

Weekly Market Recap

The week in review

- The Fed cut rates by 25 bps to a range of 4.25% 4.50%
- Retail sales rose 0.7% m/m beating expectations
- Housing starts declined 1.8% m/m

The week ahead

- Consumer confidence
- New home sales

Thought of the week

Investors have had reason to cheer in 2024, as economic growth held up better than expected and equity markets hit 57 new all-time highs. But, there are still a few lumps of coal under the tree. Progress on inflation has stalled and consumers continue to feel the sting of higher prices this holiday season. As seen in PNC's Christmas Price Index, which measures the cost of each gift in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," prices rose by 5.4% in 2024, the 21st consecutive year of y/y increases and up from 2023's 2.7% gain.

Consistent with broader inflation dynamics, the servicerelated gifts were once again the main driver of inflation, rising 7.9% v/v compared to only a 1.1% v/v for goodsrelated gifts. If anyone's looking for a new year's resolution, it's a lucrative time to pick up an instrument as the cost of both twelve drummers drumming and eleven pipers piping each rose 15.8% y/y. It also got 15.4% more expensive to gift every child's favorite pet: six geese-a-laying. Elsewhere, price increases for eight maids-a-milking, seven swans-aswimming, five gold rings, four calling birds and two turtle doves were stagnant in 2024, bringing some solace to the small bird shoppers that suffered through last year's 25.0% y/y increase of turtle dove prices. However, the largest increase this year belongs to a partridge in a pear tree, which saw a 16.0% y/y gain entirely attributable to elevated pear tree prices due to higher housing costs, proving not all small bird lovers enjoyed a relief this year.

Looking ahead, inflation's downward progress should continue, but 2025 will likely be another year of above trend inflation. Those in search of the best bargain might want to start thinking about next year's gifts already!

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Weekly Data Center

Equities	Level	1 week	QTD	YTD	1 year	3-yr. Cum.
S&P 500	5931	-1.97	3.23	26.03	27.97	36.03
Dow Jones 30	42840	-2.23	1.63	15.79	17.68	30.34
Russell 2000	5573	-4.43	0.82	12.07	14.65	9.46
Russell 1000 Growth	2711	-1.55	8.59	35.25	36.92	43.07
Russell 1000 Value	1130	-2.89	-1.76	14.62	16.91	23.04
MSCI EAFE	2236	-3.58	-9.16	3.11	4.61	9.57
MSCI EM	1072	-3.12	-8.18	7.65	10.60	-1.23
NASDAQ	19573	-1.77	7.77	31.30	33.40	33.82

Index Returns (%)

NTM P/E	P/B	Div. Yld.	Mkt. Cap (bn)
21.65	4.97	1.21	50171
19.74	5.41	1.65	18918
24.25	1.08	1.27	2647
29.36	13.05	0.51	29842
16.24	2.64	2.03	24647
13.58	1.79	3.07	15921
11.96	1.74	2.27	7642
28.05	6.84	0.62	31869
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Index Characteristics

Fixed Income	Yield	1 week	QTD	YTD	1 year	3-yr. Cum.
U.S. Aggregate	4.90	-0.69	-3.05	1.27	1.62	-7.12
U.S. Corporates	5.33	-0.98	-2.97	2.19	2.56	-6.35
Municipals (10yr)	3.55	-1.06	-1.55	-0.54	-0.33	-1.67
High Yield	7.64	-0.81	-0.02	7.99	8.61	9.70

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Currencies	12/20/24	12/29/23	12/20/23		
\$ per€	1.04	1.10	1.10		
\$per£	1.25	1.27	1.27		
¥ per\$	156.51	140.98	143.70		

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Key Rates	12/20/24	12/13/24	9/30/24	12/29/231	2/20/23	12/20/21
2-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.30	4.25	3.66	4.23	4.34	0.65
10-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.52	4.40	3.81	3.88	3.86	1.43
30-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.72	4.61	4.14	4.03	3.98	1.85
10-yr German Bund	2.29	2.24	2.12	2.00	1.99	-0.37
SOFR	4.30	4.60	4.96	5.38	5.31	0.04
3-mo. EURIBOR	2.77	2.84	3.28	3.91	3.92	-0.59
6-mo. CD rate	2.30	2.31	2.29	2.23	2.21	0.14
30-yr fixed mortgage	7.22	7.13	6.68	6.99	7.09	3.20
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75	8.00	8.50	8.50	3.25

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Prices of gifts from the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

PNC Christmas Price Index, % price change vs. 2023 levels

		Levels	
Commod.	12/20/24	12/29/23	12/20/23
Oil (WTI)	69.38	71.89	73.87
Gasoline	3.02	3.12	3.05
Natural Gas	3.58	2.58	2.48
Gold	2616	2078	2036
Silver	28.80	23.79	23.97
Copper	8793	8476	8467
Corn	4.40	4.59	4.56
BBG ldx	235.43	226.43	227.24

Chart of the Week

18%

16%

14%

12%

10%

8%

6%

4%

Style Returns

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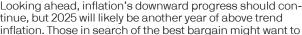




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Abbreviations: Cons. Sent.: University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index; CPI: Consumer Price Index; EIA: Energy Information Agency; FHFA HPI: - Federal Housing Finance Authority House Price Index; FOMC: Federal Open Market Committee; GDP: gross domestic product; HPI: Home Price Index; HMI: Housing Market Index; ISM Mfg. Index: Institute for Supply Management Manufacturing Index; PCE: Personal consumption expenditures; Philly Fed Survey: Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook Survey; PMI: Purchasing Managers' Manufacturing Index; PPI: Producer Price Index; SAAR: Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate

Equity Price Levels and Returns: All returns represent total return for stated period. Index: S&P 500; provided by: Standard & Poor's. Index: Dow Jones Industrial 30 (The Dow Jones is a price-weighted index composing of 30 widely-traded blue chip stocks.); provided by: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Index: Russell 2000; provided by: Russell Investments. Index: Russell 1000 Growth; provided by: Russell Investments. Index: Russell 1000 Value; provided by: Russell Investments. Index: MSCI – EAFE; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: MSCI – EM; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: MSCI – EM; provided by: NASDAQ OMX Group.

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Bond Returns: All returns represent total return. Index: Bloomberg US Aggregate; provided by: Bloomberg Capital. Index: Bloomberg Investment Grade Credit; provided by: Bloomberg Capital. Index: Bloomberg Municipal Bond 10 Yr; provided by: Blomberg Capital. Index: Bloomberg Capital High Yield Index; provided by: Bloomberg Capital.

Key Interest Rates: 2 Year Treasury, FactSet; 10 Year Treasury, FactSet; 30 Year Treasury, FactSet; 10 Year German Bund, FactSet. 3 Month LIBOR, British Bankers' Association; 3 Month EURIBOR, European Banking Federation; 6 Month CD, Federal Reserve; 30 Year Mortgage, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA); Prime Rate: Federal Reserve.

Commodities: Gold, FactSet; Crude Oil (WTI), FactSet; Gasoline, FactSet; Natural Gas, FactSet; Silver, FactSet; Copper, FactSet; Corn, FactSet. Bloomberg Commodity Index (BBG ldx), Bloomberg Finance I.P.

Currency: Dollar per Pound, FactSet; Dollar per Euro, FactSet; Yen per Dollar, FactSet.

S&P Index Characteristics: Dividend yield provided by FactSet Pricing database. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average using First Call Mean estimates for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Market cap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from Compustat and price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by Standard & Poor's.

MSCI Index Characteristics: Dividend yield provided by FactSet Pricing database. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Market cap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from MSCI and Price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by MSCI.

Russell 1000 Value Index, Russell 1000 Growth Index, and Russell 2000 Index Characteristics: Trailing P/E is provided directly by Russell. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average using First Call Mean estimates for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period.

Market cap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from Compustat and price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by Russell.

Sector Returns: Sectors are based on the GICS methodology. Return data are calculated by FactSet using constituents and weights as provided by Standard & Poor's. Returns are cumulative total return for stated period, including reinvestment of dividends.

Style Returns: Style box returns based on Russell Indexes with the exception of the Large-Cap Blend box, which reflects the S&P 500 Index. All values are cumulative total return for stated period including the reinvestment of dividends. The Index used from L to R, top to bottom are: Russell 1000 Value Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-tobook ratios and lower forecasted growth values), S&P 500 Index (Index represents the 500 Large Cap portion of the stock market, and is comprised of 500 stocks as selected by the S&P Index Committee), Russell 1000 Growth Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values), Russell Mid Cap Value Index (Measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values), Russell Mid Cap Index (The Russell Midcap Index includes the smallest 800 securities in the Russell 1000), Russell Mid Cap Growth Index (Measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values), Russell 2000 Value Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values), Russell 2000 Index (The Russell 2000 includes the smallest 2000 securities in the Russell 3000). Russell 2000 Growth Index (Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values).

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