

Weekly Market Update



Market Data as of Week Ending: 12/12/2025 unless noted otherwise

Major stock indices briefly reached all-time highs last week following the Federal Reserve meeting on Wednesday before retreating on Friday. The S&P 500 finished the week lower but outperformed the tech-heavy NASDAQ, which was pressured by renewed concerns around AI spending. Mid and small-cap stocks maintained midweek gains and finished the week higher. Value stocks outperformed growth, narrowing the year-to-date performance gap. Cyclical sectors underperformed for the week, led lower by losses in information technology and communication services. Enterprise software company Oracle reignited AI spending concerns after reporting lower-than-expected quarterly revenue and higher forecasted capital expenditure spending. Foreign stocks continued to advance, with both developed and emerging markets trading higher.

Bonds also traded lower last week as declines in short-term Treasury yields were offset by higher long-term yields. The 2-Year Treasury yield fell to 3.52% while the 10-Year edged higher to 4.19%, widening the 2-10yr slope to 0.67%. Short and intermediate-term bonds were relatively unchanged across sectors, while longer-duration bonds added to December's losses. Government bonds narrowly outperformed high-yield and corporate bonds, where spreads remain historically tight. Investment-grade corporate yields and high-yield bond yields finished the week higher at 4.88% and 7.14%, respectively.

Economic data for the week was largely focused on interpreting policy signals from the Federal Reserve. On Wednesday, the Federal Open Market Committee decided to lower the federal funds rate by 0.25% to a target range of 3.5% to 3.75%. While the rate cut was widely expected, three dissenting votes highlighted uncertainty around the future path of monetary policy. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell acknowledged that downside risks to employment have increased, while upside risks to inflation persist, although inflationary impacts from tariffs are believed to be transitory. Outside of the Fed meeting, economic data was relatively light. Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) data for September and October showed total job openings largely unchanged at 7.67M. Separations declined in October, while the quits rate fell to 1.8%, a signal of softening worker confidence. Initial jobless claims for the prior week rose more than expected to 236K, while continuing claims declined more than forecasted.

U.S. Equity Returns (Size & Style - Russell)

	Value	Week Core	Growth	Value	MTD Core	Growth	Value	QTD Core	Growth	Value	YTD Core	Growth
Large	0.62%	-0.54%	-1.55%	0.88%	-0.18%	-1.10%	4.01%	2.22%	0.64%	16.14%	17.14%	17.99%
Mid	0.74%	0.56%	-0.02%	1.07%	0.87%	0.22%	2.44%	1.31%	-2.18%	12.17%	11.87%	10.37%
Small	2.01%	1.21%	0.48%	2.92%	2.10%	1.35%	6.08%	4.95%	3.91%	15.67%	15.85%	16.03%

U.S. Fixed Income Returns (Quality & Duration - Bloomberg)

	Short	Week Interm	Long	Short	MTD Interm	Long	Short	QTD Interm	Long	Short	YTD Interm	Long
Govt	0.07%	0.00%	-0.81%	-0.11%	-0.32%	-2.54%	0.83%	0.80%	-0.87%	5.49%	6.12%	4.73%
Corp	0.05%	-0.06%	-0.82%	-0.07%	-0.28%	-1.80%	0.85%	0.80%	-0.87%	6.38%	7.43%	6.63%
HY	-0.09%	-0.11%	-0.99%	0.07%	0.03%	-1.84%	0.67%	0.77%	-1.24%	7.27%	7.92%	12.37%

Index Returns

	Week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Equities (Stocks)				
S&P 500	-0.61%	-0.26%	2.33%	17.51%
S&P MidCap 400	0.95%	1.35%	2.94%	8.87%
Russell 2000	1.21%	2.10%	4.95%	15.85%
MSCI EAFE	0.85%	1.63%	3.46%	29.47%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.43%	1.85%	3.57%	32.09%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	0.73%	0.60%	1.00%	29.68%
Fixed Income (Bonds)				
Bloomberg Int Gov/Credit	-0.02%	-0.30%	0.80%	6.55%
Bloomberg US Agg	-0.20%	-0.68%	0.56%	6.73%
Bloomberg US High Yield	-0.13%	-0.01%	0.73%	8.00%
Other				
Bloomberg Commodity	-2.63%	-1.15%	4.97%	14.81%
S&P Dev Property	-0.21%	-1.69%	-0.98%	10.74%

S&P 500 Sector Returns

	Week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Consumer Disc	0.33%	1.21%	1.13%	6.50%
Consumer Staples	1.15%	-0.11%	1.50%	5.45%
Energy	-0.56%	0.87%	2.21%	9.41%
Financials	2.32%	3.04%	1.98%	14.99%
Health Care	0.47%	-2.26%	10.66%	13.55%
Industrials	1.38%	1.99%	1.60%	20.28%
Info Technology	-2.30%	-0.94%	0.71%	23.18%
Materials	2.44%	1.04%	-0.06%	9.25%
Real Estate	-0.76%	-2.23%	-2.91%	3.10%
Communication Svcs	-3.16%	-2.38%	5.74%	31.66%
Utilities	-1.05%	-5.49%	-1.79%	15.59%

Bond Yields

	12/12/25	11/30/25	9/30/25	12/31/24
SOFR 3Mo Swap	3.71%	3.78%	3.97%	4.30%
2Yr Treasury	3.52%	3.47%	3.60%	4.25%
10Yr Treasury	4.19%	4.02%	4.16%	4.58%
2-10 Slope	0.67%	0.55%	0.56%	0.33%

Commodities and Currency

	12/12/25	11/30/25	9/30/25	12/31/24
Oil (\$/barrel)	57.44	58.65	62.37	71.72
Gold (\$/oz.)	4299.63	4239.43	3858.96	2624.5

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