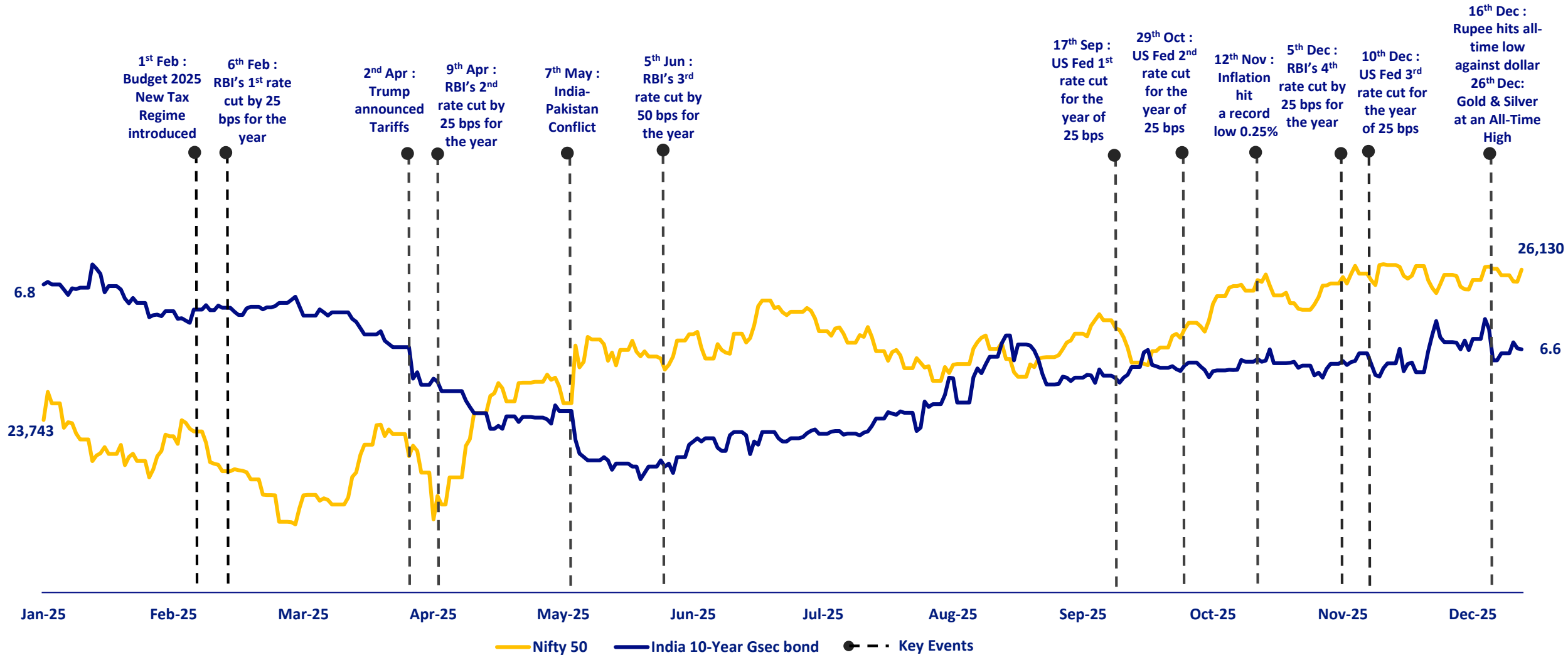


Bidding Adieu to 2025

What 2025 will be remembered for

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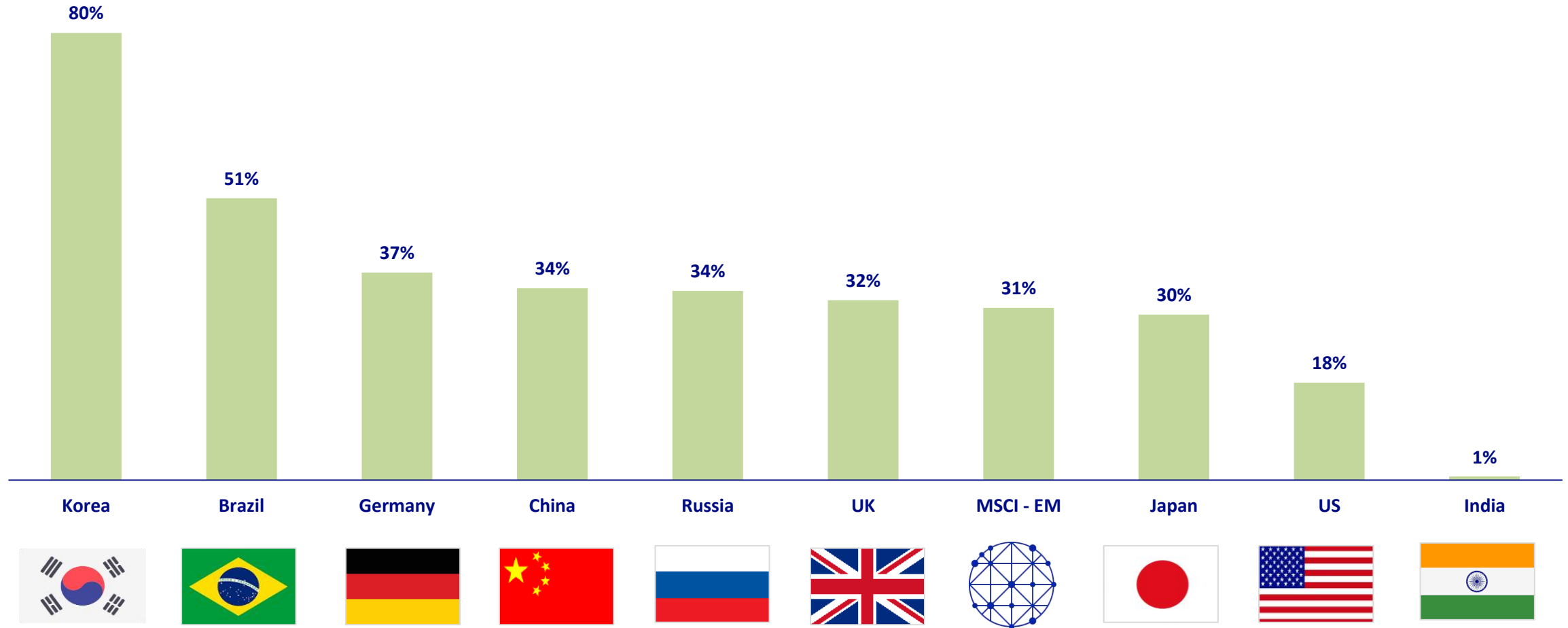
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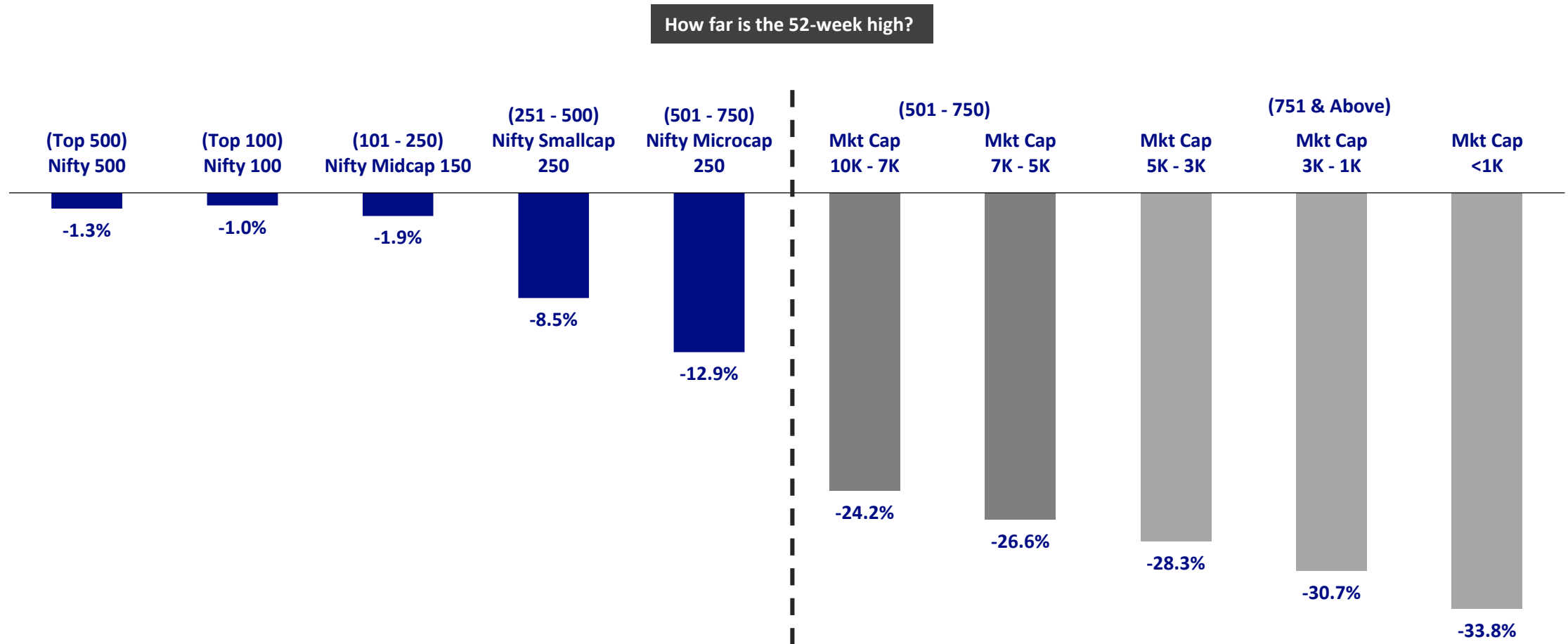


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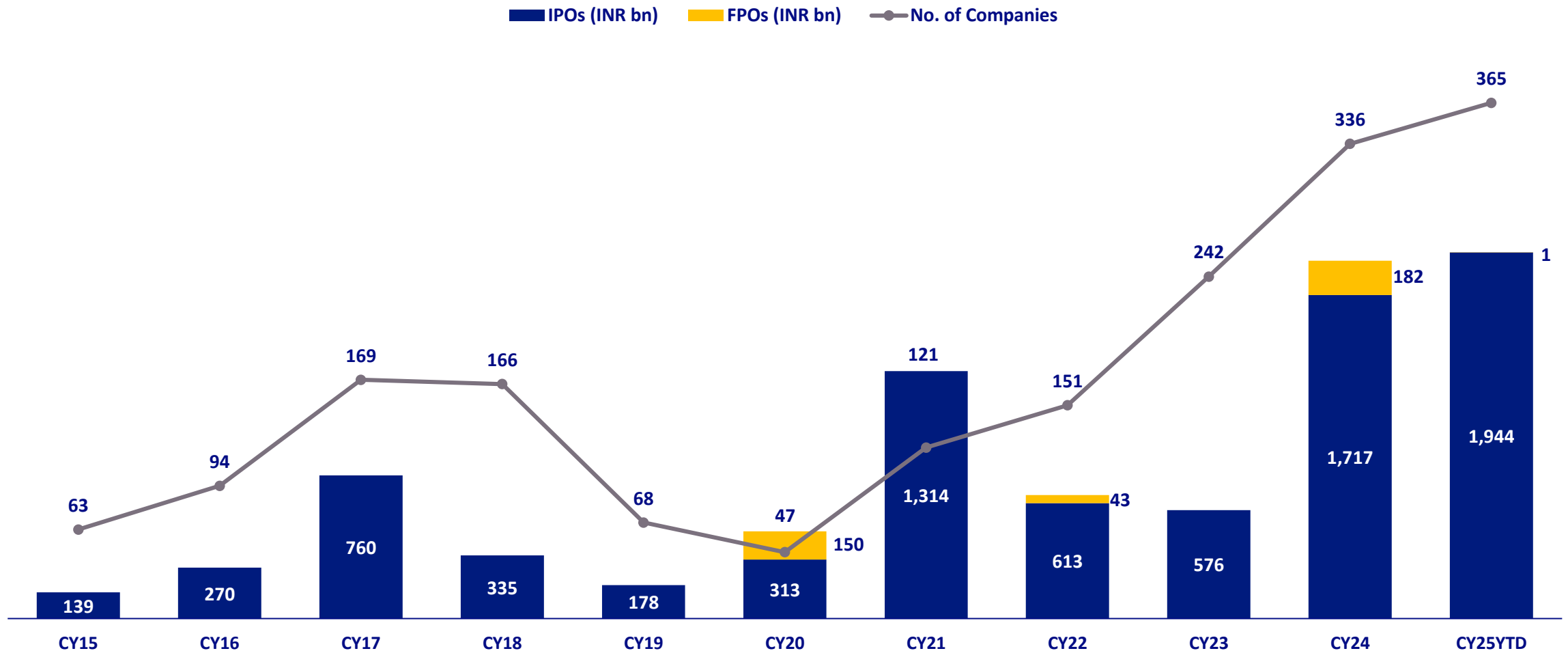


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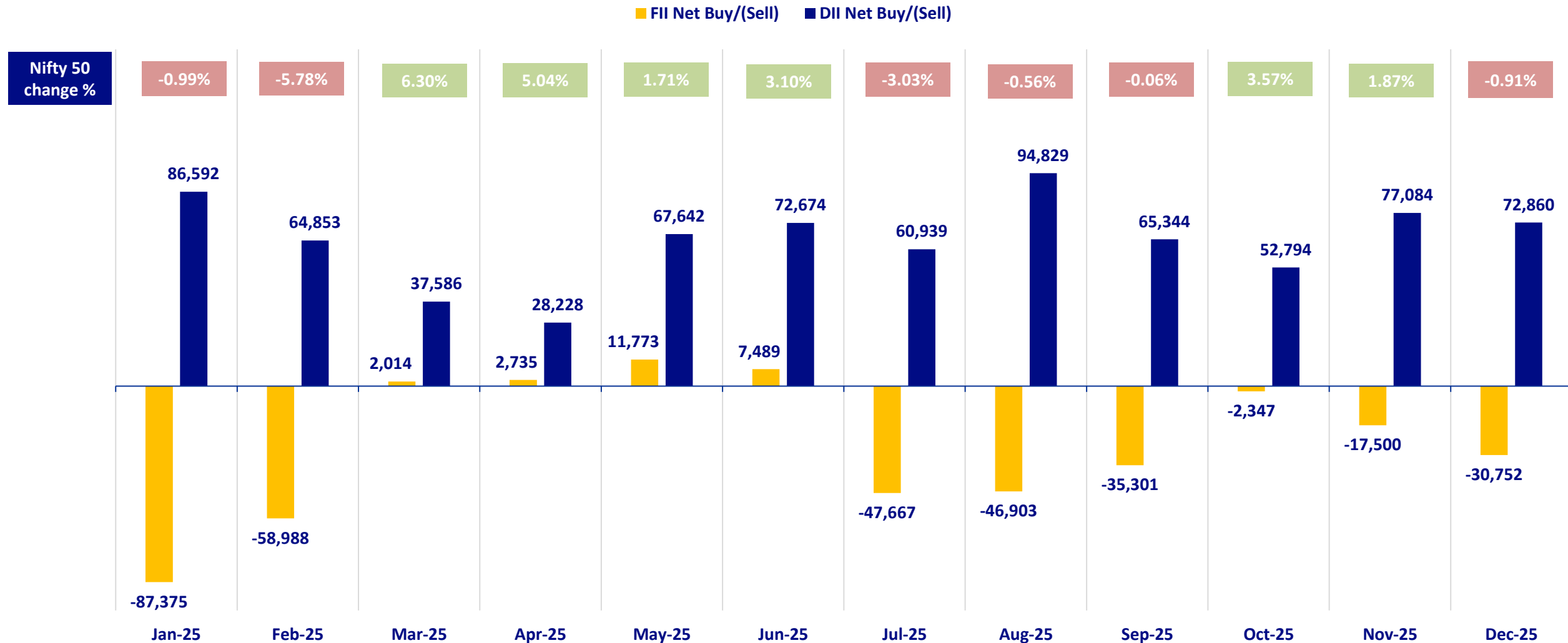
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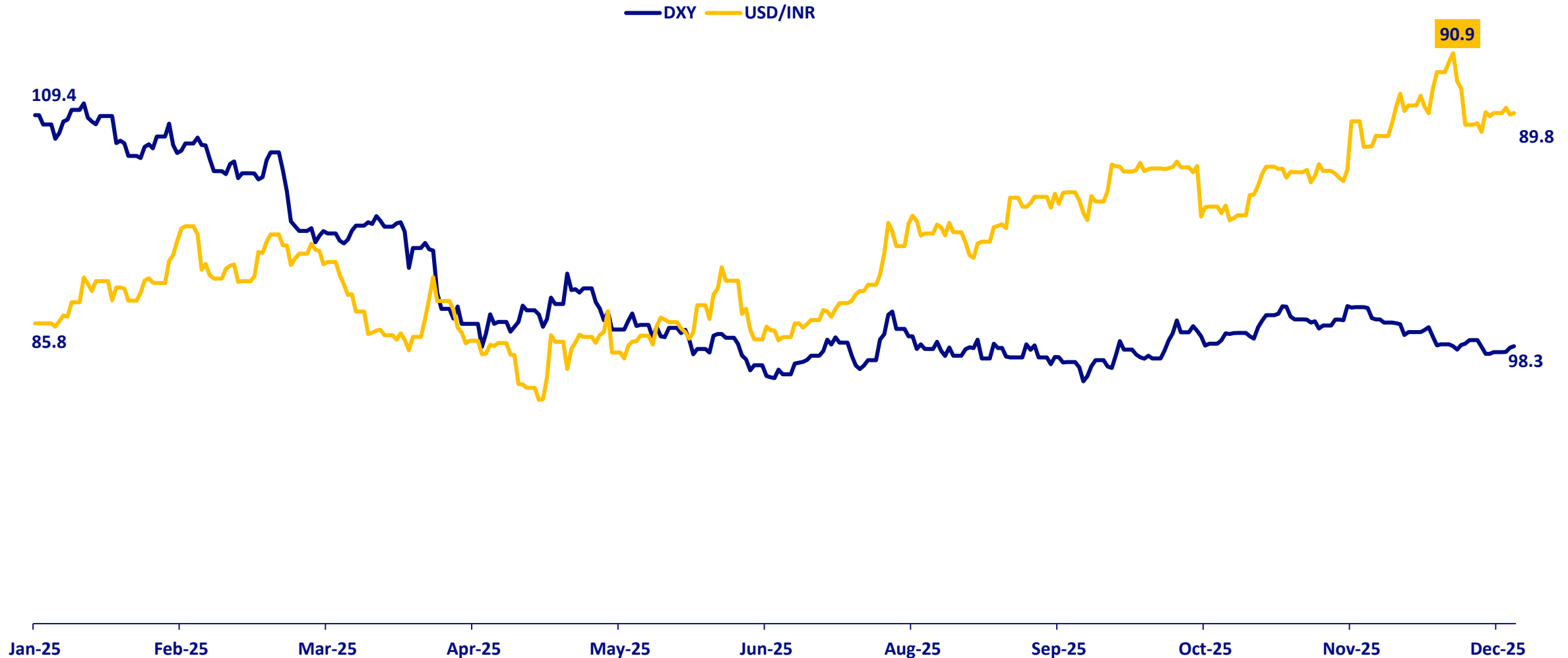
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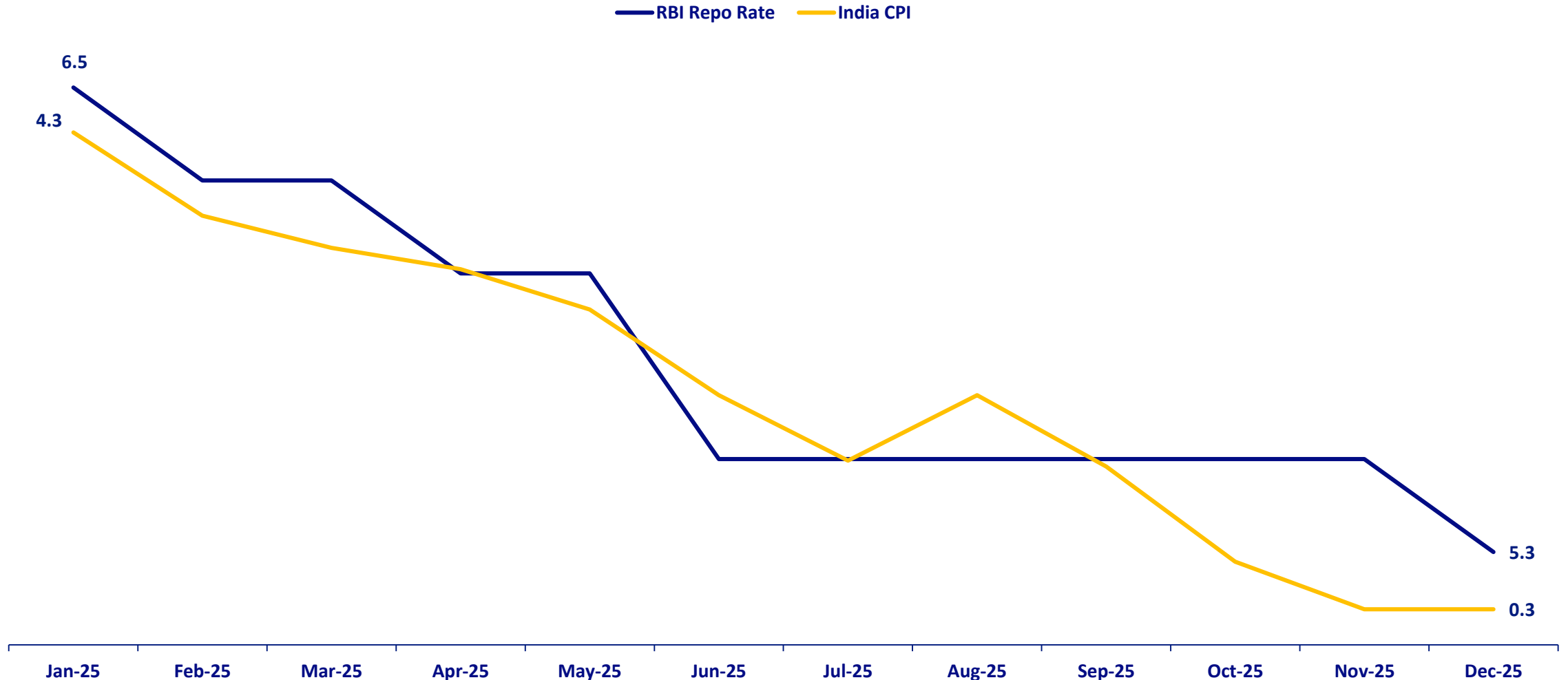
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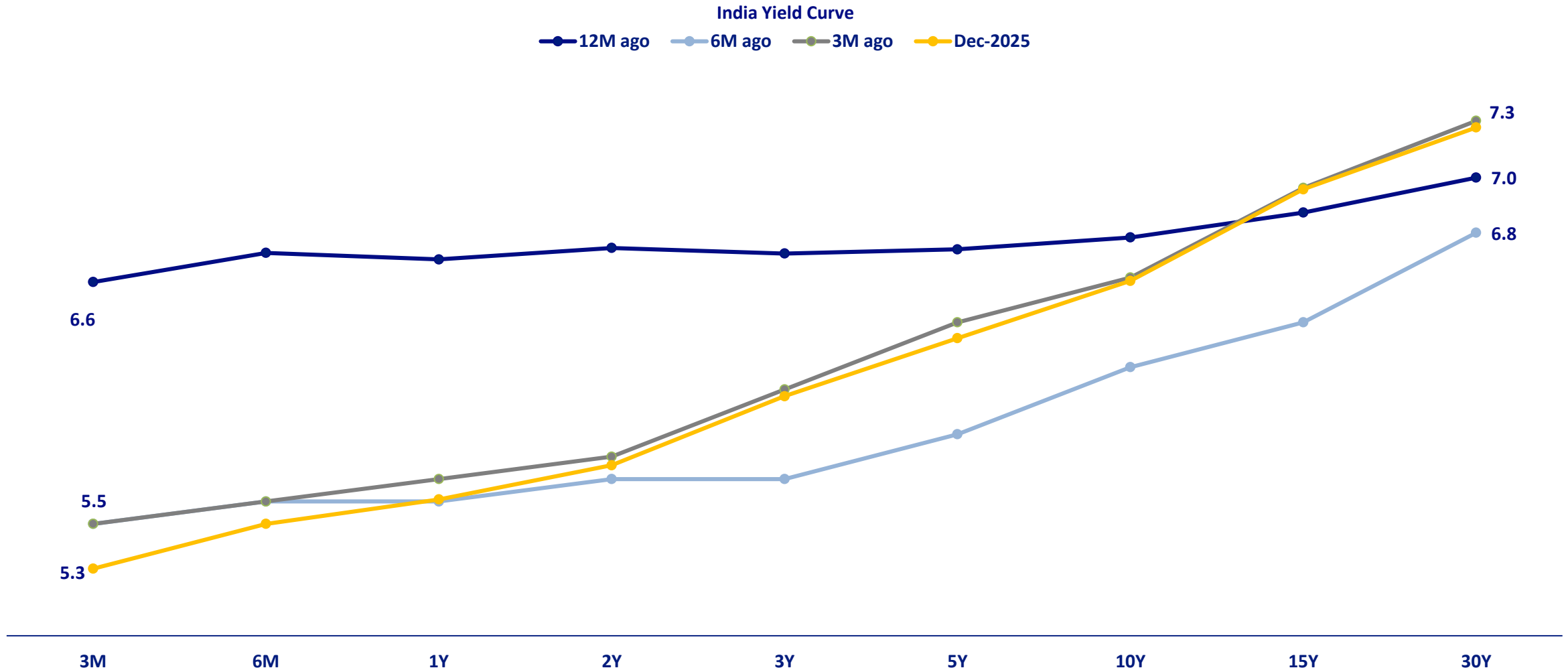
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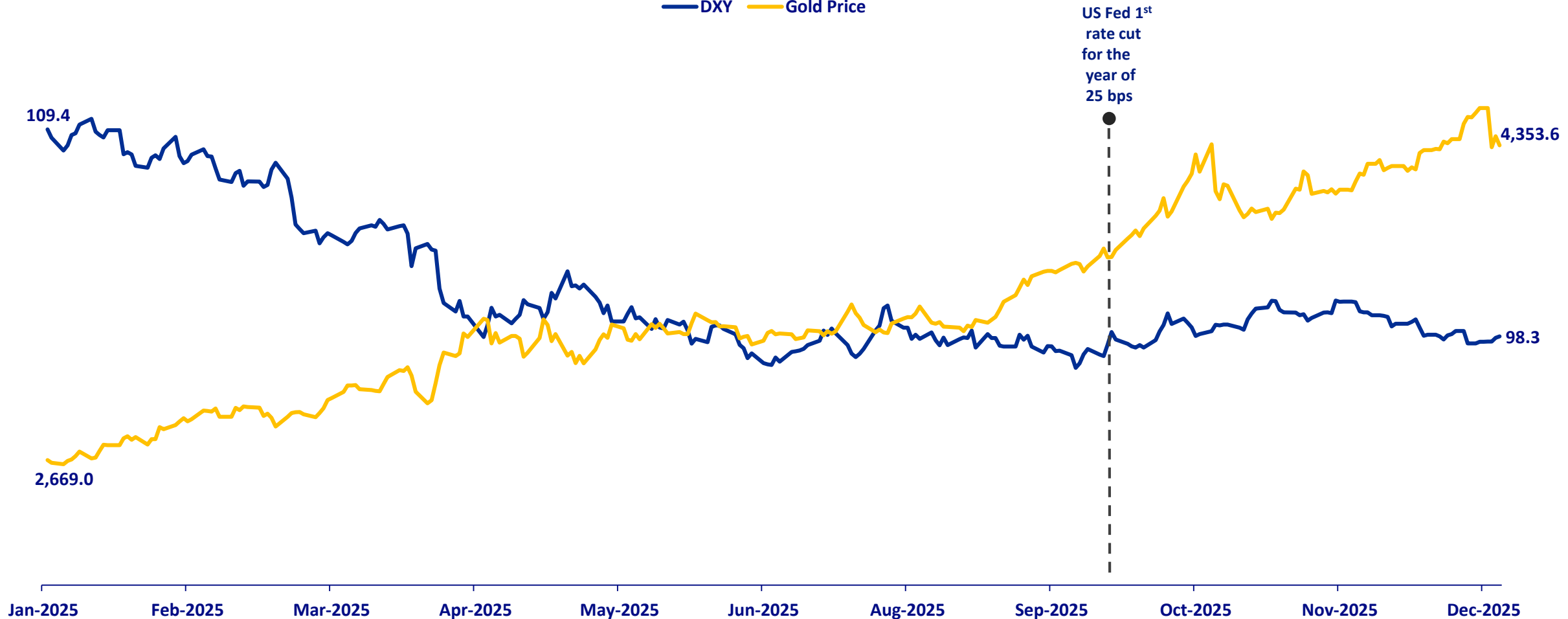
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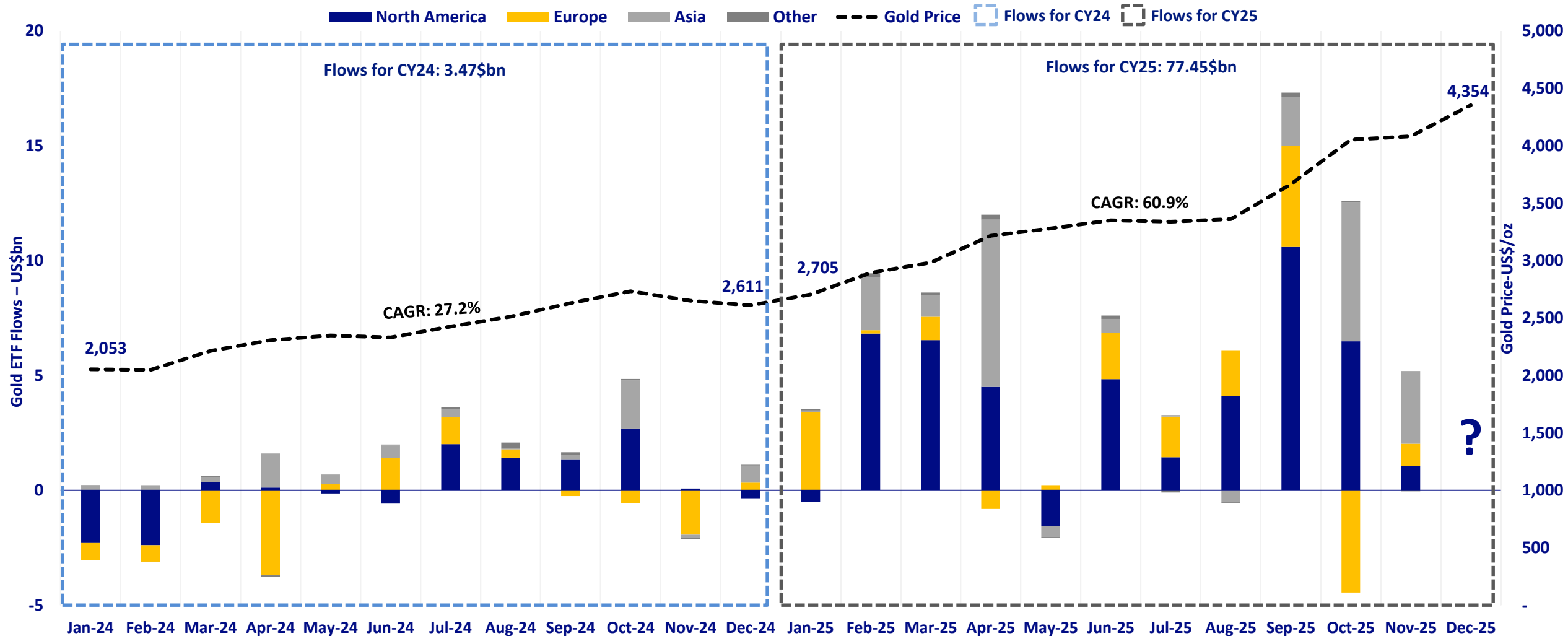
Global Dollar Weakness and Safe-haven Demand, Propelled Gold Prices Higher

— DXY — Gold Price



What Drove the Rally in Gold?

The Rally was Driven by Inflows From Asia and North America – A 22X Y-o-Y Jump in Flows



How Return-Risk Looked in CY 2024 Across Asset Classes?

Returns Surged Across Asset Classes While Volatility Remained Contained

	CAGR % in last few years				Risk in last few years				Return per unit of Risk			
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year
Asset Class												
Domestic Equity	11%	12%	16%	14%	11%	12%	16%	15%	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Int'l Equity	27%	9%	15%	14%	11%	14%	18%	16%	2.5	0.6	0.8	0.9
Debt	10%	7%	8%	8%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5.0	3.5	4.0	4.0
Silver	25%	15%	15%	13%	21%	20%	23%	21%	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.6
Gold	21%	17%	14%	15%	11%	10%	11%	10%	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.5
Market Cap												
Nifty 500	17%	16%	19%	14%	12%	12%	15%	14%	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.0
Nifty 100	14%	13%	16%	14%	12%	12%	16%	14%	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
Nifty Midcap 150	24%	23%	28%	17%	14%	13%	16%	15%	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.1
Nifty Smallcap 250	27%	23%	30%	15%	17%	15%	17%	16%	1.6	1.5	1.8	0.9
Nifty Microcap 250	34%	34%	42%	18%	19%	17%	19%	18%	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.0
Style Factors												
Alpha	27%	22%	29%	20%	20%	18%	19%	18%	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.1
Momentum	23%	18%	25%	19%	18%	16%	18%	17%	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.1
Quality	14%	13%	18%	15%	11%	11%	14%	13%	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2
Value	23%	36%	31%	16%	21%	17%	20%	19%	1.1	2.1	1.6	0.8
Low Volatility	14%	15%	19%	15%	10%	10%	12%	12%	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.3

How Does the Return-Risk Landscape Look in CY 2025?

Gold & Silver Rallied Strongly While Equity Returns Lagged, Reinforcing Importance of Diversification

	CAGR % in last few years				Risk in last few years				Return per unit of Risk			
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	7 Year
Asset Class												
Domestic Equity	10%	13%	13%	13%	10%	10%	12%	14%	1.0	1.3	1.2	0.9
Int'l Equity	17%	22%	13%	16%	15%	12%	14%	16%	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.0
Debt	7%	8%	6%	8%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3.6	4.4	3.0	3.4
Silver	148%	50%	28%	29%	26%	22%	22%	23%	5.6	2.3	1.3	1.3
Gold	68%	35%	22%	23%	15%	12%	11%	12%	4.7	3.0	2.0	2.0
Market Cap												
Nifty 500	6%	16%	16%	15%	11%	11%	12%	14%	0.6	1.5	1.3	1.0
Nifty 100	9%	13%	14%	13%	10%	10%	12%	14%	0.8	1.3	1.2	0.9
Nifty Midcap 150	5%	23%	23%	20%	14%	13%	14%	15%	0.3	1.8	1.7	1.3
Nifty Smallcap 250	-7%	21%	22%	18%	16%	15%	15%	16%	-0.4	1.4	1.5	1.1
Nifty Microcap 250	-11%	26%	31%	22%	17%	16%	17%	18%	-0.6	1.6	1.8	1.2
Style Factors												
Alpha	-6%	23%	21%	20%	16%	16%	17%	18%	-0.4	1.4	1.2	1.1
Momentum	-5%	17%	18%	17%	14%	15%	16%	17%	-0.4	1.1	1.1	1.0
Quality	3%	15%	12%	12%	11%	10%	11%	13%	0.3	1.5	1.1	1.0
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How Did The Year End?

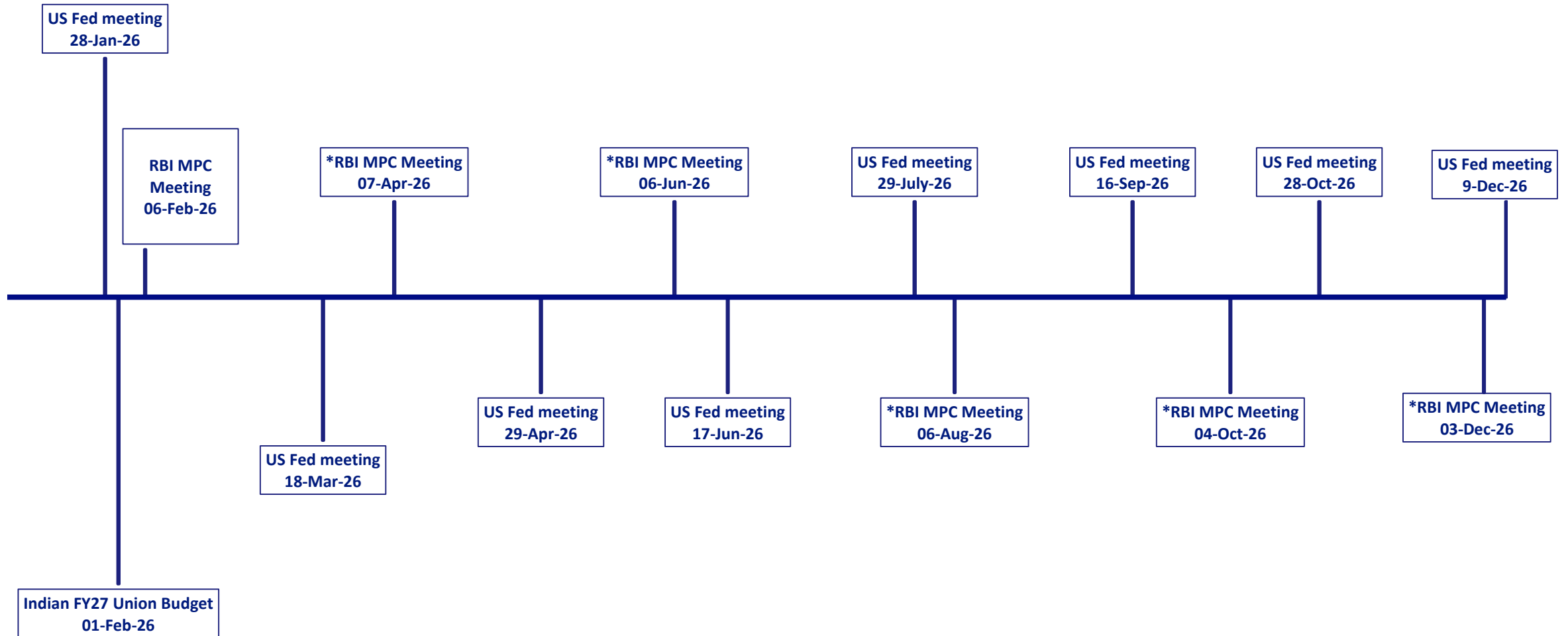
Numbers to Remember in 2025

	Start of 2025	End of 2025	% Change
Nifty 50	23,743	26,130	10.1%
Nifty 100	24,596	26,689	8.1%
Nifty Midcap 150	21,247	22,277	4.4%
Nifty Smallcap 250	17,909	16,685	-7.2%
Nifty 500	22,482	23,872	5.8%
Nifty Microcap 250	25,339	22,546	-11.5%
US S&P 500	5,882	6,896	17.3%
Nasdaq	21,012	25,463	21.2%
CCIL Bond Index	4,471	4,792	7.2%
Gold	80,539	1,35,519	68.3%
Silver	95,697	2,37,317	148.0%
Bitcoin	94,757	88,556	6.5%
USD/INR	85.60	89.80	-4.9%

	Start of 2025	End of 2025	% Change
India Repo Rate	6.50	5.25	-1.25
2 Year India Gsec	6.73	5.77	-0.97
10 Year India Gsec	6.78	6.57	-0.21
CPI	4.30	0.30	-4.00
US Fed Fund Rate	4.50	3.75	-0.75
2 Yr US Gsec	4.24	3.45	-0.80
10 Yr US Gsec	4.56	4.11	-0.45
PCE Inflation	2.40	2.80	0.40
India's GDP (in USD Tn)	3.90	4.19	7.4%

What To Watch Out in 2026?

Key Events in 2026



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