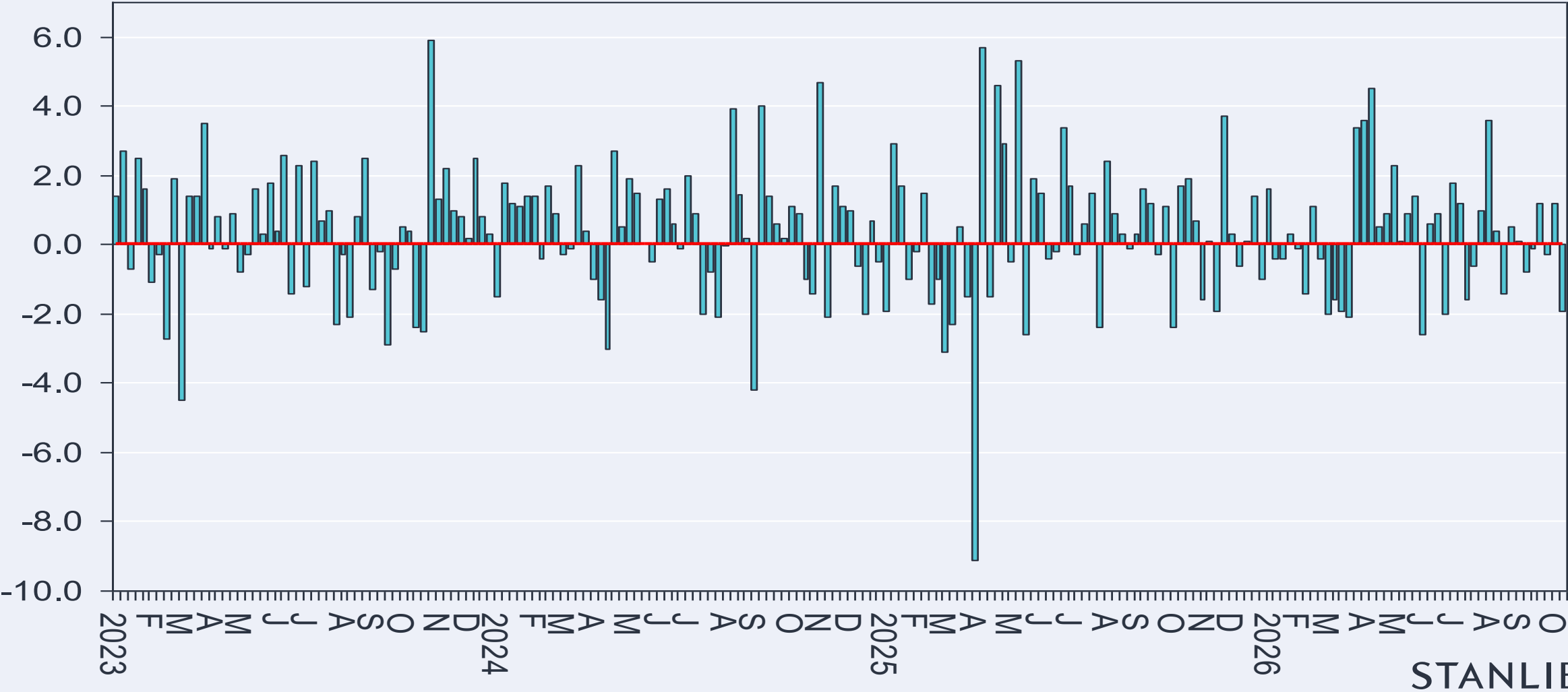
US S&P 500

Index



US S&P 500 (weekly change)

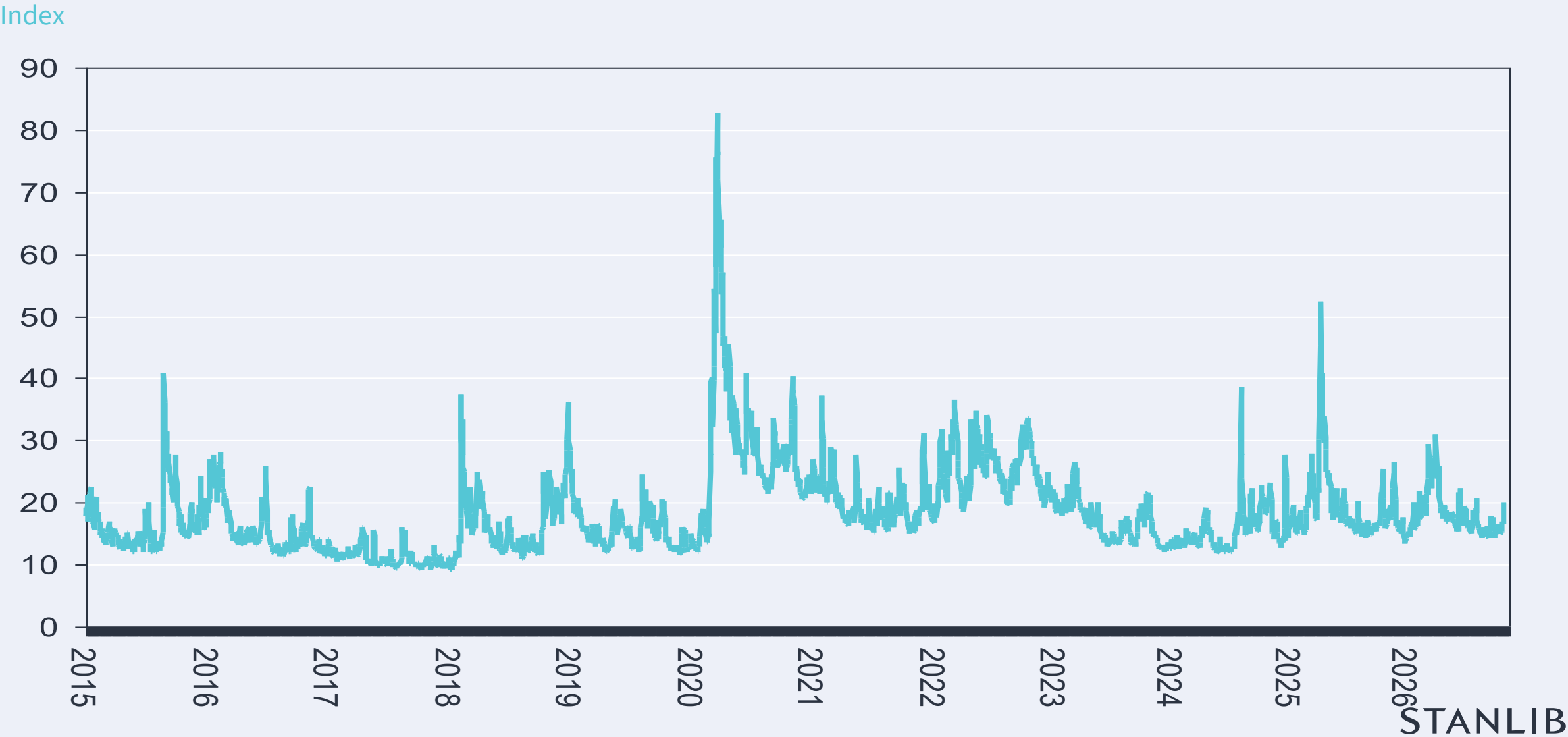
\$ week-on-week



US NASDAQ (100) index



Chicago Board Options Exchange volatility index (VIX index)



SA equity market



Baltic Dry Index (shipping cost of commodities)

