

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending December 5, 2025

Last week, markets remained largely steady as investors awaited the upcoming Federal Reserve meeting, with the S&P 500 posting modest gains and remaining just below all-time highs. The probability of a 0.25% rate cut at the December meeting rose to over 95%, driven by contained inflation and a softer near-term economic outlook. The U.S. Treasury yield curve continued to steepen as short-term rates dropped sharply while longer-term yields rose, with the 10-year yield reaching 4.14% partially due to rising Japanese government bond yields and expectations for a more hawkish Bank of Japan. Labor market data was mixed: ADP reported the largest private payroll decline in over two years, but initial jobless claims dropped to a three-year low. Inflation data showed core PCE rising 2.8% year-over-year, slightly below expectations, while consumer sentiment improved modestly. Equity markets consolidated after a strong November, with the S&P 500 up 18% year-to-date and the Nasdaq up 23%. As we approach year-end, some potential markets will be closely watching this week's Fed rate decision and the delayed November jobs report. Reviewing portfolios for potential rebalancing may be prudent as equity gains may have shifted expected allocations.

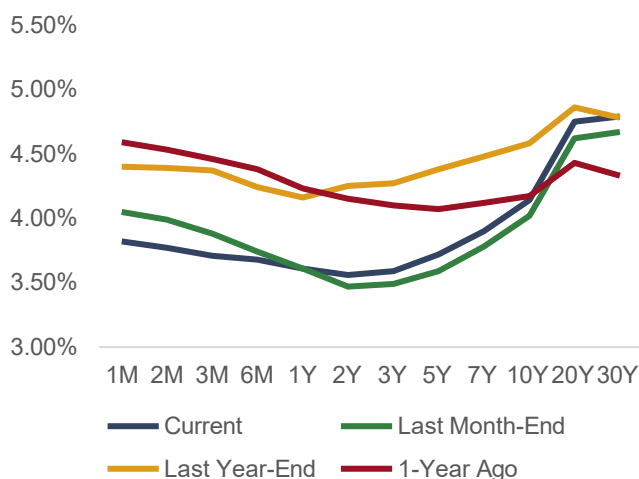
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The yield curve steepened sharply last week as rates with less than 1-year to maturity fell between 6 and 23 basis points and rates longer than 1-year rose 9 to 13 bps.
- All eyes will be on this week's Federal rate decision, as expectations have been shifting drastically in recent weeks. As of Friday, markets were pricing in a 96% probability of a 25 basis points cut. Market pricing now anticipates about 3.3 Fed rate cuts through the end of 2026, down from 3.7 the prior week.
- Japanese government bond yields surged, with 10-year JGBs hitting an 18-year high, impacting global yield dynamics.
- Inflation expectations moderated, with University of Michigan data showing year-ahead inflation expectations dropping to 4.1%. The Fed's preferred inflation gauge (core PCE) rose 2.8% year-over-year, slightly below estimates.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.1%	4.9%	4.7%	1.9%
	Core Plus	-0.3%	6.6%	4.8%	1.0%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.2%	7.6%	3.4%	-2.0%
	US Aggregate	-0.5%	6.9%	4.2%	-0.3%
	US Treasury	-0.6%	6.0%	3.2%	-0.9%
	US TIPS	-0.4%	7.0%	3.6%	1.4%
	US Corporate	-0.5%	7.5%	5.5%	0.0%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.1%	8.1%	9.4%	4.6%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	10.6%	8.6%	1.6%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.1%	4.0%	3.7%	0.9%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.3%	2.4%	5.5%	2.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 5, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 5, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	12/5/2025	11/28/2025	12/31/2024	12/5/2024
Federal Funds Rate	3.82%	4.05%	4.40%	4.59%
3 Month Treasury	3.71%	3.88%	4.37%	4.46%
6 Month Treasury	3.68%	3.74%	4.24%	4.38%
2 Year Treasury	3.56%	3.47%	4.25%	4.15%
5 Year Treasury	3.72%	3.59%	4.38%	4.07%
10 Year Treasury	4.14%	4.02%	4.58%	4.17%
30 Year Treasury	4.79%	4.67%	4.78%	4.33%
US Aggregate	4.35%	4.27%	4.91%	4.62%
US Corporate	4.84%	4.76%	5.33%	5.02%
US Corporate High Yield	6.58%	6.57%	7.49%	7.08%
US Municipal	3.60%	3.58%	3.74%	3.39%
US Municipal High Yield	5.67%	5.64%	5.52%	5.23%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	12/5/2025	11/28/2025	12/31/2024	12/5/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.65%	0.65%	0.20%	0.16%
US Aggregate	0.21%	0.25%	0.33%	0.45%
US Corporate	0.70%	0.74%	0.75%	0.85%
US Corporate High Yield	2.44%	2.55%	2.91%	2.91%
US Municipal	-0.54%	-0.44%	-0.84%	-0.78%
US Municipal High Yield	1.53%	1.62%	0.94%	1.06%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 5, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- US equities were up last week, as the tech-heavy Nasdaq edged out the S&P 500 and Dow Jones on the week. Markets are priced near record highs as the S&P 500 and Dow closed within 1% of their prior ATHs, while the Nasdaq finished less than 2% below its peak.
- Q3 S&P 500 earnings grew 13.4% year-over-year, marking the fourth straight quarter of double-digit growth.
- Sector performance was mixed last week. Utilities and Healthcare fell sharply, posting losses of 4.5% and 2.7%, respectively. Energy and Technology sectors posted the largest gains of 1.4%.
- Small caps slightly edged out their large and mid-cap peers. On a YTD basis, the recent dominance of large cap and growth stocks continues through 2025.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	0.4%	17.4%	20.6%	14.4%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.4%	18.2%	21.5%	14.9%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.8%	23.3%	27.2%	15.8%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.1%	12.6%	14.8%	13.0%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.4%	7.8%	11.5%	9.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.4%	8.1%	12.4%	8.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.4%	7.6%	10.6%	11.5%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.6%	6.7%	8.8%	8.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.3%	6.8%	9.4%	6.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.9%	6.6%	8.2%	9.3%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.9%	29.8%	15.7%	8.0%
	MSCI EM	1.4%	31.5%	14.8%	4.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 5, 2025

Alternative Markets Overview

- Oil prices edged up to a two-week high on Friday on increasing expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve will cut interest rates next week as well as increased geopolitical uncertainty that could limit supplies from Russia and Venezuela.
- Gold posted a modest 0.3% loss last week, but saw a strong Friday rally as markets reacted to increasing expectations of an upcoming Federal Reserve rate cut.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.9%	9.5%	5.7%	16.3%
Gold	-0.3%	60.7%	33.6%	18.2%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-1.6%	2.8%	5.4%	4.9%
Bitcoin	-2.1%	-4.4%	74.1%	36.2%
Ethereum	-1.1%	-9.5%	34.0%	38.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 5, 2025



Upcoming Week

- As we wrap up 2025, it is a light week for earnings reports. Two notable releases this week include Oracle and Broadcom.
- Key economic releases this week include the Federal Reserve rate decision, JOLTS October report (delayed by the government shutdown), and weekly jobless claims.

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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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