

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 3, 2025

Last week, the equity markets experienced some volatility to wrap up the year with major U.S. indices falling several percentage points before a partial recovery rally on Friday offset much of the earlier losses. The markets continued to react to the Federal Reserve's hawkish indication of fewer rate cuts in 2025 than previously expected, which led to a surge in bond yields and a decline in stock prices. The 10-year U.S. Treasury note yield reached its highest level since April. Despite a bumpier than anticipated end of the year for markets, the U.S. economy showed strong third-quarter growth, with GDP increasing at an annual rate of 3.1%. The value of the U.S. dollar also surged relative to other currencies following the Fed's outlook.

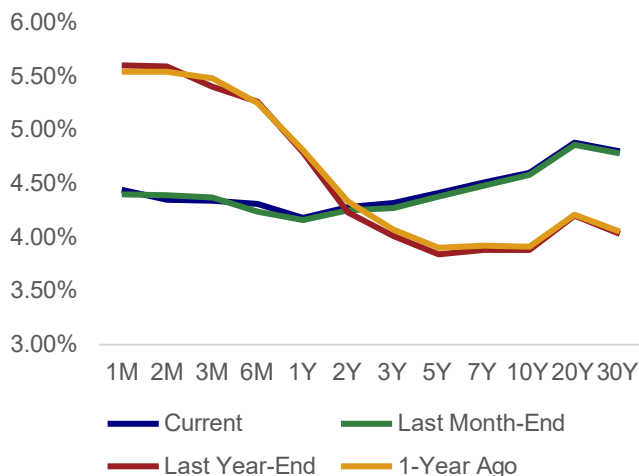
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Since September, the Fed has cut its policy rate by 1% over three consecutive meetings but indicated increasing likelihood of fewer cuts going forward in 2025.
- After a multi-year period of an inverted yield curve, U.S. Treasury yields normalized in 2024. During 2024, short-term rates (1-Year or less) fell between 63 and 120 basis points, while long-term rates (2-years or longer) rose between 2 and 75 bps.
- Mortgage rates peaked around 7.2% in May, consistently fell to 6.1% until the Federal Reserve's September meeting, and ended the year increasing to 6.9% as markets continue to adjust their interest rate expectations upwards.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	0.0%	1.7%	1.5%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
	International Aggregate	-0.3%	-0.4%	-4.4%	-2.1%
	US Aggregate	0.2%	-0.1%	-2.2%	-0.5%
	US Treasury	0.2%	-0.1%	-2.6%	-0.8%
	US TIPS	0.1%	-0.2%	-2.2%	1.6%
	US Corporate	0.1%	-0.1%	-1.9%	0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.4%	0.3%	3.1%	4.2%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.2%	0.1%	-0.3%	0.6%
Muni	US Municipals	0.6%	0.3%	-0.4%	1.0%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%	2.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 3, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 3, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/3/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/3/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.44%	4.40%	5.60%	5.54%
3 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.37%	5.40%	5.48%
6 Month Treasury	4.31%	4.24%	5.26%	5.25%
2 Year Treasury	4.28%	4.25%	4.23%	4.33%
5 Year Treasury	4.41%	4.38%	3.84%	3.90%
10 Year Treasury	4.60%	4.58%	3.88%	3.91%
30 Year Treasury	4.80%	4.78%	4.03%	4.05%
US Aggregate	4.93%	4.91%	4.53%	4.61%
US Corporate	5.36%	5.33%	5.06%	5.17%
US Corporate High Yield	7.39%	7.49%	7.59%	7.90%
US Municipal	3.70%	3.74%	3.22%	3.23%
US Municipal High Yield	5.48%	5.52%	5.57%	5.60%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/3/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/3/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.20%	0.20%	0.15%	0.14%
US Aggregate	0.33%	0.33%	0.65%	0.70%
US Corporate	0.76%	0.75%	1.18%	1.26%
US Corporate High Yield	2.79%	2.91%	3.71%	3.99%
US Municipal	-0.90%	-0.84%	-0.66%	-0.68%
US Municipal High Yield	0.88%	0.94%	1.69%	1.69%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 3, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- US equities continued their multiweek decline, with all three major indices falling to end the year. The Dow Jones was the biggest loser with a 59-bps decline and the S&P 500 held up best with a 45-bps decline.
- It was a mixed week for sectors with 7 of 11 posting losses. Materials, Consumer Discretionary, and Consumer Staples were the biggest losers falling 2.1%, 1.5%, and 1.4%, respectively. Energy, Utilities, and Real Estate stocks rose 3.2%, 1.3%, and 0.6% over the week.
- From a size perspective, large cap stocks fell while mid- and small-caps each posted gains of 0.5%. From a style perspective, growth outperformed value across all market caps.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.4%	1.0%	8.7%	14.3%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.5%	1.0%	9.1%	14.7%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.3%	1.9%	8.0%	17.4%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.7%	0.3%	9.1%	10.6%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.5%	1.0%	5.1%	10.6%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.6%	1.5%	3.9%	10.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.4%	0.5%	6.2%	10.5%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.5%	1.0%	1.9%	8.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.7%	1.5%	0.7%	8.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.2%	0.4%	2.8%	8.3%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-0.7%	-0.2%	0.8%	4.0%
	MSCI EM	-0.8%	-0.1%	-2.0%	1.5%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Cold weather in Europe and the U.S. plus additional Chinese economic stimulus are expected to help spur demand as oil prices rose for the week and ended the year at their highest levels in over two months.
- Gold posted another modest gain during the week and ended the year with posting a strong gain of 27.5%.
- After a hot start to the year, bitcoin spent most of the year trading sideways. Following the November election, the price proceeded to break through the milestone \$100k price level and ended the year posting a 120% gain.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	2.0%	0.8%	9.7%	6.9%
Gold	0.9%	0.5%	13.8%	11.3%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.9%	0.4%	-3.9%	3.5%
Bitcoin	4.1%	5.2%	28.9%	68.2%
Ethereum	8.0%	7.9%	-0.9%	93.3%

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Upcoming Week

- This week kicks off Q4 earnings season, which will be a short week as stock markets will close Thursday for the funeral of President Jimmy Carter. Two noteworthy releases from this week include Delta Airlines and Walgreens on Friday.
- It will be a busy week for economic data as we kick off 2025. Important economic releases this week include the ISM services, PMI, unemployment rate, and nonfarm payrolls.

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Bloomberg Galaxy Ethereum Index is designed to measure the performance of a single Ethereum traded in USD.

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