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Market Overview

Total Returns (%) Year-To-Date (At Month End)

	2023	2024	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
MSCI Global Equities	22.82%	18.03%	14.69%	18.88%	11.85%
MSCI Developed Market Equities	24.44%	19.22%	14.14%	17.86%	11.10%
MSCI Emerging Markets Equities	10.20%	7.97%	19.62%	28.19%	18.62%
MSCI Asia ex Jn Equities	11.98%	10.14%	18.66%	24.34%	15.04%
S&P 500 (US) Equities	26.26%	25.00%	10.78%	14.81%	10.94%
STOXX 600 (EU) Equities	16.63%	9.62%	11.56%	13.28%	1.68%
CSI 300 (China) Equities	-9.14%	18.24%	16.81%	20.71%	9.07%
HSI (HK) Equities	-10.46%	22.90%	28.37%	38.18%	15.05%
MSCI Malaysia (MY) Equities	0.67%	17.51%	-3.13%	0.43%	-14.72%
Bloomberg Global IG Bond	5.72%	-1.69%	7.21%	7.91%	7.64%
Bloomberg Global HY Bond	14.04%	9.19%	8.88%	9.60%	10.36%

Source: Bloomberg, as of 31 October 2025

GLOBAL EQUITIES

Global equities remain positive year-to-date, supported by earlier optimism around artificial intelligence and resilient corporate earnings. Developed markets led gains for most of the year, driven by strong U.S. performance, while Europe lagged due to slower growth and policy uncertainty. Recent months saw a sharp correction after September's peak, but overall, global equities delivered solid returns in 2025.

ASIA PACIFIC EQUITIES

Asia Pacific delivered strong gains earlier in the year but saw a significant pullback in October. North Asia, led by Hong Kong and China, gave back a large portion of prior advances after September's highs. Despite the correction, the region remains ahead of most global peers, supported by structural growth drivers and policy easing, though sentiment has turned more cautious.

MALAYSIAN EQUITIES

Malaysia reversed sharply after earlier resilience, moving from modest gains to deep losses by October. Profit-taking in large-cap financials and utilities, combined with foreign outflows and earnings downgrades, weighed heavily on performance. Domestic sentiment remains fragile heading into year-end.

Source: AmBank Retail Wealth Management Advisory & Research (as at 14 November 2025)

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DÉJÀ BOOM?

Think of a rocket launch — thrilling, high velocity, but prone to overheating.

That's the AI market today.

Just like the Dotcom era, investors are chasing a future built on transformative tech. But are we ignoring the warning signs? From sky-high valuations to speculative startups with no earnings, echoes of the 2000 crash are growing louder.

Yet, this time, the rocket has better fuel: real deployments, trillion-dollar war chests, and enterprise-grade infrastructure. The question isn't whether AI is overhyped — it's whether it's **overfunded too soon**.

1. Bubble Anatomy: Dotcom vs AI

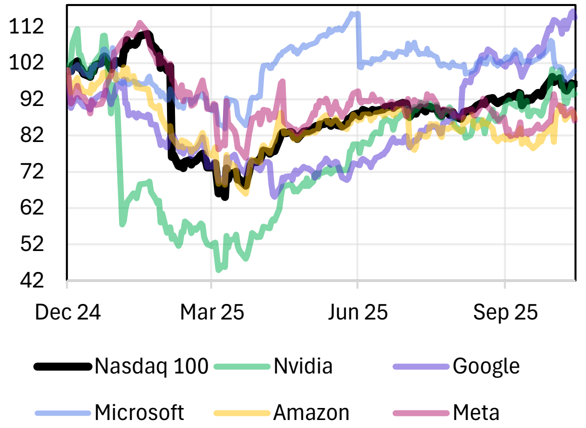
The Dotcom bubble was built on "Internet will change everything." Today's mantra is "AI will change everything." Both eras share the same DNA: a sweeping narrative, valuations anchored on future potential, and a frenzy of IPOs. Pets.com and Webvan then; Anthropic, OpenAI, and ARM now. The difference? This bubble is asset-heavy. Hyperscalers are sinking billions into GPUs and data centers, creating real infrastructure — but also real fixed costs.

2. The Storytelling Phase

In 2000, companies sold "clicks over cash." Today, it's "tokens over traction." Startups pitch model size and GPU spend as proof of dominance, while monetization remains vague. This phase inflates valuations without revenue clarity, echoing Dotcom's obsession with vanity metrics. When storytelling outruns fundamentals, bubbles inflate faster — and burst harder.

3. Valuation Compression: P/E Ratios for AI Megacaps vs Nasdaq

Valuation Reset: P/E ratios for AI megacaps have compressed through 2025, echoing Dotcom's normalization phase



Source: Bloomberg Terminal (November 2025)

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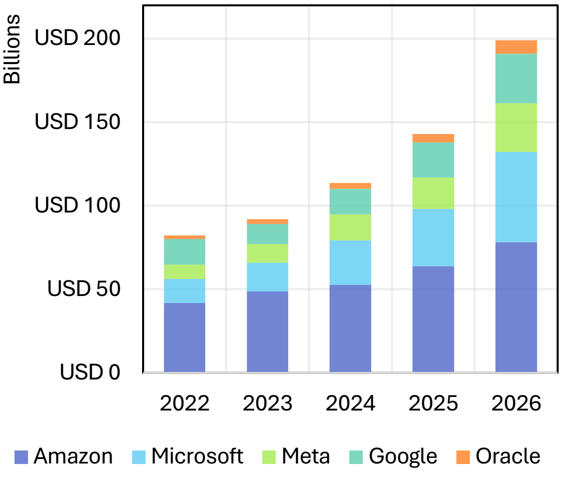
The AI boom isn't just about price—it's about valuations. P/E multiples surged early but have since normalized as earnings caught up. Nvidia remains volatile, while Microsoft and Google show steadier trends. This mirrors Dotcom's trajectory: lofty expectations followed by a painful reset.

4. Reality Check: Cracks Beneath the Surface

The first cracks in Dotcom were obvious: weak monetization and regulatory pushback. Today's cracks are subtler. AI's promise comes with a price tag: depreciation. Hyperscalers are pouring billions into GPUs and servers, but these assets have short useful lives—often five years or less—forcing recurring upgrades. Annual depreciation charges for Amazon, Microsoft, Meta, Google, and Oracle could hit $200B by 2026, up from $90B in 2022. Unlike the Dotcom bubble's fiber cables, these costs are unavoidable and non-discretionary. If AI-driven revenue fails to keep pace, margins will compress sharply, turning today's boom into tomorrow's balance sheet strain. This isn't a bubble of fake tech; it's a bubble of real assets with uncertain payback.

Big Tech depreciation could double from $90B in 2022 to nearly $200B by 2026, driven by AI infrastructure build-out



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5. History Rhymes: Then vs Now

Dotcom's rally was narrow and brutal when it broke. Nasdaq soared nearly 80% at its peak, far outpacing S&P 500 and Russell 2000—only to collapse by 78%. Today's AI boom shows similar concentration risk: since early 2023, Nasdaq 100 has surged over 110%, while S&P 500 gained 45% and Russell 2000 just 20%. Narrow leadership is a classic bubble signal. If gravity hits, the fall will be steep.

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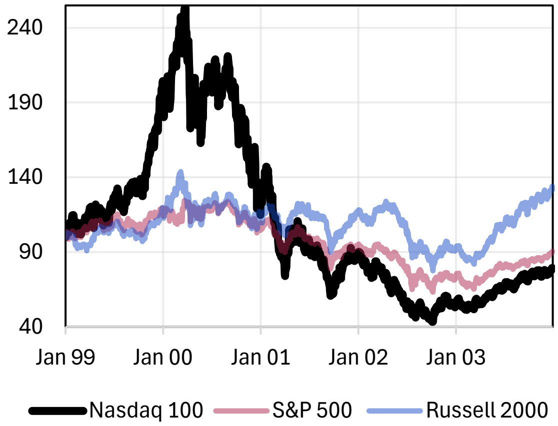
Dotcom Era: Nasdaq vs S&P 500 vs Russell 2000 – explosive rise, sharp collapse.



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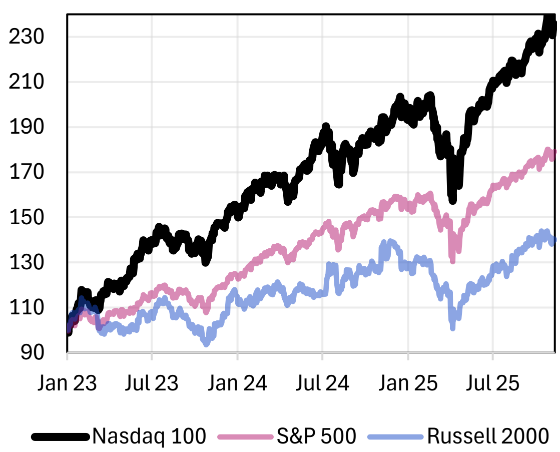
AI Era: Nasdaq vs S&P 500 vs Russell 2000 (2023–2025) – megacap tech dominates, echoing Dotcom concentration risk.



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6. Capital, Survivors & Productivity: Lessons from Dotcom

Venture capital is slowing, even as Big Tech acquires AI startups to secure strategic moats. Consolidation looms as depreciation costs rise and payback remains uncertain. Nvidia and Microsoft deliver real earnings, but many AI plays remain speculative. The question persists: who becomes the Amazon of AI? And will AI's promise—coding, drug discovery, robotics—translate into genuine productivity gains or just cost-shifting?

Final Takeaway

Markets are chasing the next big thing. But bubbles don't burst because the tech is fake — they burst when expectations outrun reality.

Strategy? Balance.

- **Defensive plays**: Utilities, healthcare, quality bonds.
- **Structural growth**: AI infrastructure, semiconductors, enterprise software.

Don't fear the bubble — just know where the air is thinnest.

Forward-looking question: Will AI deliver real productivity gains — or will fixed costs and narrow leadership trigger the next reset?

AmBank Economics – Monthly Manifests

MYR Rally in November: Stretched and Due for a Breather

The Ringgit's sharp appreciation in November appears overextended, with gains lacking fresh domestic catalysts after earlier positive news on trade, growth, and monetary policy. AmBank expects USD/MYR to ease to 4.16 by end-2025, implying a modest pullback from current levels near 4.13. While Malaysia's fundamentals remain supportive, a move toward 4.00 within 12 months looks unlikely without additional bullish drivers. Current sentiment reflects strong year-to-date performance, but the pace of gains in November stands out against muted moves in regional peers.

MYR has strengthened 1.8% against USD in 4Q2025, reinforcing its 8.2% YTD appreciation, following a 2.7% rise in 2024 and a 4.1% decline in 2023. The recent surge contrasts with weakness in most Asian currencies as markets pared expectations for Fed rate cuts. The Fed lowered rates by 25 bps in October to 3.75–4.00%, but hawkish commentary afterward trimmed easing bets, with swaps now pricing 3.30 cuts by mid-2026 (vs. 3.71 pre-FOMC). Meanwhile, BNM held OPR at 2.75%, reiterating a dovish stance amid subdued inflation and external risks. With earlier catalysts priced in—such as the US-Malaysia ART trade deal and strong 3Q GDP—recent gains look stretched.

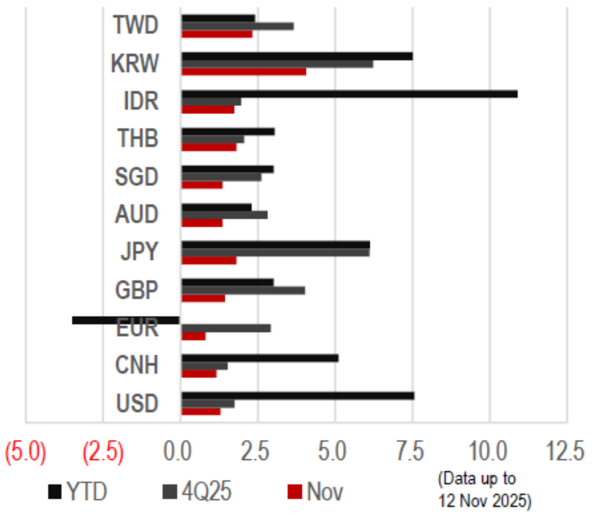
Risks ahead include Malaysia's semiconductor sector facing tariff uncertainty and slowing US tech demand, alongside policy rate differentials that could weigh on MYR sentiment. Global volatility persists as US fiscal and trade policy remain unclear, compounded by upcoming Fed leadership changes in 2026 and potential Supreme Court intervention on tariff powers. Domestic factors such as fiscal consolidation and resilient growth provide support, but external headwinds—geopolitical tensions, high base effects on exports, and competition for US market share—could temper optimism. AmBank sees scope for 0.5–1.5% profit-taking in the near term, aligning MYR closer to regional peers.

To achieve USD/MYR below 4.00, Malaysia would need stronger tailwinds: deeper Fed cuts below neutral rate, erosion of US policy credibility, preferential trade access for E&E exports, a prolonged semiconductor upcycle driven by AI adoption, and sustained domestic resilience. Until then, AmBank revises its end-2025 forecast to 4.16 (prior: 4.20), with a mid-2026 bottom at 4.13 before a mild rebound. While Malaysia's bright economic prospects and fiscal discipline remain positives, external factors—Fed policy trajectory and global tech cycle—will play a larger role in shaping MYR's path ahead.

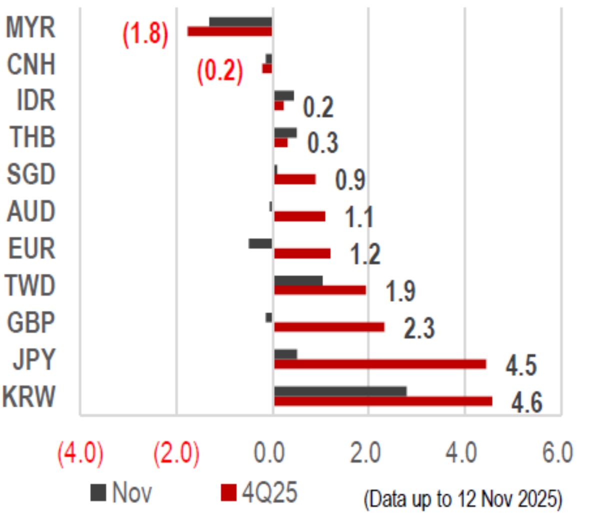
Source: AmBank Economics (November 2025)

Economic Events – Commentary & Charts

MYR % gains/(losses) vs.

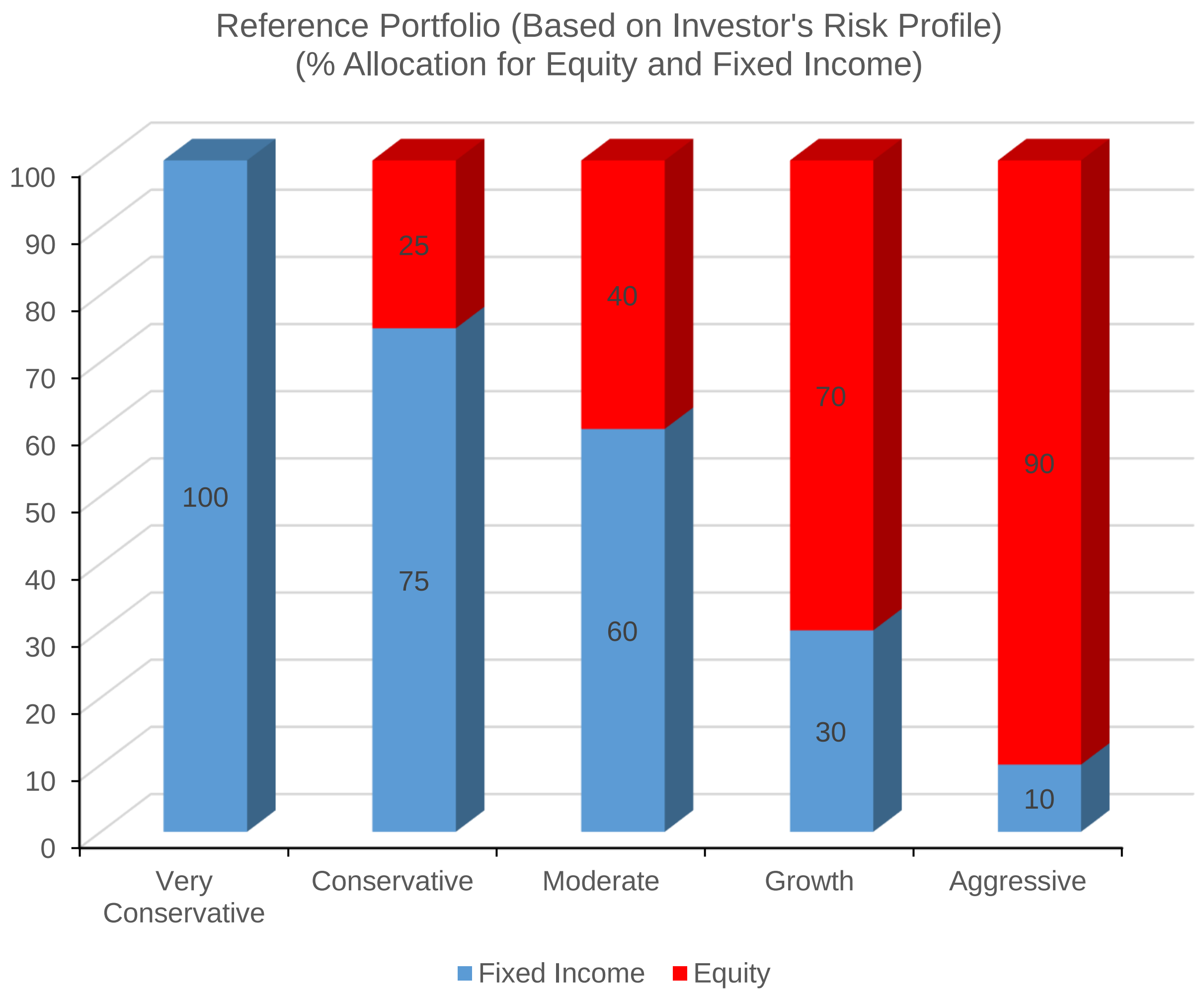


USD gains/(losses) vs.



Source: AmBank Economic Research

Asset Allocation Strategy



Source: AmBank

Fund of Focus – 4th Quarter 2025

THEME \ STRATEGY	PREMIUM INCOME (10)	MOMENTUM PLAY (10)	VOLATILITY DAMPENER (8)
GWM Champions (3)	AmIncome & Growth	AmTech & Innovation	AmFunds Global Dividend
Income Buffers (5)	AmIncome AHAM World Series Income Maybank Income Flow-i	AmAsia Pacific Equity Income	Principal Nasdaq Equity Premium Income
Evergreen Core (6)	AHAM Select Balanced Principal Islamic Lifetime Balanced	RHB i-Sustainable Future Technology TA Global Select Equity	Manulife Global Perspective Principal Global Titans
Rate Cut Winners (5)	AmBon Islam SRI AmBond	Precious Metals Securities Principal US High Conviction	AmGlobal Smaller Companies United Golden Opportunity
Tactical Play (9)	RHB Asian Income Principal Singapore Equity	Hong Kong Tech Index Principal Greater China Equity RHB Shariah China Focus United Japan Discovery	AHAM Select Opportunity MAMG Systematic AsiaPac Eq Ab Return TA Southeast Asia

Note: Funds are selected using a quantitative filter. Best scoring funds across key categories have shortlisted to be in the fund of focus. Based on Wealth Advisory & Research and Wealth Product Managers PM discretion & experience, new funds and tactical ideas may be added as required to capture fast moving market trends.

Source: AmBank as of July 2025

Top 5 Best Performing Funds YTD 2025

Fund Name	Fund Type	Status	YTD	1Y	3Y Ann
AmFunds Glb Div RM	Equity - Global	Retail	6.69%	5.73%	9.32%
Hong Kong Tech Index MYR	Equity - China	Wholesale	26.93%	56.98%	12.73%
Hong Kong Tech Index MYR Hdg	Equity - China	Wholesale	28.47%	61.38%	7.37%
Principal Greater China Equity MYR	Equity - China	Retail	8.00%	9.04%	-0.81%
United Golden Opportunity MYR hedged	Commodity - Global	Retail	14.59%	30.51%	11.73%

Top 5 Worst Performing Funds YTD 2025

Fund Name	Fund Type	Status	YTD	1Y	3Y Ann
Eastspring Inv Islamic Small-cap	Equity - Malaysia	Retail	-11.89%	2.09%	5.11%
Principal Global Technology MYR H	Equity - Global	Retail	-9.32%	-1.69%	2.27%
Principal Islamic Global Technology MYR	Equity - Global	Wholesale	-11.81%	-13.14%	-
Principal Islamic Global Technology MYRH	Equity - Global	Wholesale	-11.28%	-6.77%	-
Principal US High Conviction Equity MYR	Equity - Developed Market	Retail	-8.93%	-3.56%	3.15%

Source: Lipper fund performance as at 30 May 2025, applicable to funds distributed by AmBank
Past performance does not indicate future returns

Definitions

AAA/BBB	Currency Pair of AAA and BBB. Number of units of AAA (Base currency) that one unit of BBB (Quote currency) will buy.
AUD	Australian Dollar
Bosvepa	Brazil Stock Index
CAD	Canadian Dollar
CHF	Swiss Franc
CNY	Chinese Renminbi
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DAX	German Stock Index
DJIA	Dow Jones Industrial Average
EPFR Global	Emerging Portfolio Fund Research, Inc.
ETF	Exchange Traded Funds
EUR	Euro
FocusEconomics	FocusEconomics is a leading provider of economic analysis and forecasts for 127 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, as well as price forecasts for 33 key commodities.
GBP	UK Pound Sterling
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
German IFO	German **I**nformation and **Fo**rschung (research).
HSI	Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index
IIF	Institute of International Finance
IHS	Information Handling Services is a company based in London, United Kingdom. IHS provides information and analysis to support the decision-making process of businesses and governments.
IHS Markit	A merger between IHS and Markit Ltd.
Indonesia's JSX	Indonesia's Jakarta Stock Exchange
I/B/E/S	'Institutional Brokers' Estimate System
INR	Indian Rupee
JPY	Japanese Yen
KOSPI	South Korea's Stock Index
Malaysia's KLCI	FTSE Bursa Malaysia Index
Markit Ltd	A global financial information and services company founded in 2003 as an independent source of credit derivative pricing.
MICEX	Russian Stock Index
MYR	Malaysian Ringgit
Philippines PSE	Philippines' Stock Index
PSEi	The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc
PMI	Purchasing Managers' Index
PRC	People's Republic of China
Q1,Q2,Q3,Q4	Quarter 1, Quarter 2, Quarter 3, Quarter 4
SCI	China's Shanghai Composite Index
SGD	Singapore Dollar
Singapore STI	Singapore's Strait Times Index
TAIEX	Taiwan's Stock Index
Thailand's SET	Thailand's Stock Index
U.K.	United Kingdom
U.S.	United States of America
U.S. Fed	United States Federal Reserve
USD	U.S. Dollar
YOY	Year-on-year
YTD / y-t-d	Year to date

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