



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 23, 2026

Last week markets quickly reacted to a jump in geopolitical volatility but appeared to quickly return to fundamentals. Markets sold off after the Trump administration escalated their push to acquire Greenland and threatened tariffs on several European trading partners, triggering the largest single-day decline in the S&P 500 since "Liberation Day" in 2025. Despite the initial shock, a tentative agreement around U.S. security interests in Greenland helped markets rebound, underscoring how quickly geopolitical narratives can shift. The dollar was a notable underperformer, posting its worst weekly decline since June as investors appeared to diversify internationally. Meanwhile, economic data remained solid, with unemployment claims low, consumer confidence improving, and consumer spending continuing to strengthen. Earnings season also kicked into gear, with roughly 80% of early S&P 500 reporters beating profit estimates. Small-cap equities continued to outperform early in the year, signaling growing investor confidence in broader earnings growth. Overall, improving growth, easing inflation pressures, and resilient earnings reinforced the case for diversification even amid the current turbulence in the geopolitical landscape.

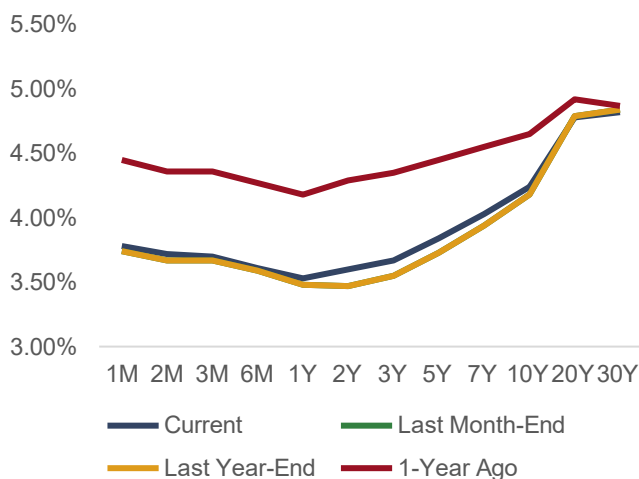
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. government bonds briefly sold off alongside equities during the Greenland-related market shock before stabilizing.
- The U.S. dollar weakened significantly, falling 1.2% on the week—its worst performance since last June.
- Market expectations for near-term Fed rate cuts continued to fade as strong economic data came in. Futures markets priced in a 97% chance of no change in rates and only a 2.8% probability of a January rate cut, down from 5% the prior week.
- The Fed remains widely expected to hold rates steady at its upcoming meeting, with data dependence guiding future decisions. Signs of cooling inflation and a sluggish labor market still support expectations for one or two rate cuts later in 2026.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.0%	4.6%	2.0%
	Core Plus	0.1%	-0.1%	4.5%	1.0%
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	International Aggregate	0.5%	0.1%	2.9%	-2.0%
	US Aggregate	0.1%	0.1%	3.8%	-0.2%
	US Treasury	0.1%	-0.1%	2.9%	-0.8%
	US TIPS	0.2%	0.2%	3.7%	1.1%
	US Corporate	0.2%	0.3%	5.0%	0.2%
Other	US Corporate High Yield	0.1%	0.7%	9.0%	4.5%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.2%	0.3%	7.9%	1.7%
Muni	US Municipals	-0.3%	0.6%	3.1%	0.9%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.3%	0.8%	4.7%	2.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 23, 2026

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 23, 2026

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/23/2026	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	1/23/2025
Federal Funds Rate	3.78%	3.74%	3.74%	4.45%
3 Month Treasury	3.70%	3.67%	3.67%	4.36%
6 Month Treasury	3.61%	3.59%	3.59%	4.27%
2 Year Treasury	3.60%	3.47%	3.47%	4.29%
5 Year Treasury	3.84%	3.73%	3.73%	4.45%
10 Year Treasury	4.24%	4.18%	4.18%	4.65%
30 Year Treasury	4.82%	4.84%	4.84%	4.87%
US Aggregate	4.38%	4.32%	4.32%	4.96%
US Corporate	4.85%	4.81%	4.81%	5.38%
US Corporate High Yield	6.62%	6.53%	6.53%	7.25%
US Municipal	3.49%	3.60%	3.60%	3.76%
US Municipal High Yield	5.53%	5.59%	5.59%	5.52%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/23/2026	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	1/23/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.58%	0.66%	0.66%	0.22%
US Aggregate	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.31%
US Corporate	0.61%	0.63%	0.63%	0.73%
US Corporate High Yield	2.38%	2.35%	2.35%	2.60%
US Municipal	-0.75%	-0.58%	-0.58%	-0.89%
US Municipal High Yield	1.29%	1.41%	1.41%	0.87%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 23, 2026

## Equity Markets Overview

- U.S. equities experienced a sharp intraday sell-off early in the week before recovering most losses.
- US small- and mid-cap stocks plus international stocks continue to outperform their US large-cap peers on a year-to-date basis.
- The “Magnificent 7” are essentially flat on the year, as investors appear to continue rotating away from US large-cap and mega-cap tech stocks into other areas of the markets to start 2026.
- Early earnings reports were strong, with 80% of S&P 500 companies beating on profits. EPS growth for early reporters is tracking around 17%, ahead of the 8.3% full-quarter estimate.
- Market breadth remains strong, with 70% of S&P 500 constituents and 60% of the Nasdaq trading above their 200-day moving averages.
- To start 2026, International fund flows have favored Europe and Japan over the U.S., signaling growing global diversification.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.3%	1.5%	20.7%	13.7%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.3%	1.1%	21.5%	14.1%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.3%	0.3%	27.6%	14.4%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.4%	2.1%	14.6%	13.0%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-0.5%	5.5%	12.2%	8.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.6%	6.0%	14.0%	6.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.4%	5.0%	10.3%	10.9%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-0.4%	6.6%	10.1%	6.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.6%	6.2%	10.9%	4.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.2%	6.9%	9.1%	8.4%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.5%	4.6%	16.1%	8.0%
	MSCI EM	1.1%	6.9%	15.8%	4.0%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Precious metals prices broadly strengthened amid geopolitical stress and policy uncertainty. Gold extended its strong rally, rising over 8% last week and 15% year-to-date after last year's nearly 65% surge. Silver broke above \$100 per ounce for the first time, continuing its rapid appreciation.
- Oil prices rebounded but remain low as increasing geopolitical volatility impacted various markets. President Trump's comments about a U.S. “armada” moving toward Iran appeared to increase supply disruption fears, causing prices to rise over the week.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	3.8%	7.2%	5.6%	15.3%
Gold	8.4%	15.6%	37.1%	22.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-2.4%	2.2%	4.7%	5.2%
Bitcoin	-6.4%	2.1%	57.2%	22.6%
Ethereum	-10.7%	-1.1%	21.6%	18.6%

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### Upcoming Week

- Q4 earnings season continues with a busy week of earnings releases. We will get reports from high-profile mega-cap technology companies (Meta, Apple, Tesla and Microsoft) due to report, and providing a picture on how heavy AI investment is translating into revenue growth and profits.
- As for economic data, it is another full week of releases. Markets will be closely monitoring the results of this week's FOMC meeting and Friday's PPI release.

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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.

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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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