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Markets Send a Clear Signal, but Not a Simple One

A market-implied reading of return potential, risk, asymmetry, and distribution shape across major asset classes.

US large cap equities show a very strong market-implied outlook, with elevated probabilities of positive returns. Volatility is moderately elevated, reflecting expectations of meaningful price fluctuations. Downside asymmetry is modest but present, indicating some risk of episodic negative moves. US small caps also display a strong outlook, with moderately elevated return probabilities and balanced tail risk amid typical volatility levels.

Fixed income presents a mixed picture. The US Aggregate Bond Index has a neutral profile with modestly elevated chances of positive returns and subdued downside risk. In contrast, investment grade corporate credit shows a weak outlook, marked by elevated volatility, pronounced negative skew, and high tail risk. These conditions suggest a challenging near-term environment for credit relative to broader bonds.

Gold and oil both reflect weak market-implied conditions. Gold's return expectations are subdued with elevated volatility and tail risk, indicating potential for outsized price swings. Crude oil shows modestly negative return probabilities and elevated volatility, with moderate downside skew. Bitcoin stands apart with a strong outlook, featuring elevated probabilities of positive returns and positive skewness, though volatility and tail risk remain high.

Overall, market-implied conditions suggest a constructive stance on equities, balanced fixed income prospects with credit challenges, and mixed signals in commodities and digital assets. Risk metrics indicate elevated volatility across most asset classes, with nuanced asymmetries in return distributions. The environment appears moderately favorable for risk assets over the next two months, tempered by episodic downside risks.

Market commentary generated from MRP market-implied analytics.

Market Revealed Preference, LLC. Forecasts — Equities — 2M Horizon

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Equities
US Large Cap

Very Strong
Decile: 9

Equities
US Small Cap

Strong
Decile: 8

Equities
Dev Markets Ex US

Very Strong
Decile: 9

Equities
Emerg Markets

Neutral
Decile: 5

Deciles are based on the composite outlook's historical rank for each asset.

US Large Cap Equities — Composite Outlook: Very Strong

The forecast for US large cap equities currently reflects a very strong market-implied outlook, ranking in the top decile relative to its historical distribution. The probability of a positive return is elevated, positioned at the highest decile, while the median expected return also ranks near the top of its historical range. Volatility risk is moderately elevated, consistent with a market environment that anticipates meaningful price fluctuations. Negative skew and tail risk metrics suggest a modest asymmetry toward downside outcomes, though these remain below levels typically associated with heightened stress. Overall, the profile indicates constructive sentiment tempered by recognition of potential episodic volatility and non-negligible downside risks.

US Small Cap Equities — Composite Outlook: Strong

The forecast for US small cap equities reflects a notably constructive stance relative to historical norms, with the composite outlook ranking in the eighth decile. Market-implied conditions suggest a moderately elevated probability of positive returns, supported by a median expected gain that also sits near the upper end of its historical range. Volatility expectations remain somewhat elevated but are consistent with the asset class’s typical risk profile, while downside asymmetry, as indicated by negative skew, is moderately pronounced. Tail risk metrics appear balanced, implying that extreme outcomes are neither unusually compressed nor expanded. Overall, the market signals a relatively favorable environment for US small caps, tempered by the asset class’s inherent sensitivity to domestic economic fluctuations and financing conditions.

Developed Markets Equities Ex. US — Composite Outlook: Very Strong

Developed Markets Equities ex-US currently exhibit a very strong market-implied outlook, ranking in the ninth decile relative to their historical performance. The forecast suggests moderately elevated prospects for positive returns, supported by a probability decile of eight and a median return expectation in the upper range of historical norms. Volatility risk is positioned in the lower half of its typical range, indicating a relatively subdued environment for price fluctuations compared to past episodes. However, measures of negative skew and tail risk remain modestly elevated, reflecting a cautious asymmetry in return distribution with somewhat greater downside potential than upside. Overall, the composite signals a constructive environment for this asset class, balanced by nuanced risk characteristics.

Emerging Market Equities — Composite Outlook: Neutral

Emerging market equities currently reflect a neutral outlook, positioned near the midpoint of their historical range. The forecast suggests modest return potential, with the probability of a positive outcome slightly below balanced levels and median expected returns close to zero. Volatility is elevated relative to history, indicating a higher degree of price variability in the near term. Skewness and tail risk metrics point to a moderate asymmetry toward downside outcomes, though extreme tail events are not currently anticipated at an elevated frequency. Overall, the market-implied conditions convey a cautious equilibrium amid ongoing macro and geopolitical uncertainties affecting this asset class.

Market Revealed Preference, LLC. Forecasts — Fixed Income — 2M Horizon

Latest Data Date: March 10, 2026

Fixed Income

US Agg Bond Index

Neutral

Decile: 6

Fixed Income

US Inv Grd Corp Cred

Weak

Decile: 3

Deciles are based on the composite outlook's historical rank for each asset.

US Aggregate Bond Index — Composite Outlook: Neutral

The forecast for the US Aggregate Bond Index reflects a broadly neutral stance, with market-implied conditions positioned slightly above the midpoint relative to historical norms. Probability metrics suggest a modestly elevated chance of positive returns compared to the asset's own history, though the median expected return remains close to flat. Volatility expectations are moderately elevated, indicating a somewhat higher risk environment than usual, while measures of negative skew and tail risk are subdued, pointing to limited asymmetry in potential downside outcomes. Overall, the profile suggests a balanced outlook with neither pronounced optimism nor significant caution embedded in current market pricing.

US Investment Grade Corporate Credit — Composite Outlook: Weak

The forecast for US investment grade corporate credit reflects a subdued outlook, positioned in the lower quartile of its historical range. Despite a relatively elevated probability of positive returns compared to history, the median expected return is modestly negative, underscoring a cautious market tone. Elevated volatility and pronounced negative skewness signal heightened downside risk, with tail risk metrics among the highest on record for this asset class. These features suggest that while positive outcomes remain plausible, the distribution of returns is notably asymmetric, favoring sharper adverse moves. Overall, the market-implied conditions point to a challenging environment for investment grade credit, marked by increased risk of episodic stress.

Market Revealed Preference, LLC. Forecasts — Alternatives — 2M Horizon

Latest Data Date: March 10, 2026

Alternatives
Gold

Weak
Decile: 4

Alternatives
US Crude Oil

Weak
Decile: 3

Alternatives
Bitcoin

Strong
Decile: 7

Deciles are based on the composite outlook's historical rank for each asset.

Gold — Composite Outlook: Weak

Gold's current market-implied profile reflects a nuanced outlook characterized by subdued return expectations amid elevated risk metrics. The composite forecast ranks in the lower half of its historical range, signaling a generally weak return environment relative to gold's own history. Despite this, the probability of a positive return is moderately elevated, suggesting a balanced but cautious sentiment toward near-term gains. Volatility is positioned near the upper decile, indicating heightened price fluctuations and increased uncertainty around gold's trajectory. This elevated volatility is accompanied by pronounced tail risk, with kurtosis in the eighth decile, underscoring the potential for outsized moves in either direction. Negative skewness is relatively low, implying that downside shocks may be less frequent but the distribution of returns remains asymmetric. Overall, the forecast points to a complex risk-return trade-off for gold, where defensive demand and inflation sensitivity coexist with significant episodic price swings and modest median return prospects.

US Crude Oil — Composite Outlook: Weak

The forecast for US crude oil reflects a subdued outlook, positioned in the lower quartile relative to its historical range. Market-implied probabilities suggest a modestly unfavorable return environment, with the likelihood of positive returns ranking near the bottom decile and median expected returns modestly negative. Elevated volatility signals persistent uncertainty, consistent with the asset's sensitivity to shifting energy demand dynamics and supply disruptions. The distribution exhibits moderate negative skewness, indicating a somewhat greater chance of downside shocks relative to upside surprises. Overall, the profile points to a cautious risk-reward balance amid ongoing macro and geopolitical influences affecting the energy complex.

Bitcoin — Composite Outlook: Strong

Bitcoin's current market-implied profile reflects a notably strong outlook relative to its historical range, with the composite decile positioned in the upper quartile. The probability of a positive return ranks at the highest decile, indicating elevated market confidence in near-term gains, though the actual probability remains modestly above 50 percent. Median return expectations are similarly elevated, suggesting constructive sentiment on average outcomes despite the asset's characteristic volatility, which remains at the upper extreme historically. Tail risk metrics highlight pronounced kurtosis and elevated volatility, underscoring the potential for sharp price swings and episodic market dislocations. The skewness profile is positive, indicating a modest asymmetry toward upside moves, while negative skew risk is comparatively low, reflecting a nuanced risk-return distribution distinctive to this asset class.

Market Revealed Preference, LLC. Forecast Details — 2M Horizon

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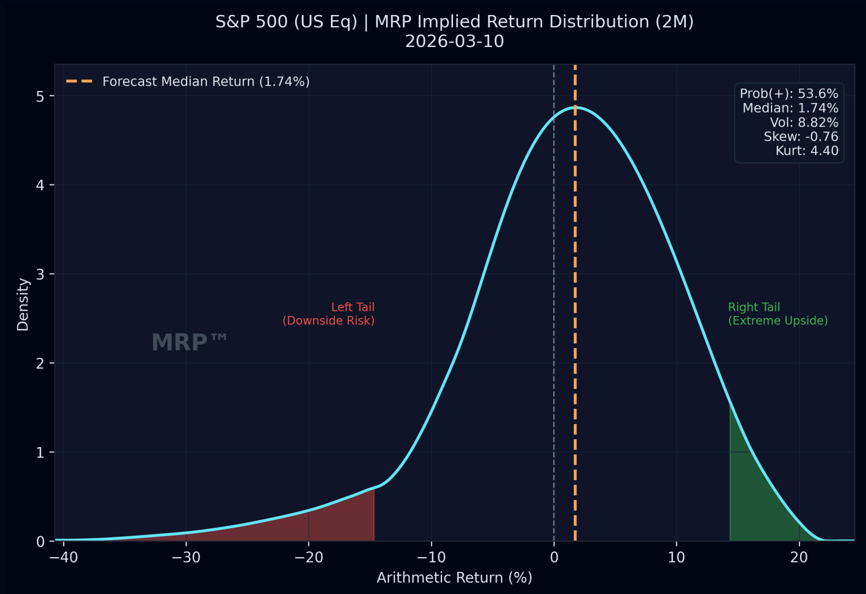
		Prob. Positive Return	Median Return	Volatility	Negative Skew	Kurtosis / Tail Risk
Equities	US Large Cap Equities	Very Strong Decile 10	Very Strong Decile 9	High Risk Decile 7	Moderate Risk Decile 6	Low Risk Decile 4
	US Small Cap Equities	Strong Decile 8	Strong Decile 8	Moderate Risk Decile 6	High Risk Decile 7	Moderate Risk Decile 5
	Developed Markets Equities Ex. US	Strong Decile 8	Strong Decile 8	Low Risk Decile 4	Low Risk Decile 4	Very Low Risk Decile 2
	Emerging Market Equities	Weak Decile 4	Weak Decile 4	High Risk Decile 7	Low Risk Decile 4	Very Low Risk Decile 1
Fixed Income	US Aggregate Bond Index	Neutral Decile 6	Neutral Decile 6	High Risk Decile 7	Very Low Risk Decile 2	Moderate Risk Decile 5
	US Investment Grade Corporate Credit	Strong Decile 7	Strong Decile 7	High Risk Decile 7	Very High Risk Decile 9	Very High Risk Decile 9
Alternatives	Gold	Strong Decile 8	Weak Decile 4	Very High Risk Decile 10	Very Low Risk Decile 1	High Risk Decile 8
	US Crude Oil	Very Weak Decile 2	Very Weak Decile 1	High Risk Decile 8	Moderate Risk Decile 6	Very Low Risk Decile 2
	Bitcoin	Very Strong Decile 10	Very Strong Decile 10	Very High Risk Decile 10	Very Low Risk Decile 2	Very High Risk Decile 10

Market-Implied Return Distributions — Equities — 2M Horizon

Latest Data Date: March 10, 2026 | Arithmetic, non-annualized returns

US Large Cap Equities



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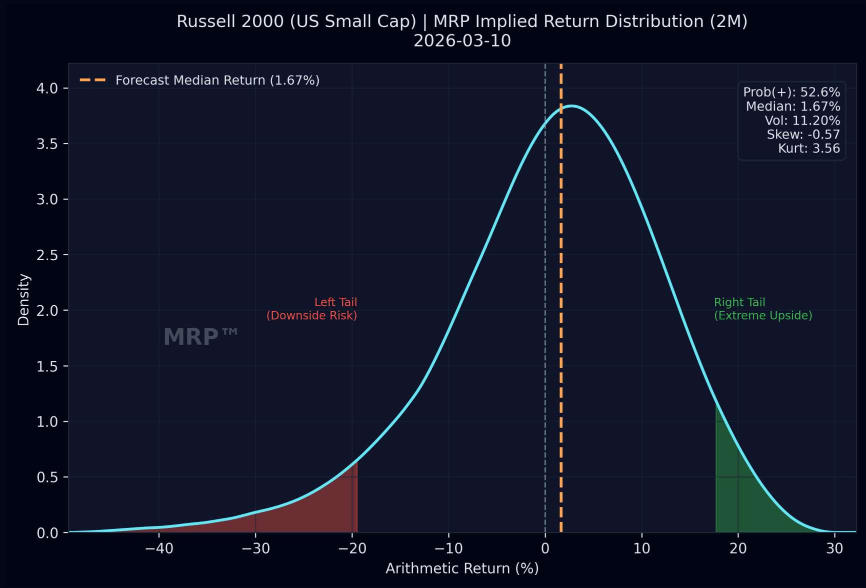

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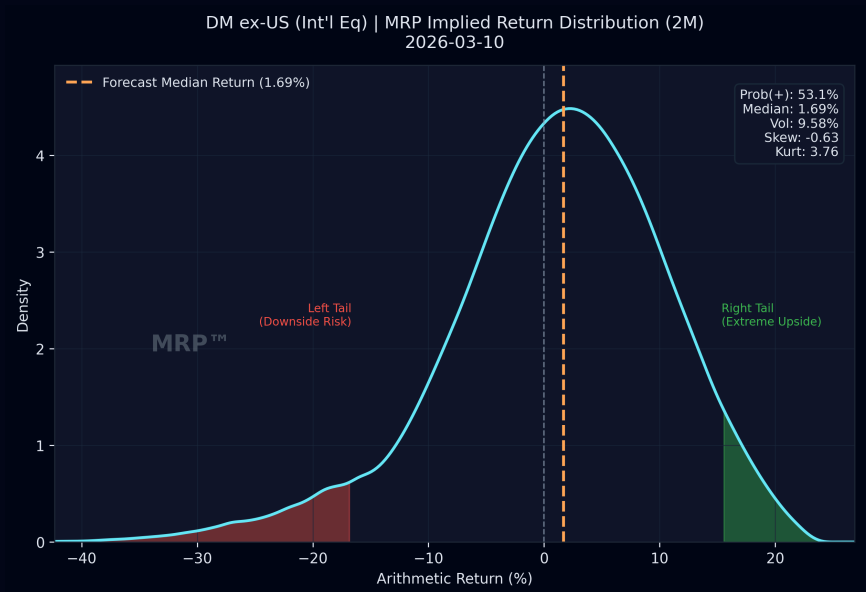

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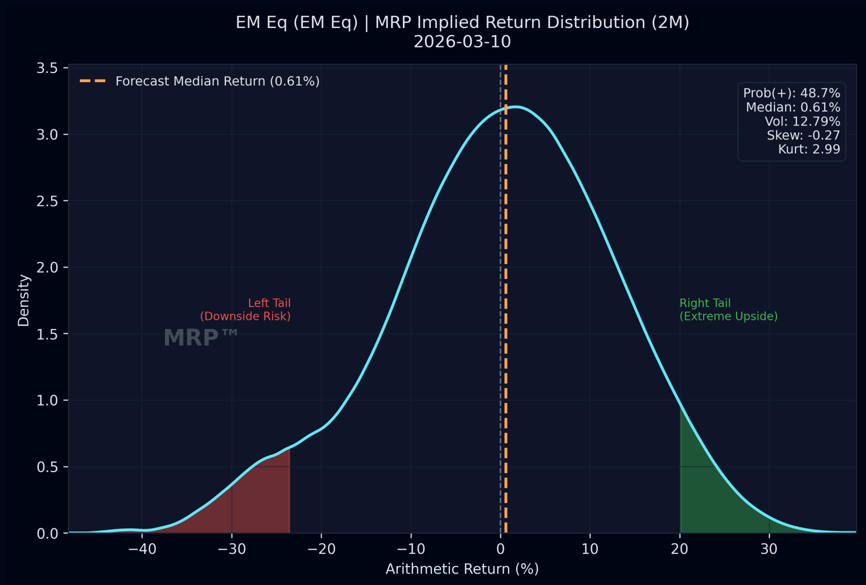

Market-Implied Return Distributions — Fixed Income — 2M Horizon

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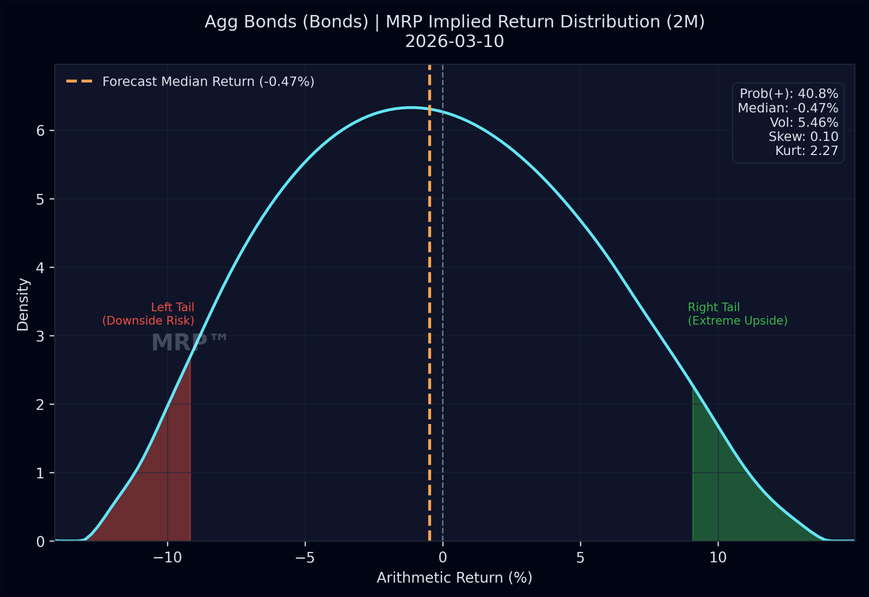
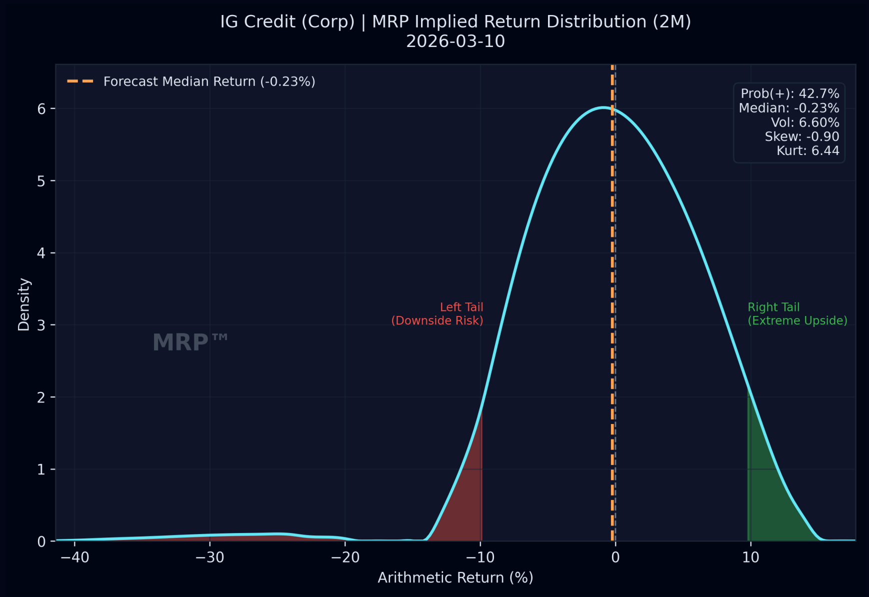
US Aggregate Bond Index



US Investment Grade Corporate Credit



Market-Implied Return Distributions — Alternatives — 2M Horizon

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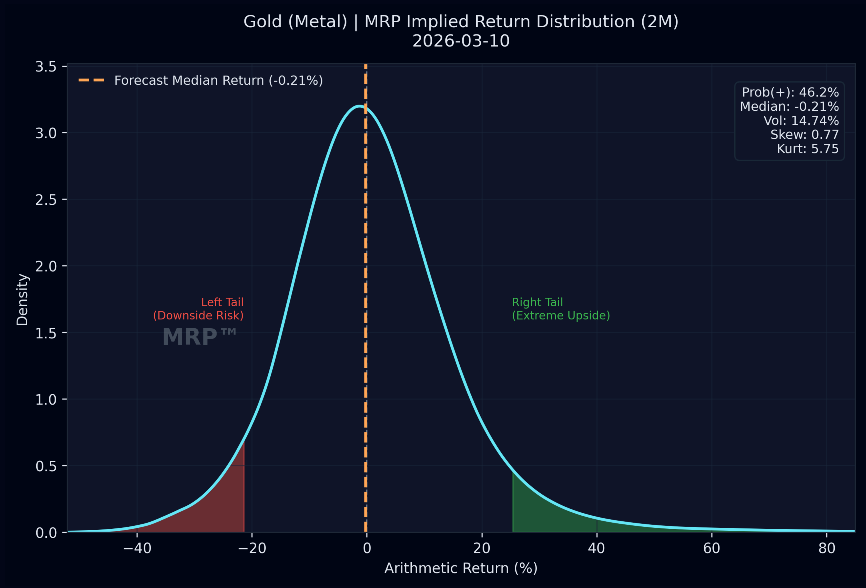
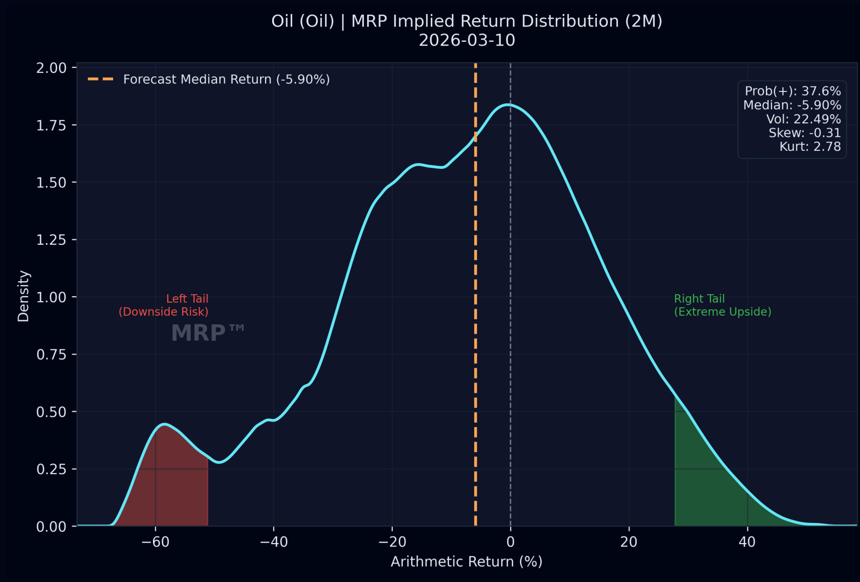
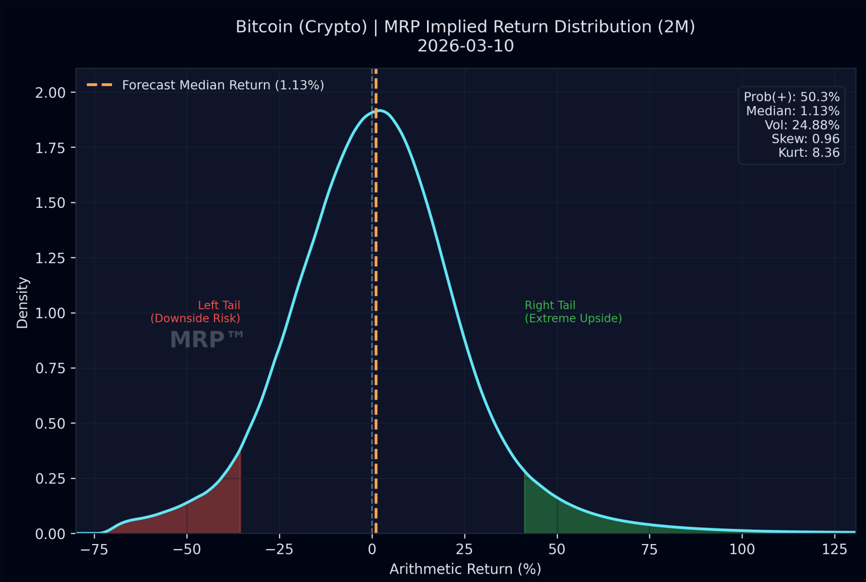
Gold



US Crude Oil



Bitcoin



Appendix: How to Read The MRP Major Asset Report

1. Composite Market View

The composite section provides a concise market-implied view for each asset. The composite meters are weighted averages of the detailed feature meters that appear later in the report. These readings summarize the market's current pricing of return potential, risk, asymmetry, and distribution shape. The accompanying commentary is generated through a guided large-language-model process designed to objectively characterize the current market state using the underlying feature values, historical decile rankings, and implied distributions.

2. Individual Feature Meters

The detailed meters show the key features that describe the current market-implied state: probability of a positive return, median return, volatility, skew, and kurtosis. Each meter places the current reading in historical context. For example, a 3rd decile reading for the probability of a positive return means the current reading is in the bottom 30% of its own historical observations.

3. Market-Implied Return Distributions

The final section shows the most recent market-implied return distributions for all assets. These distributions are produced using MRP's proprietary method for extracting the market's revealed preference from current market prices. They provide a collective market-based forecast of each asset's forward return distribution at the selected horizon. Available horizons are 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 12 months. These distributions reveal the priced-in probability of a positive return, median return, volatility, skew, and kurtosis.

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