



CHARTBOOK Market Comment

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Market Comment

2026 began with geopolitics related volatility, as the World Economic Forum brought world leaders together. A key volatility catalyst late in the month was renewed U.S. tariff threats toward Europe, framed around a dispute connected to Greenland, which triggered a risk-off move across many global equities. This quickly de-escalated as the Americans reached an agreement on access to Greenland, which were replaced by tariff threats from the US against Canada were renewed following Mark Carney's speech in Davos. By now, investors are much less reactive to the often-threatened tariffs as compared to April 2025, taking more of a wait-and-see approach. Concerns of conflicts in Iran and Venezuela also emerged in January, causing some volatility, particularly in energy markets.

U.S. small and mid-cap and ex-U.S. equities outpaced the S&P500 in January, an interesting development after many years of leadership from the S&P500. Perhaps investors are finally questioning the whether the premium in valuation placed on large cap US equities is fair as compared to their peers.

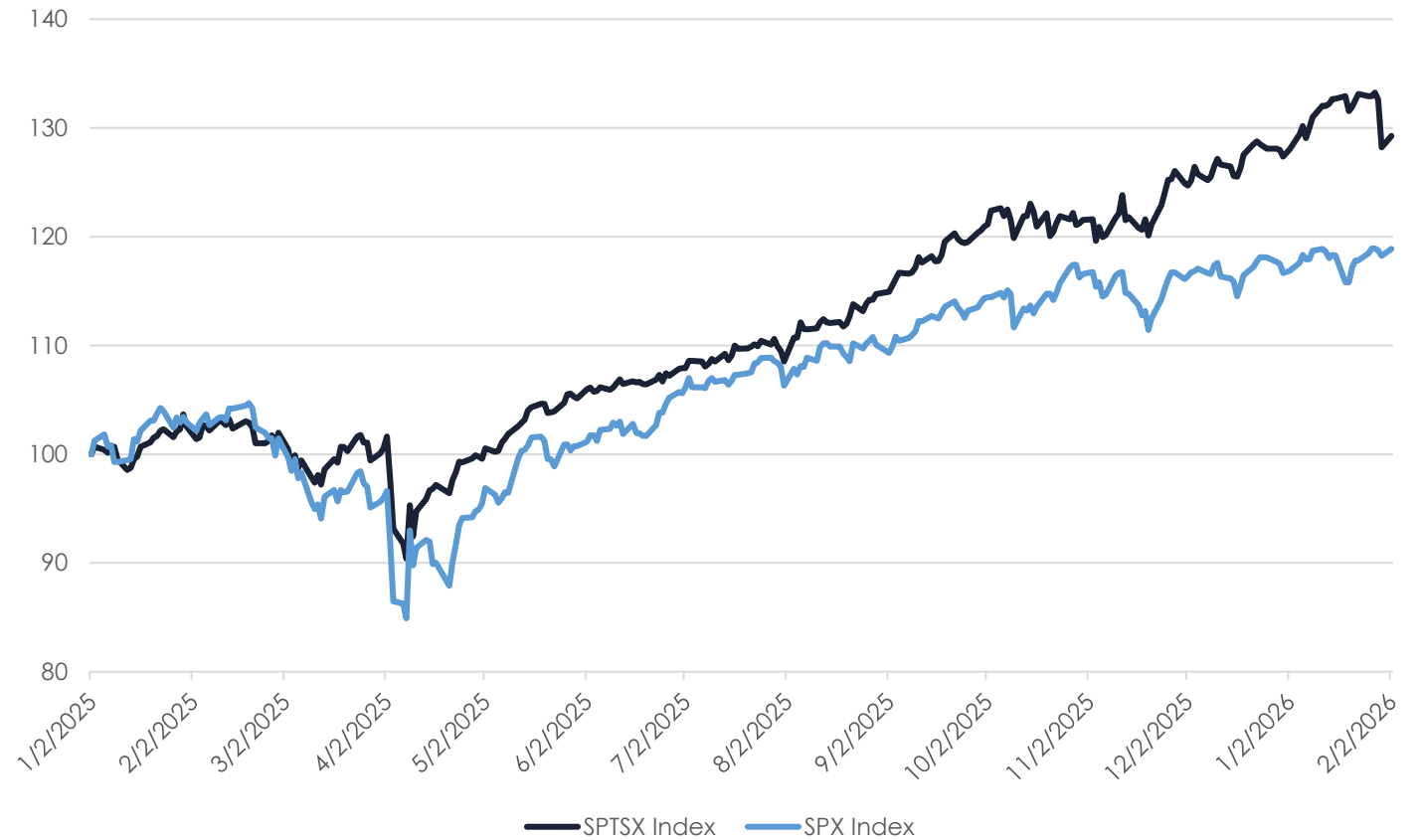
The nomination of Kevin Warsh for the soon-to-be vacant position of Federal Reserve Chairman caused some volatility in markets, as investors sought clarity on Warsh's stance on key topics such as the level of interest rates and Federal Reserve independence. Warsh must be confirmed by the Senate before assuming the position. Concerns about the independence of the Federal Reserve emerged following news that the Department of Justice had launched a criminal investigation of current chairman Jay Powell related to testimony he gave to congress about renovations to the Fed's office buildings.

As is often the case, investors will likely have to endure headline related noise this year which can lead to anxiety. Having a strong, long-term financial plan is a great way to help quell the anxieties that arise from news driven market volatility.



TSX Versus S&P500

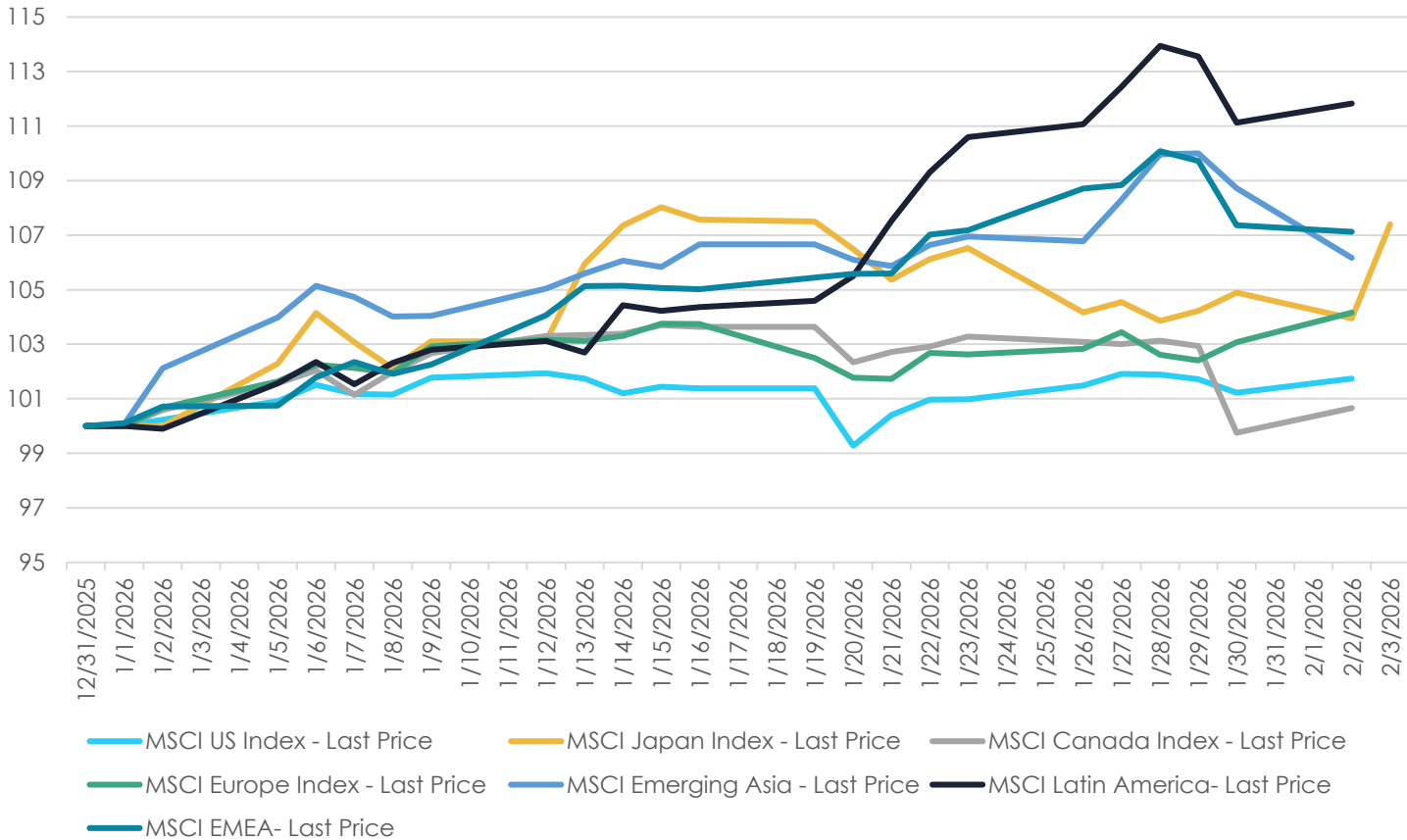
Canadian stocks have been outpacing their US peers for over a year now. Since the beginning of 2025, the TSX is up nearly 30%, while the US is up just under 20%.



Data in local currency terms as of Feb. 2, 2026

Global Equity Indices

US stocks continue to trail many of their global peers in 2026. Year-to-date they are slightly ahead of Canadian stocks but behind many others including, Emerging Markets, Europe, Japan and Latin America.



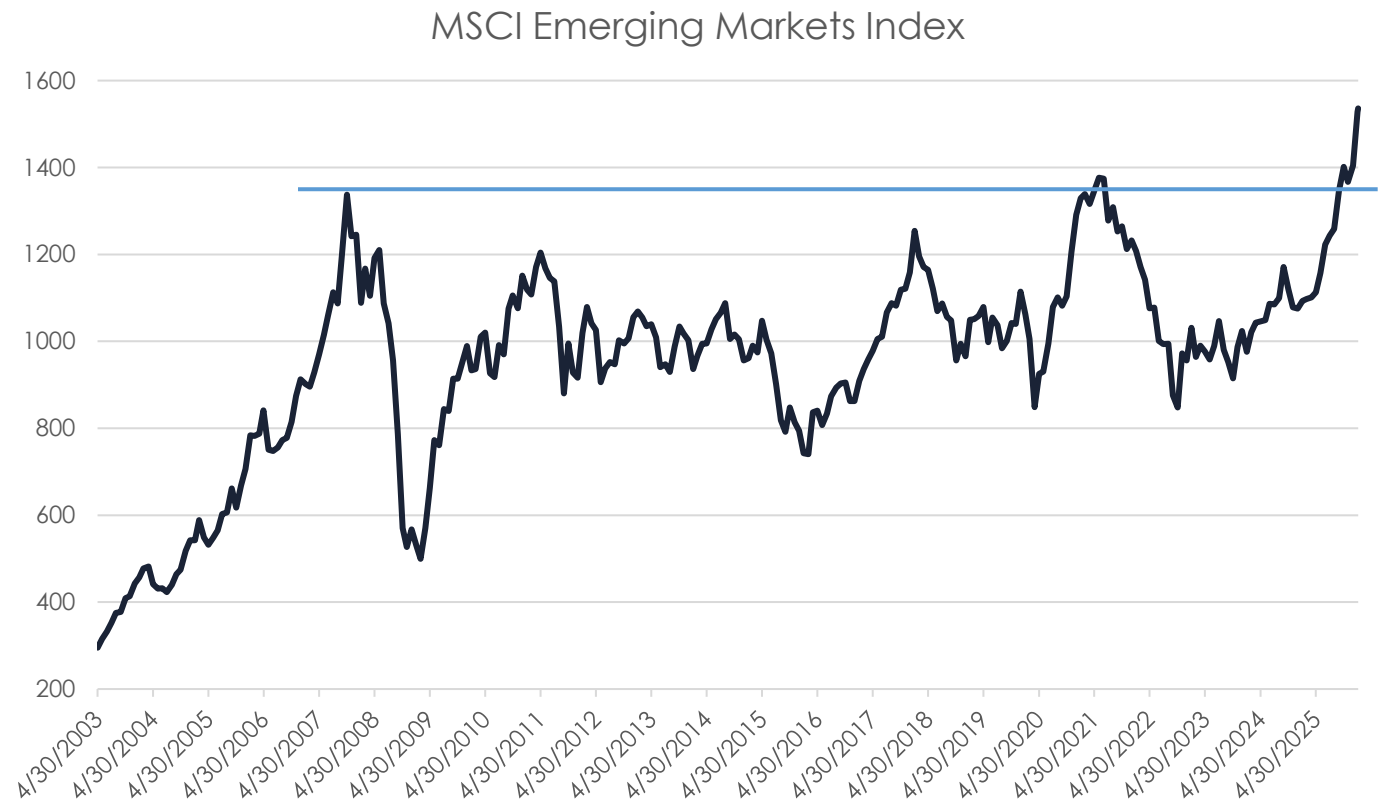
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Emerging Markets

Following the bull market top in 2007, emerging markets had a lost decade and a half, not returning to the prior high until 2021 before declining again.

In 2026, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index broke out through the 2021 high (and then some). A breakout of this magnitude is often associated with the beginning of a new trend where we would see a long series of new highs in a new bull market.

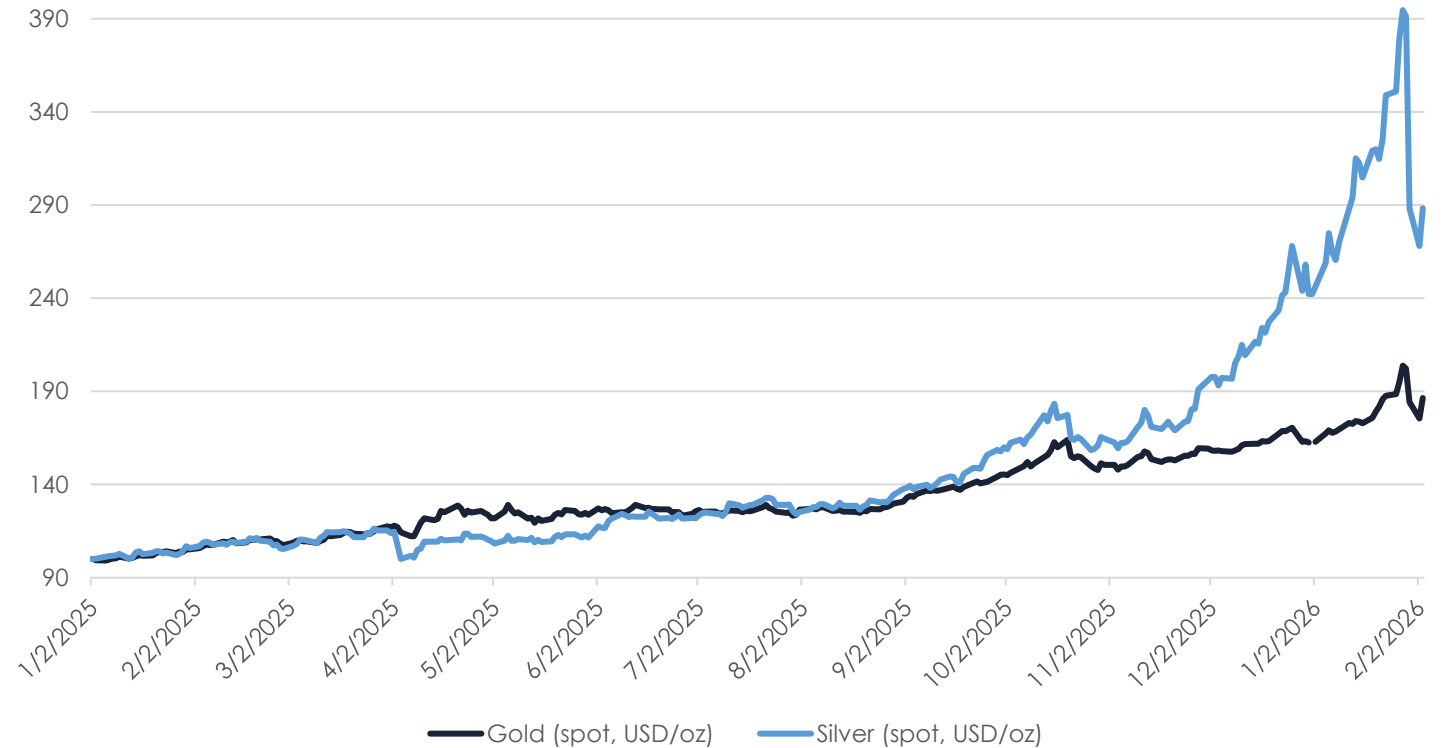


Precious Metals

Mining stocks have been one factor driving the TSX higher. Gold and silver prices have had a rapid rise since the beginning of 2025, where gold rose over 90% and silver about 290%.

Investors were given a harsh reminder of the volatility involved in these assets at the end of January with a sharp, sudden correction. The price rise has been so dramatic that this correction returned the prices to where they were just a few weeks earlier.

Gold & Silver Performance (Indexed to 100 as of Jan 1, 2025)

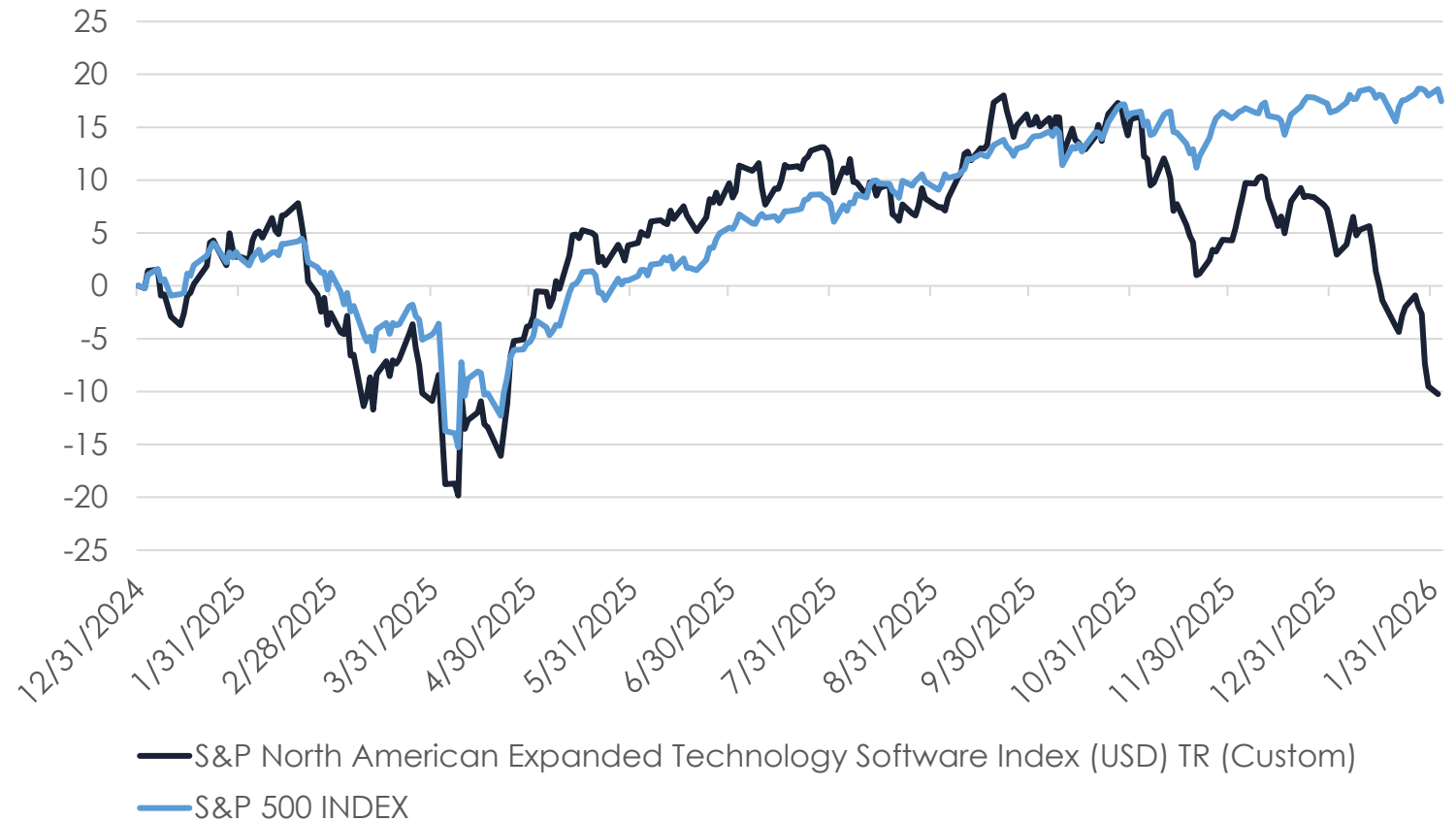


Software Stocks

As AI continues to evolve and new uses and products emerge, one recent casualty has been software stocks.

Fears that certain AI products could disrupt and/or replace software products have led to heavy selling across this sector, including in large cap, household names like Microsoft, Oracle and SAP.

Some may view this as a buying opportunity, while others see the beginning of a trend. How it plays out remains to be seen.

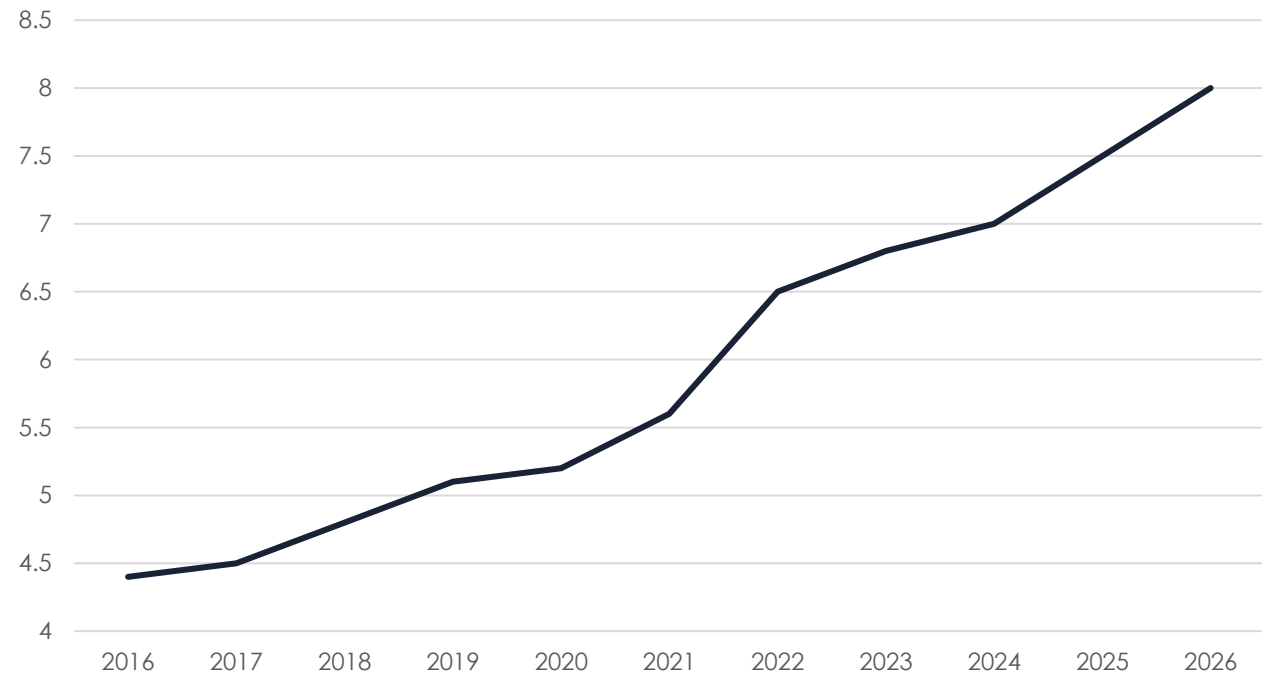


Super Bowl Ad Revenue

It's a bull market in Super Bowl advertising revenue. Over the past decade, the average revenue generated per commercial during the Super Bowl has nearly doubled.

Sunday's matchup between the Seahawks and Patriots is expected to generate US\$8M per 30 second slot, or about US\$266,000 per second!

Avg Price Per 30 Second Commercial (millions of USD)



*2026 revenue estimated, not actual

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