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About the Forecasts

Business leaders require actionable forward-looking intelligence to make strategic decisions. Accordingly, the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation commissioned Keybridge LLC to develop a series of custom leading indicators for the equipment sector. Published monthly, the “U.S. Equipment & Software Investment Momentum Monitor” consists of indices for the seven equipment and software investment verticals listed below. These indices are designed to identify turning points in their respective investment cycles with an approximate 5–8-month lead time.

The Momentum Monitor is based on Keybridge’s extensive research which shows that not all movements in economic data are reliable signals of future economic trends. Keybridge has operationalized its research by constructing indices, each comprised of 15–20 high-frequency indicators. These indicators undergo rigorous testing to determine the optimal thresholds at which their short-term fluctuations are economically meaningful. In simpler terms, the Momentum Monitor sifts out the “noise” in the data and identifies the dominant trends. As a result, each Momentum Monitor index is statistically optimized to signal turning points in the investment cycle without giving false readings of shifts in momentum.

The Momentum Monitor covers seven equipment and software verticals as defined by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Collectively, these verticals represent more than 90% of total equipment and software investment as of 2024.

U.S. Equipment & Software Investment Momentum Monitor – 7 Verticals

- 1) Agriculture Machinery
- 2) Construction Machinery
- 3) Energy & Electrical Equipment
- 4) Industrial Equipment
- 5) Medical Equipment
- 6) Technology Equipment & Software
- 7) Transportation Equipment

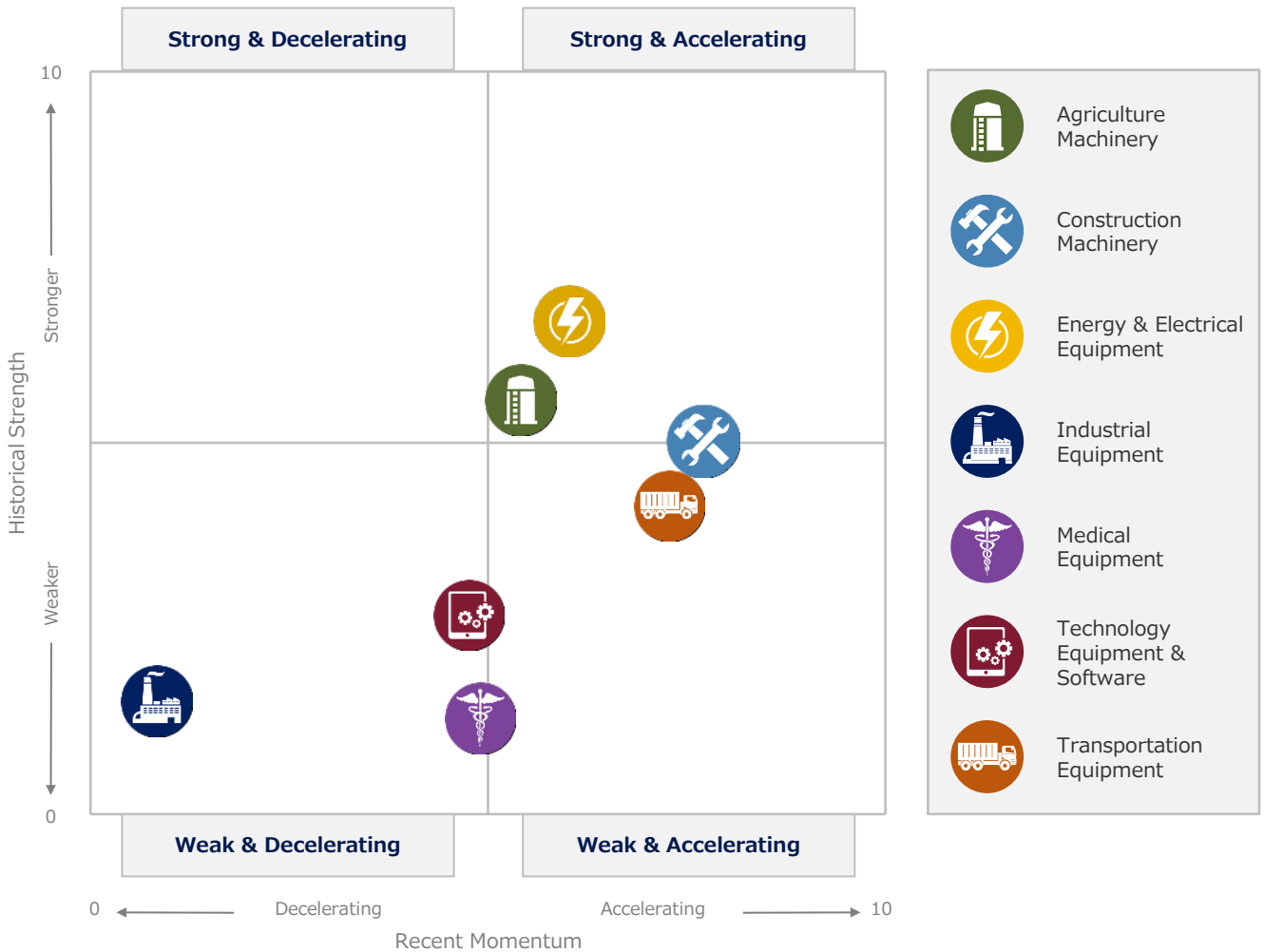
Notice on Limited Data Updates Related to U.S. Government Shutdown

Due to the prolonged U.S. government shutdown, several release dates for key federal data sources used in this product were delayed or cancelled. We have incorporated all currently accessible data, including data that would have been included in the November release, and will update any delayed information on a monthly basis as it becomes available.

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Momentum Monitor Sector Matrix



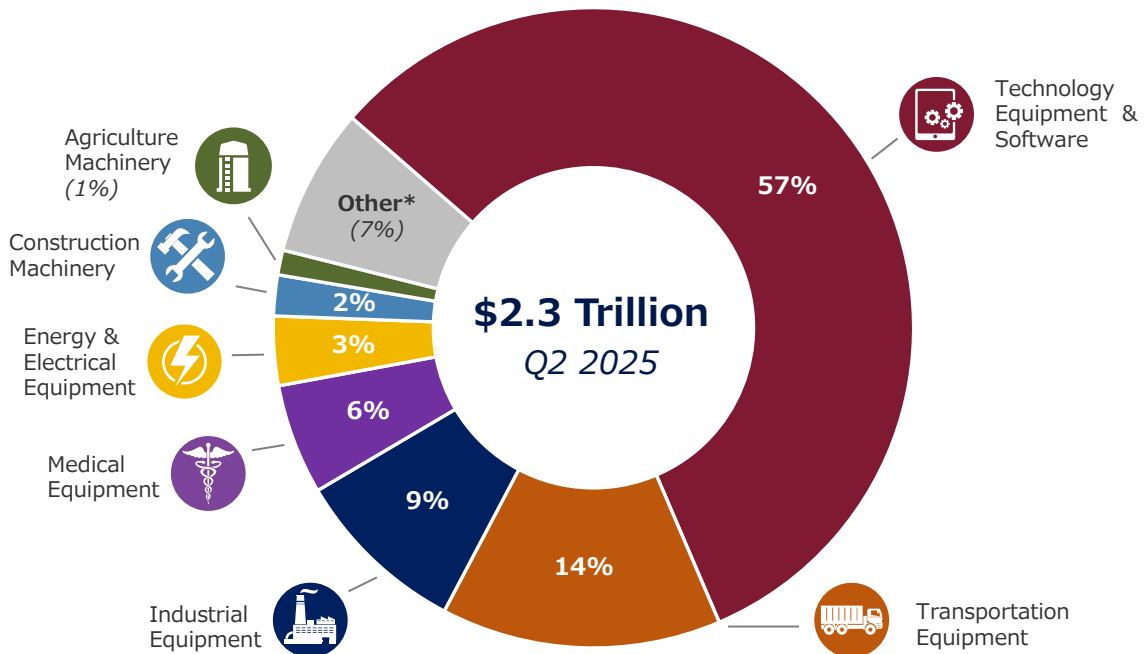
The matrix above summarizes the current values of each of the seven Equipment & Software Investment Momentum Indices based on two factors:

- **“Recent Momentum”** (vertical axis) represents an indicator’s movement in the past month relative to its average movement over the previous three months. Ratings closer to “0” represent an indicator that is decelerating, while ratings closer to “10” represent an indicator that is accelerating.
- **“Historical Strength”** (horizontal axis) represents an indicator’s strength over the last three months relative to its typical level over the last two decades. Ratings closer to “0” represent an indicator that is historically weak, while ratings closer to “10” represent an indicator that is historically strong.

The matrix is comprised of four quadrants, which correspond to a vertical’s recent momentum and historical strength readings. If a vertical is located in the top-left quadrant, its current reading is higher than average, but positive movement has slowed (and perhaps reversed) in recent months — suggesting that Y/Y investment growth may fall over the next two quarters. Conversely, if a vertical is located in the bottom-right quadrant, its current reading is lower than average, but recent movement shows promise — suggesting that Y/Y investment growth may rise over the next two quarters.

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Definitions and Distribution of Investment by Vertical



*Other includes furniture and fixtures, office equipment, service industry machinery, nonmedical instruments, and other miscellaneous items.

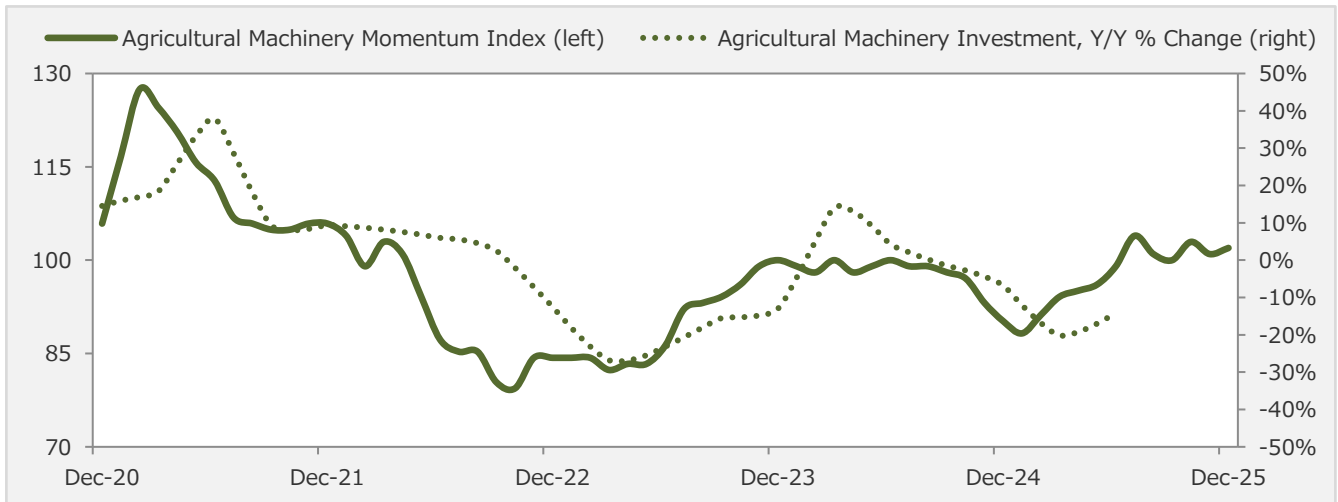
Agriculture Machinery	Agricultural machinery includes farm machinery and equipment, farm-type (power take-off hp) wheel tractors, and other agricultural equipment.
Construction Equipment	Construction machinery includes mixers, pavers, and related equipment, tractor shovel loaders, graders, rollers, compactors, and forklifts.
Energy & Electrical Equipment	Energy and electrical equipment includes (1) mining and oilfield machinery and (2) electrical transmission, distribution, and industrial apparatus such as generators, electric power transformers, switchgear and board apparatus, and semiconductor power conversion apparatus.
Industrial Equipment	Industrial equipment includes fabricated metal products, engines and turbines (including steam engines and internal combustion engines), metalworking machinery, special industry machinery, general industrial equipment, and materials handling equipment.
Medical Equipment	Medical equipment includes medical imaging equipment, electronic medical equipment, surgical and medical instruments, dental equipment and supplies, irradiation apparatus, and electromedical apparatus.
Technological Equipment & Software	Technology equipment includes (1) communications equipment such as data networking equipment, telephone apparatus, and navigation & guidance systems; (2) computers, including host and multiuser mainframe computers and servers, portable computers, personal computers and workstations, storage devices, terminals, and peripheral equipment, displays, and printers; and (3) software, including prepackaged and customized software.
Transportation Equipment	Transportation equipment includes light trucks (including utility vehicles), other trucks, buses, and truck trailers, autos, aircraft, ships and boats, and railroad equipment.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Income and Product Accounts. Data are seasonally adjusted and annualized.

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Agricultural Machinery

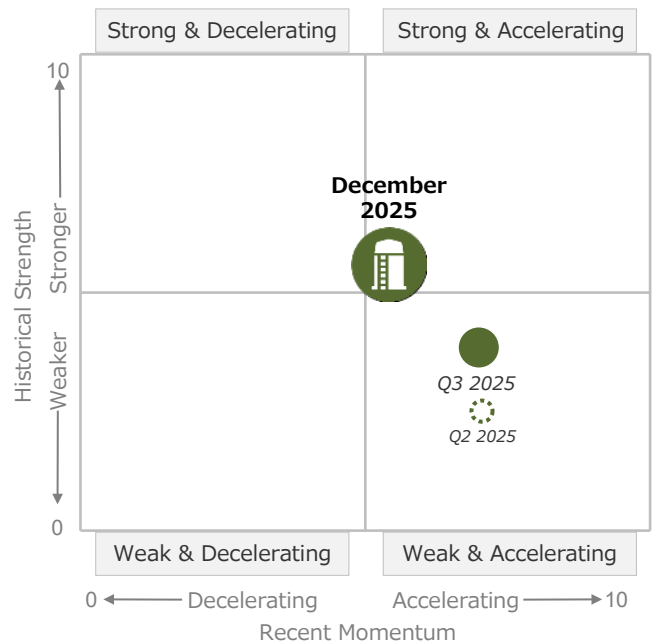
Investment in Agricultural Machinery rose 9.9% (annualized) in Q2 2025 but remains 14% below its year-ago level. The Agricultural Machinery Momentum Index increased from 101.0 in November to 102.0 in December. The Index improved due to a 2.9% M/M increase in industrial production of agriculture, construction, and mining machinery in September and a 1.4% increase in livestock prices in August, which offset September's 14% Y/Y drop in farm machinery shipments. The Index's position suggests annual investment growth in agricultural machinery should strengthen over the next two quarters.



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	-14.1%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	+9.9%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$28.5 Billion
Share of Total E&S Investment	1.3%

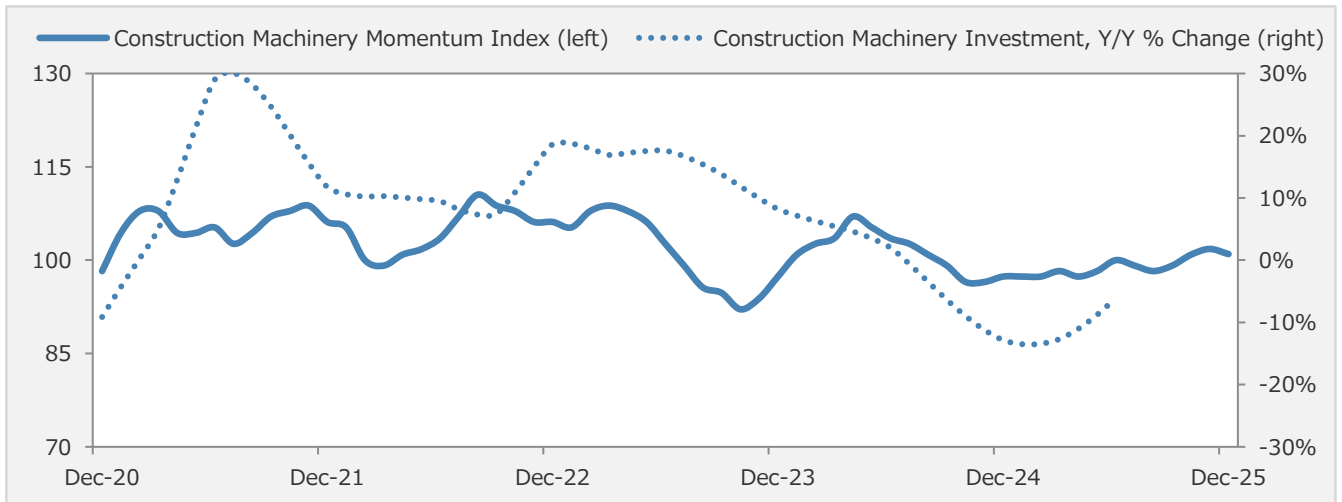
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Construction Machinery

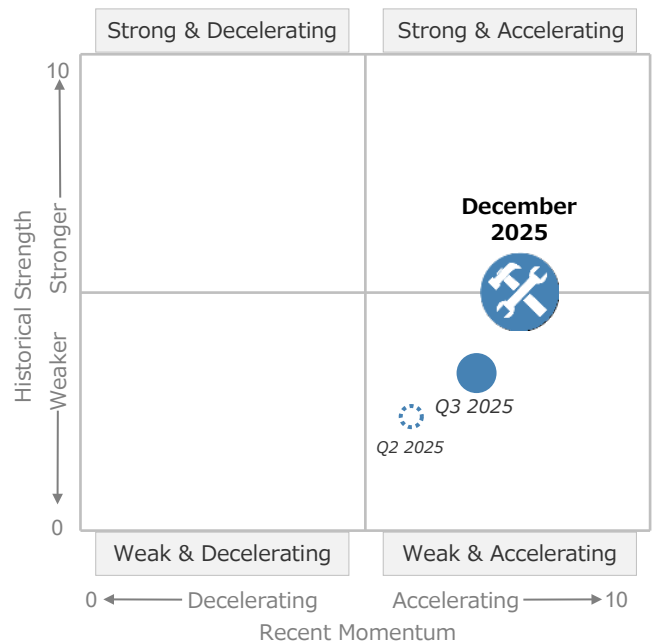
Investment in Construction Machinery increased 17% (annualized) in Q2 2025 but is down 6.1% from its year-ago level. The Construction Machinery Momentum Index edged down from 101.8 in November to 101.0 in December. A 6% M/M increase in construction machinery shipments in September was offset by November's 8.6-point decline in the Conference Board's Consumer Expectations Index. Overall, the Index suggests annual investment growth in construction machinery likely bottomed out in early 2025 and should continue to improve over the next six months.



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	-6.1%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	+17.2%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$47.0 Billion
Share of Total Investment	2.1%

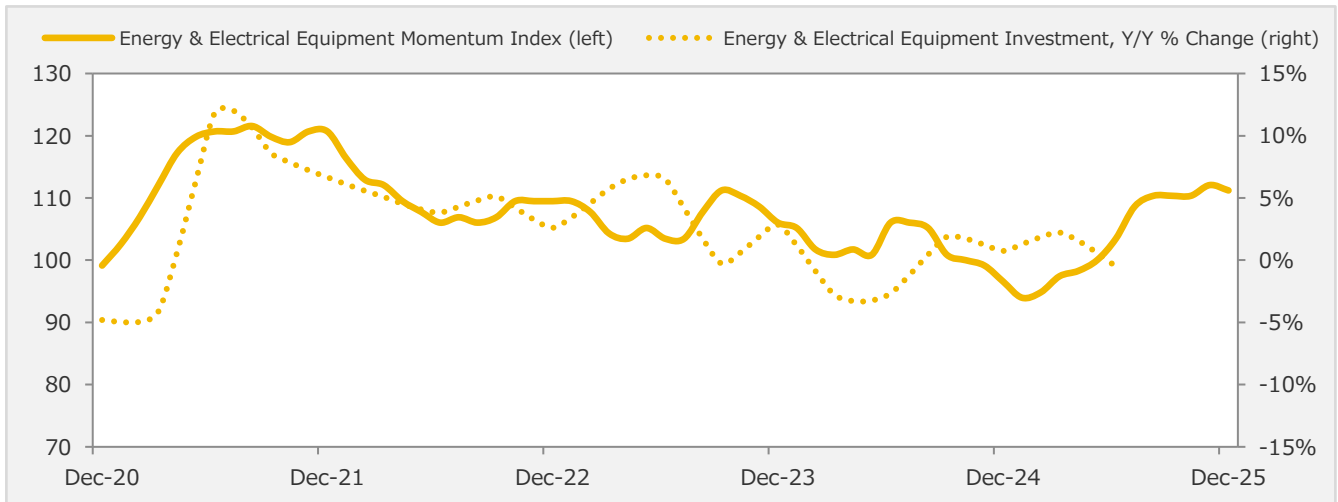
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Energy & Electrical Equipment

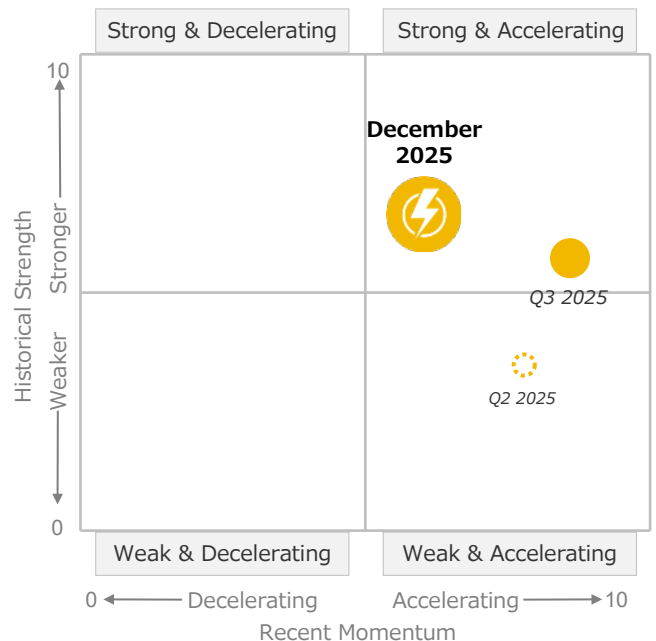
Investment in Energy & Electrical Equipment fell 9.5% (annualized) in Q2 2025 and is 0.5% below its year-ago level. The Energy & Electrical Momentum Index ticked down from 112.1 in November to 111.2 in December, marking its first and only monthly decline in 2025. Several indicators contributed to the Index's decline: the ISM Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) dropped 0.5 points in November, and new orders of mining and oilfield machinery fell 2.6% Y/Y in September. Despite this month's slippage, the Index continues to point to stronger annual investment growth in energy and electrical equipment over the next two quarters.



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	-0.5%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	-9.5%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$79.6 Billion
Share of Total Investment	3.5%

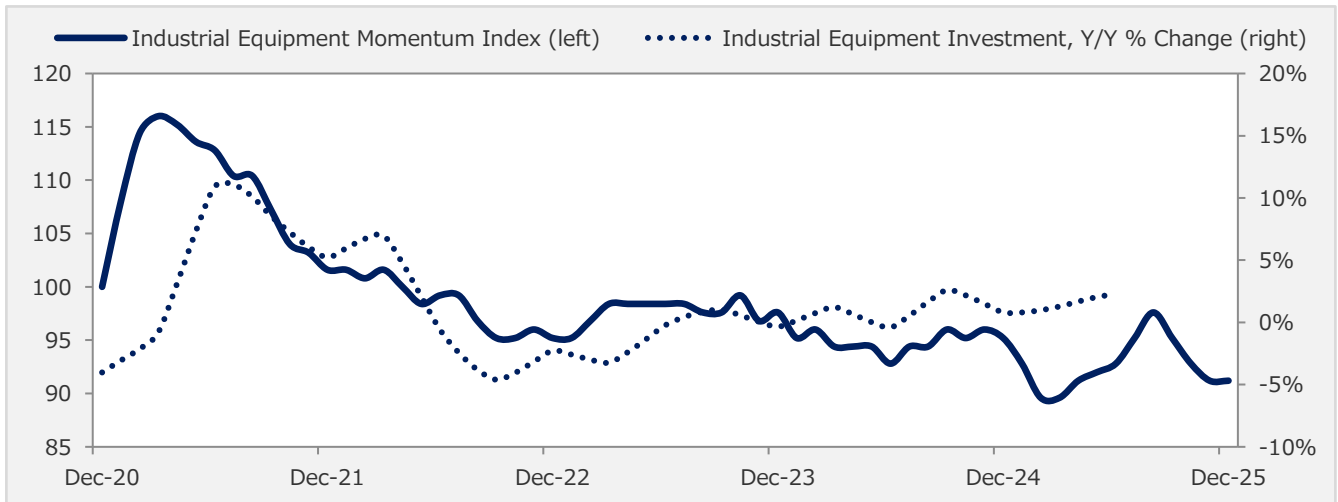
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Industrial Equipment

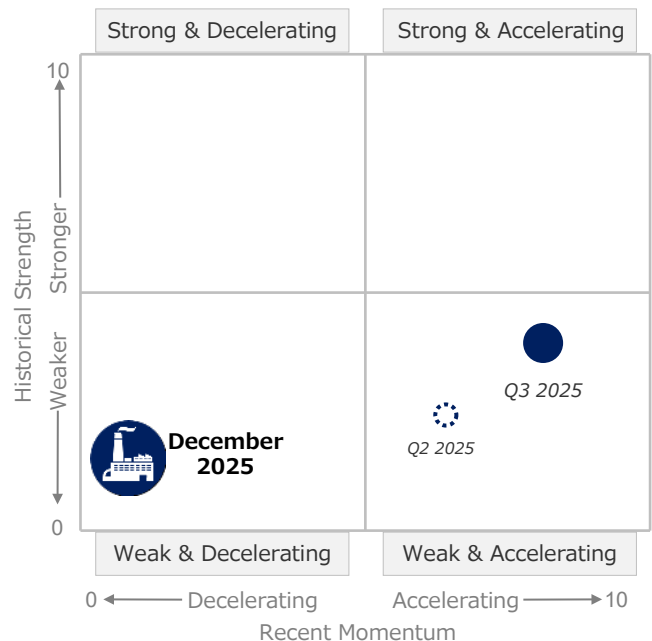
Investment in Industrial Equipment grew 1.9% (annualized) in Q2 2025 and is up 2.3% Y/Y. The Industrial Equipment Momentum Index was unchanged at 91.2 from November to December but is down from 92.8 (revised) in October. The decrease was driven by a decline in the Chicago Business Barometer Index (-7.5 points M/M in November) and a contraction in manufacturing employment, offsetting an improvement in capacity utilization for fabricated metal products (+0.9 points M/M in September). Overall, the Index suggests that annual investment in industrial equipment is likely to weaken and may contract over the next two quarters.



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	+2.3%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	+1.9%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$200.5 Billion
Share of Total Investment	8.8%

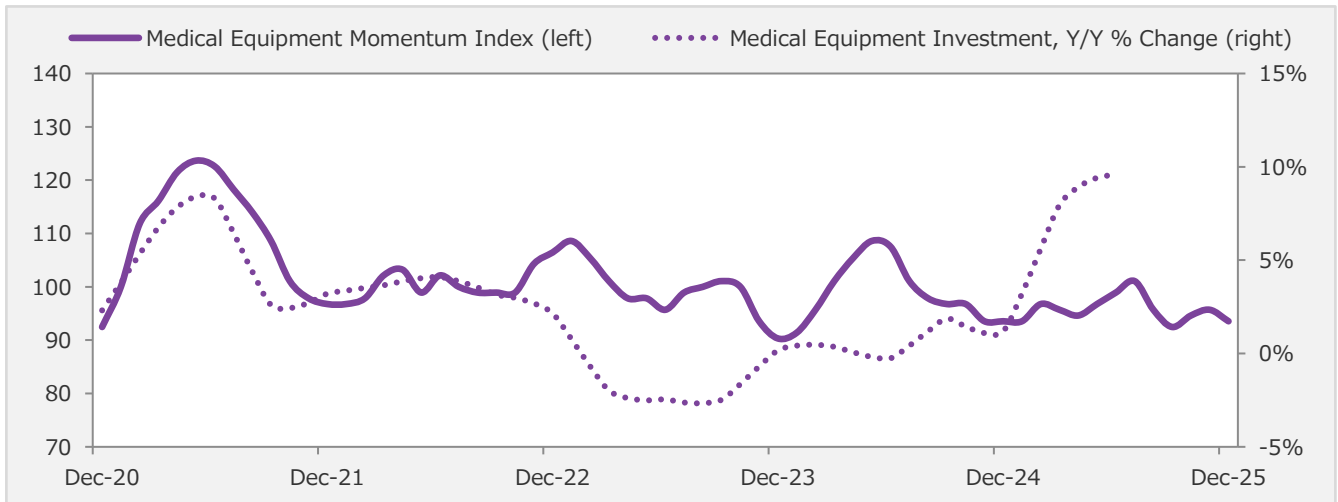
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Medical Equipment

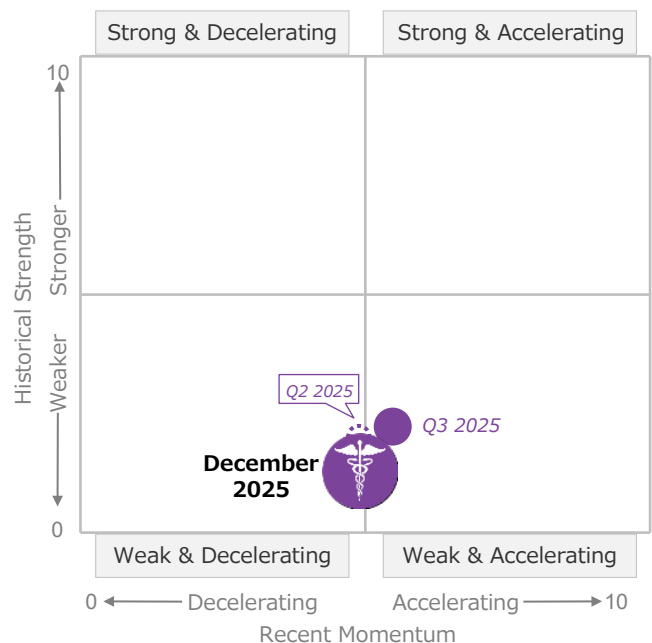
Investment in Medical Equipment rose 5.3% (annualized) in Q2 2025 and is now 9.6% above its year-ago level. The Medical Equipment Momentum Index declined from 95.7 in November to 93.5 in October. Two indicators weighed on Index performance: a 44% Y/Y contraction in the Baxter International Market Cap in November and a 0.6% M/M downtick in consumer prices for dental services in September. The Index's current level, which remains weak compared to historical standards, suggests that annual growth in medical equipment is likely to moderate over the next two quarters.



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	+9.6%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	+5.3%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$127.2 Billion
Share of Total Investment	5.6%

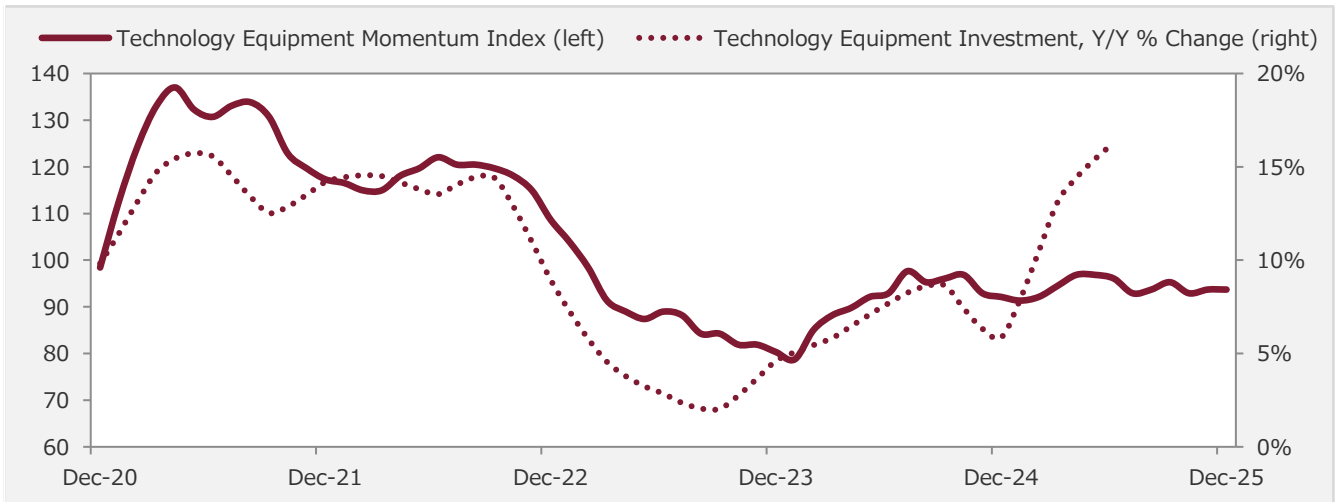
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Technology Equipment & Software

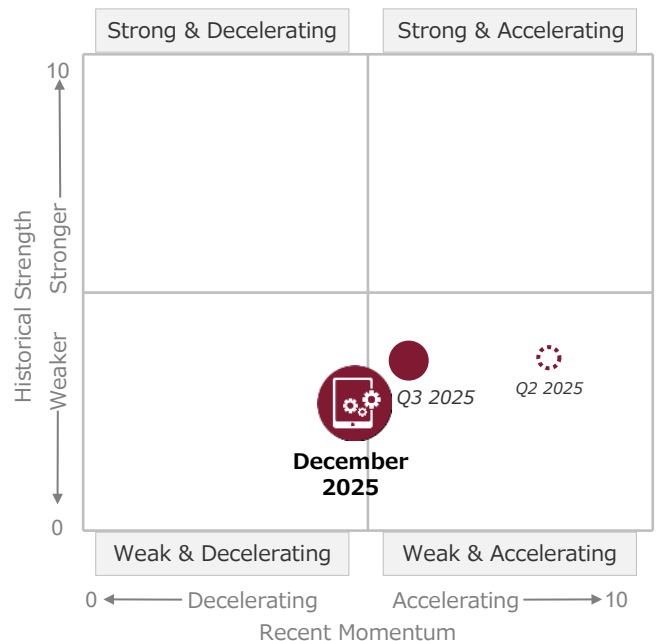
Investment in Technology Equipment & Software increased 21% (annualized) in Q2 2025 and is up 16% Y/Y. The Technology Equipment & Software Momentum Index held steady at 93.7 from November to December. The Index's movement was driven by growth in new orders of electromedical, measuring, and control instruments (+3.2% M/M in September), offsetting a decline in consumer prices for computer and software accessories (-6.1% Y/Y in September) and an uptick in the unemployment rate. The Index suggests that annual growth in technology equipment and software investment may soften somewhat over the next six months



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	+16.3%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	+20.6%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$1.3 Trillion
Share of Total Investment	57.2%

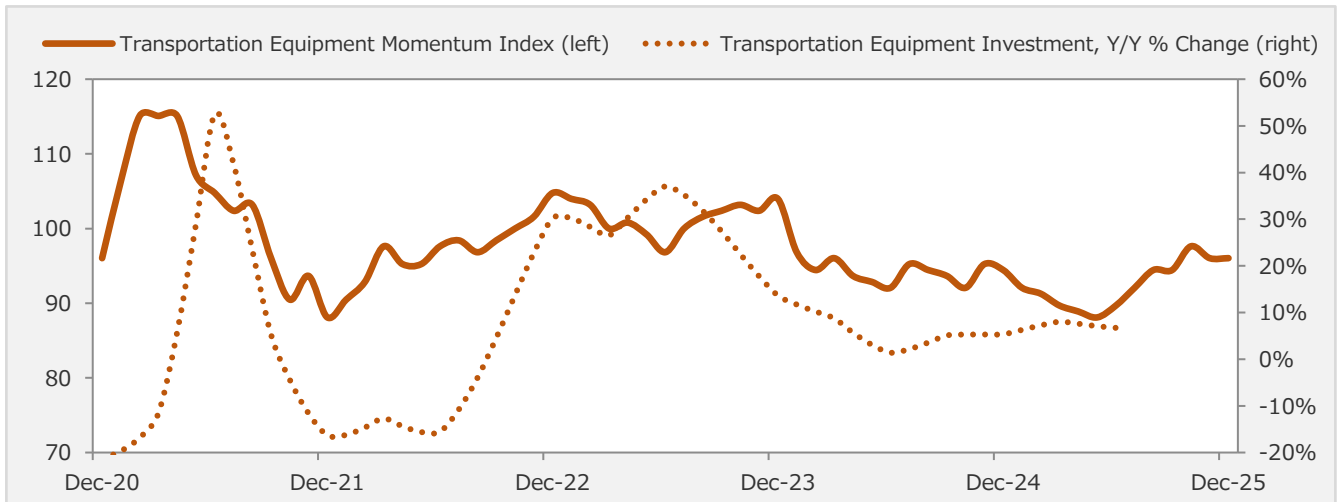
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Transportation Equipment

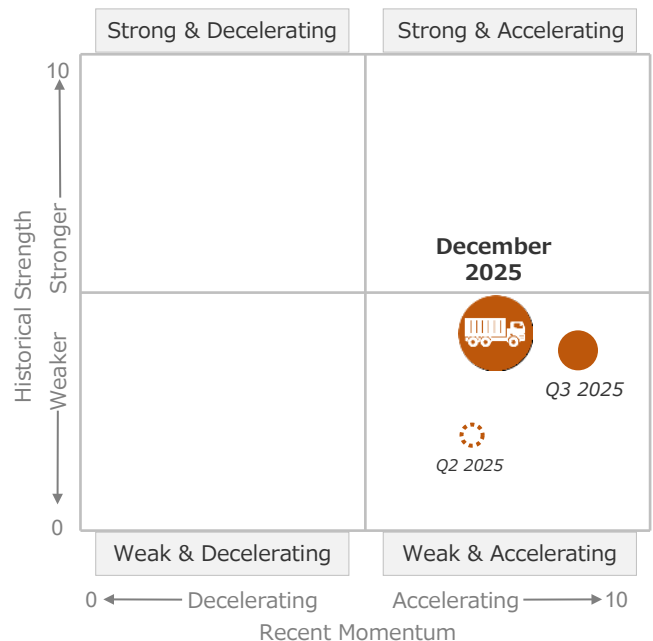
Investment in Transportation Equipment rose 25% (annualized) in Q2 2025 and is up 6.7% from its year ago. The Transportation Equipment Momentum Index held steady at 96.0 from November to December but is down from 97.6 (revised) in October. The Index's momentum slowed due to a second consecutive M/M contraction in motor vehicle parts manufacturing in August, offsetting a nearly 17% M/M growth in motor and aviation gasoline consumption in September. Overall, the Index suggests that annual growth in transportation equipment investment should improve over the next six months.



Summary of Current Conditions

Historical Strength of Vertical Momentum	
Historical Strength of Investment Growth	
Investment Growth (Y/Y)	+6.7%
Investment Growth (Q/Q, SAAR)	+25.3%
Vertical Investment (SAAR)	\$322.2 Billion
Share of Total Investment	14.1%

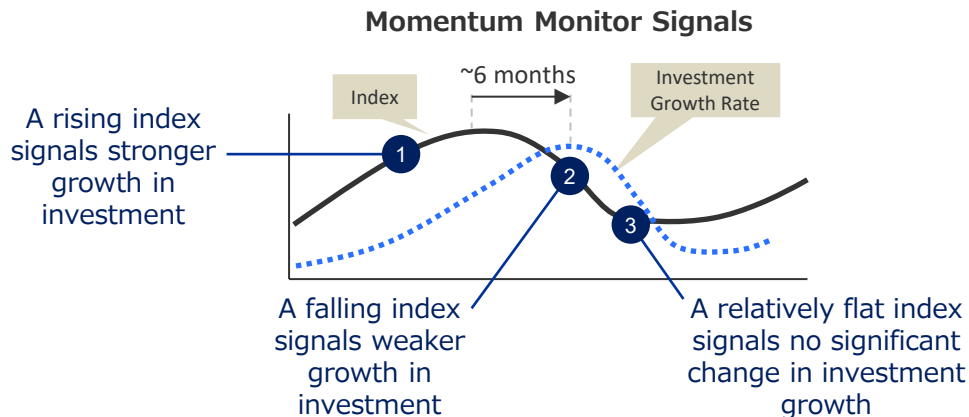
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How to Read the Monitor

Each Momentum Monitor index provides a signal of the direction and magnitude of growth in equipment investment over the next six months. It is important to note that index values do not correspond to particular growth rates. Instead, the Momentum Monitor indices should be interpreted within the context of prior index readings and investment growth rates. For example, there are several simple rules to follow when examining the latest index values:

- 1) A rising index signals that growth in investment will accelerate from the current rate;
- 2) A falling index signals that growth in investment will decelerate from the current rate; and
- 3) No change in the index signals no meaningful change from the current growth rate.



To help the reader interpret the latest Momentum Monitor signals, a summary report for each equipment vertical follows a specific outline:

Industrial Equipment

- 1) Investment in Industrial Equipment inched up at a 0.3% annualized rate in Q4 2014 and is up 7.3% year-over-year.
- 2) The Industrial Equipment Momentum Index slipped from 93.5 in May to 92.5 in May.
- 3) A 23% decline in the MNI-Chicago Business Barometer and a spike in Economic Policy Uncertainty offset gains in Machinery Sales, Manufacturing Sales, and the ISM Manufacturing Suppliers Deliveries Index.
- 4) The Index's recent trend continues to indicate that growth may moderate over the next six months.

- 1) The first sentence reports the latest annual growth rate for investment in a given vertical. This provides a context for interpreting the order of magnitude of growth over the next six months.
- 2) The second sentence explains the latest movement in the index, indicating whether momentum is accelerating or decelerating.
- 3) The report then describes the recent movements of key indicators that helped drive the index's latest reading.
- 4) Finally, the report forecasts where annual investment growth is likely headed over the next six months based the index's recent movement and historical strength.

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