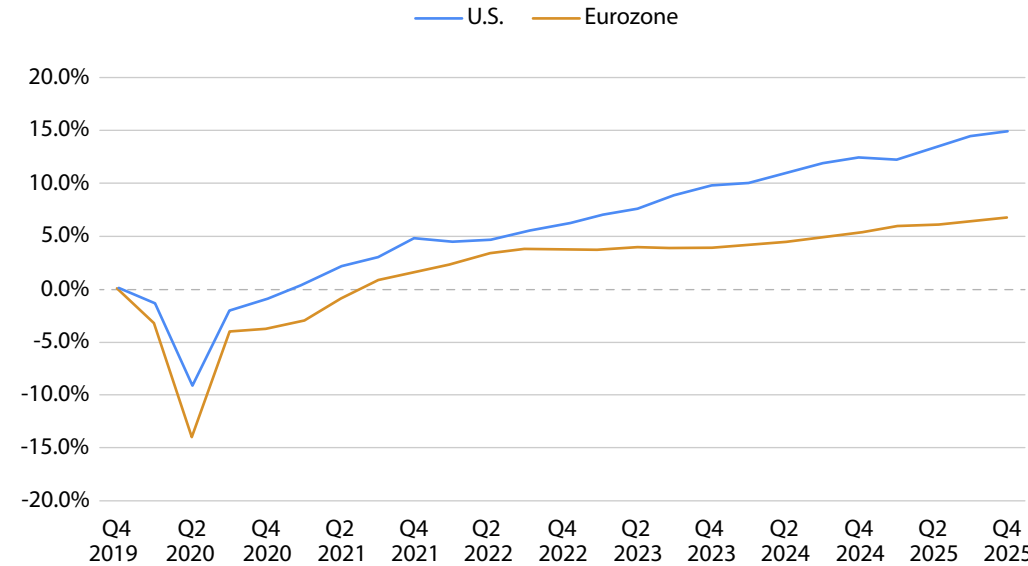


# Eurozone vs. United States

## U.S. and Eurozone Cumulative Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth



Between Q1 2020 and Q4 2025, the U.S. economy delivered real GDP growth of 14.9% (meaning growth adjusted for inflation). This is more than double the growth seen in the Eurozone over the same period.

Sources: FRED, "Real gross domestic product." Feb. 27, 2025. fred.stlouisfed.org.  
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Will the trend persist? Professional forecasters, the European Central Bank (ECB) staff, and officials at the Federal Reserve (Fed) think so. Each quarter these groups release forward-looking projections for real GDP growth in the U.S. or Eurozone over the coming years. Their most recent estimates point toward the U.S. continuing to outpace the Eurozone for the next few years, and potentially longer.

## Projections for Real GDP Growth

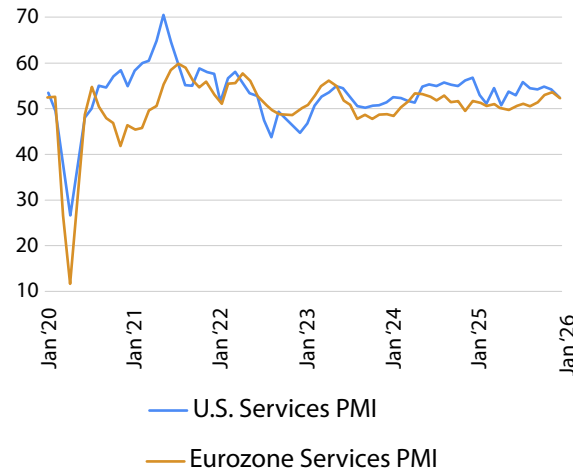
		2025	2026	2027	Longer-Run*
U.S. GDP growth est.	U.S. Federal Reserve Board Members and Bank President	1.7%	2.3%	2.0%	1.8%
	U.S. Survey of Professional Forecasters	1.9%	1.8%	2.1%	n/a
Eurozone GDP growth est.	European Central Bank (ECB) Staff	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%	n/a
	ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%

\*The ECB Survey of Professional Forecasters defines "longer-run" as 2030. "Longer-run" is not a fixed timeframe for the Fed.  
 Sources: FOMC. "Summary of economic projections." Dec. 10, 2025. federalreserve.gov.  
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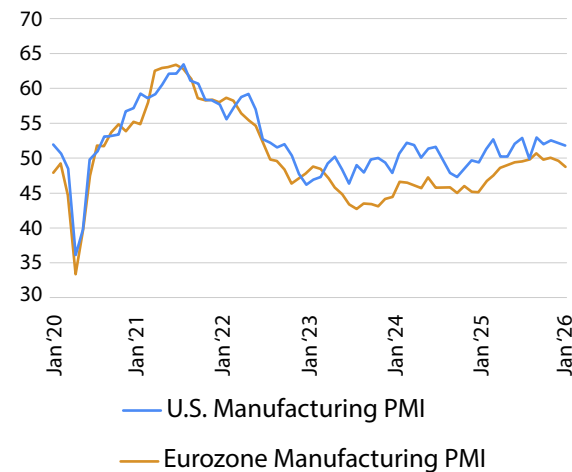
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A leading economic indicator, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), also points to U.S. economic activity outpacing the Eurozone. PMI data is collected via survey from hundreds of purchasing managers across the manufacturing and service sectors. Survey respondents answer various questions regarding business conditions / activity, prices, and employment. This data is then used to create a diffusion index where a headline number above 50 indicates an expansion, and below 50 indicates a contraction compared to the previous month.

U.S. and Eurozone Services PMI



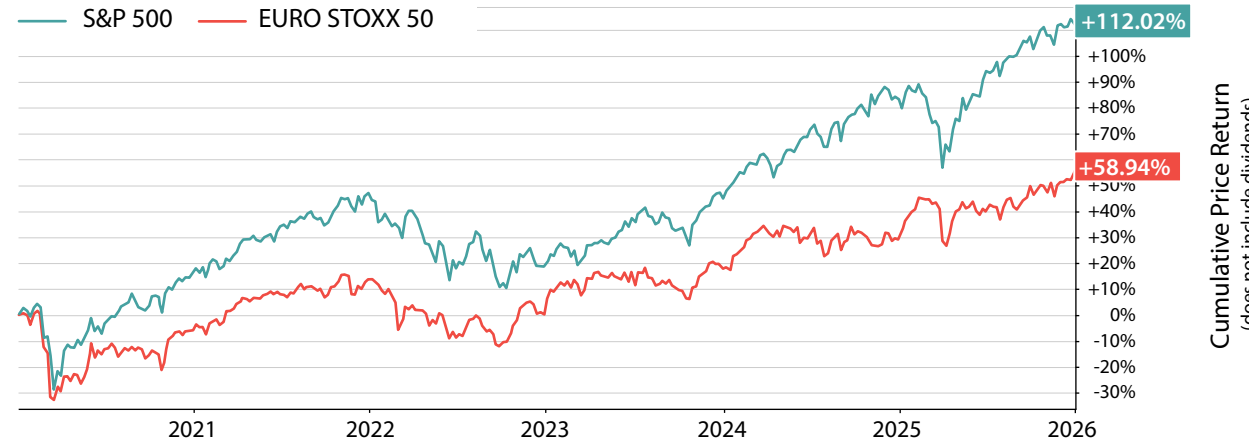
U.S. and Eurozone Manufacturing PMI



Sources: Investing.com: "U.S. Services PMI," Feb. 27, 2026. "Eurozone Services PMI," Feb. 27, 2026. "U.S. Manufacturing PMI," Feb. 27, 2026. "Eurozone Manufacturing PMI," Feb. 27, 2026.

## S&P 500 vs Euro STOXX 50

Dec 31, 2020 - Dec 31, 2025



"While Europe has created 14 companies worth more than \$10 billion in the past 50 years, with about \$400 billion of market value in total, Americans have created nearly 250 such companies, worth \$30 trillion." (*Wall Street Journal*, Dec. 16, 2024)

The U.S. economy's strong growth has not gone unnoticed by investors who have piled into U.S. equities, driving prices higher. According to economic theory, in the long run, changes in price-to-earnings ratios and shares outstanding will be zero, and corporate earnings will trend toward nominal GDP growth. This implies that long-term growth in financial markets is largely driven by economic growth.

Sources: Yahoo Finance, EURO STOXX 50 vs. S&P 500 comparison chart. Dec. 31, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2025. finance.yahoo.com. Wall Street Journal, Conard, E. Dec. 16, 2024.

**"The U.S. economy has a wonderful ability to grow and reinvent itself, drawing strength from its adaptability and innovation."**

~ Paul Samuelson  
Nobel Prize-Winning Economist

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