



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 31, 2025

The U.S. economy continues to show solid growth with Q4 2024 real GDP growing at an annualized rate of 2.3%, just below expectations of 2.5%. US GDP growth was driven primarily by consumer spending, which increased 4.2% annually (its highest level since Q1 2023). The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady, maintaining a patient approach amid solid economic growth, a healthy labor market, and stubborn inflation trends. Earnings season kicked off with strong results from companies like Apple, Microsoft, and Meta, although Tesla missed estimates. Technology stocks, particularly Nvidia and other chip manufacturers, experienced volatility following Monday's news from Chinese AI startup DeepSeek that it developed an AI program comparable to OpenAI's ChatGPT using a fraction of the development costs and computational resources. Much of the sector rebounded later in the week, as the news from DeepSeek was spun as a positive for increasing development and adoption of AI-related technologies. Overall, the S&P 500 is on track for strong earnings growth, with expectations for continued momentum into 2025.

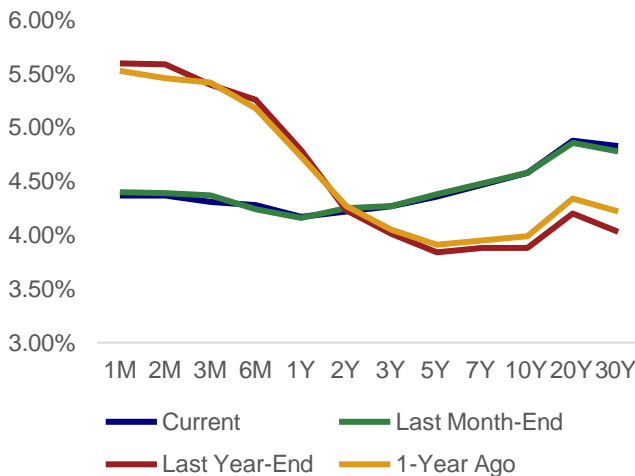
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The Federal Reserve held its target policy rate range steady at 4.25%-4.5%, maintaining a patient approach amid solid economic growth and a healthy labor market.
- U.S. Treasury yields fell across the yield curve as rates come off their early January peaks. The 10-year yield is down about 20 bps from its recent high, which helped support bond and equity prices.
- Expectations around potential rate cuts in the short-term continue to ease. The probability of a March rate cut dropped to 16% from 27% the prior week. Expectations for one to two 25-basis-point cuts over the remainder of the year remain intact.
- Since breaking above 6% in September 2022, mortgage rates have fluttered between 6% to 8%, ending last week just below 7%. Higher rates and insufficient supply have contributed to home affordability challenges causing many potential buyers to remain on the sidelines.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	0.5%	2.1%	1.5%
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%
Core Plus	International Aggregate	0.1%	0.6%	-3.7%	-2.1%
	US Aggregate	0.4%	0.5%	-1.5%	-0.6%
	US Treasury	0.5%	0.5%	-2.1%	-1.1%
	US TIPS	0.6%	1.3%	-1.2%	1.7%
	US Corporate	0.3%	0.6%	-1.0%	-0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	1.4%	4.3%	4.5%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.5%	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%
Muni	US Municipals	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.8%	0.8%	1.5%	2.3%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 31, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of January 31, 2025

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/31/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/31/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.37%	4.40%	5.60%	5.53%
3 Month Treasury	4.31%	4.37%	5.40%	5.42%
6 Month Treasury	4.28%	4.24%	5.26%	5.18%
2 Year Treasury	4.22%	4.25%	4.23%	4.27%
5 Year Treasury	4.36%	4.38%	3.84%	3.91%
10 Year Treasury	4.58%	4.58%	3.88%	3.99%
30 Year Treasury	4.83%	4.78%	4.03%	4.22%
US Aggregate	4.86%	4.91%	4.53%	4.59%
US Corporate	5.30%	5.33%	5.06%	5.11%
US Corporate High Yield	7.20%	7.49%	7.59%	7.80%
US Municipal	3.68%	3.74%	3.22%	3.37%
US Municipal High Yield	5.45%	5.52%	5.57%	5.62%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/31/2025	12/31/2024	12/29/2023	1/31/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.25%	0.20%	0.15%	0.23%
US Aggregate	0.28%	0.33%	0.65%	0.60%
US Corporate	0.72%	0.75%	1.18%	1.12%
US Corporate High Yield	2.62%	2.91%	3.71%	3.81%
US Municipal	-0.90%	-0.84%	-0.66%	-0.62%
US Municipal High Yield	0.87%	0.94%	1.69%	1.63%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of January 31, 2025

## Equity Markets Overview

- It was a mixed week US equities as markets reacted to the DeepSeek news and Federal Reserve's guidance on monetary policy. The Dow Jones continues to lead the way and was the only major US index to post a gain for the week, rising 0.3%. The tech heavy Nasdaq brought up the rear after falling 1.63%, while the S&P 500 came in second after slipping 0.99%.
- Similarly, it was a mixed week from a sector perspective as 6 of the 11 posted losses. Technology, Energy, and Utilities were the biggest losers posting losses of 4.55%, 3.79%, and 2.05%, respectively. Telecommunications, Consumer Staples, and Healthcare led the charge posting gains of 2.67%, 1.92%, and 1.74%, respectively.
- From a size perspective, small cap stocks held up slightly better than their mid- and large cap peers, but all three segments posted losses for the week, while mid-caps continue to lead the pack on a YTD basis. As for style, value outperformed growth last week in the large and mid-cap segments, while the inverse was true in small cap. On a YTD basis, value is slightly outpacing growth in the large and mid-cap segments, while growth is handily outpacing value in small cap.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	-1.0%	2.8%	11.6%	14.8%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	-1.0%	2.8%	11.9%	15.2%
	S&P 500 Growth	-2.0%	2.7%	11.9%	17.2%
	S&P 500 Value	0.1%	2.9%	10.8%	11.7%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	-1.1%	3.8%	8.9%	11.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.8%	3.8%	8.5%	11.1%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.3%	4.0%	9.1%	12.0%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	-0.5%	2.9%	5.5%	9.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.1%	4.0%	5.4%	9.4%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.9%	1.8%	5.4%	9.9%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.6%	4.0%	3.4%	5.5%
	MSCI EM	0.3%	1.8%	-0.7%	3.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 31, 2025

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices fell for the second straight week. However, this recent trend could be short lived depending on the impact of any tariffs levied by the Trump administration on oil and gas imports.
- Gold prices rose for the fifth consecutive week, briefly breaking above the \$2.8k price level and setting a new all-time high on Friday. Investors seem to be seeking safety leading up to Trump's tariffs, which are causing concerns about global economic growth and inflation.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.5%	3.3%	6.8%	10.3%
Gold	1.0%	7.3%	16.4%	12.3%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.4%	1.0%	-1.3%	3.2%
Bitcoin	-3.0%	8.8%	38.2%	61.3%
Ethereum	-0.5%	-0.7%	7.3%	79.1%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 31, 2025



### Upcoming Week

- As 4th quarter earnings season continues, it will be another busy week of releases. Some key companies reporting this week include Alphabet, Walt Disney, and Amazon.
- As for economic data, this week will bring several releases related to the Manufacturing and Services sectors as well as labor market data. We will be monitoring the S&P Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index, ISM Manufacturing and Services, weekly initial jobless claims, Nonfarm Payrolls, and the Unemployment Rate releases.

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S&P Smallcap 600 Index measures the performance of 600 small-sized U.S. companies to reflect the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market, which is typically known for less liquidity than large cap stocks.

S&P Smallcap 600 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Smallcap 600 Value Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 with the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

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

Ethereum USD Spot Exchange Rate measure the last price of 1 Ethereum in USD.

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

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