

# Weekly Market Recap

#### The week in review

• Consumer confidence fell to 104.7 in Dec.

#### The week ahead

ISM mfg. PMI

# Thought of the week

2024 saw strong returns overall, but with greater variability in performance across asset classes compared to 2023. Headlines were dominated by tragic conflicts, the U.S. election and soft vs. hard landing debates, but fundamentals remained the key driver of returns.

The clear winner was U.S. large-cap equities, achieving another year of 20%+ gains - a rare feat for the S&P 500, which has only seen consecutive 20%+ annual returns four times since 1900. Despite anticipated negative earnings growth, small caps climbed a solid 11.8%, fueled by optimism around deregulation and corporate tax cuts. Global high yield bonds benefited from central bank cutting cycles and low levels of defaults, rising 9.1%. EM equities had a better year, led by China's impressive rebound following fiscal and monetary stimulus announcements in September and strong performances in Taiwan and India. On the other hand, DM equities lagged with only a 3.4% rise, hampered by yen and euro weakness and economic downturns in major eurozone markets. Despite the Fed's rate cuts bringing down short rates, cash had its highest return since 2000. Next year should see more modest cash returns as the Fed continues its slow easing cycle. Commodity prices saw modest gains due to softening global demand. However, certain commodities like LNG and gold had robust returns, rising 67% and 27%, respectively. REITs rose 3.9%, constrained by elevated rates and sluggishness in office and retail sectors. Finally, U.S. fixed income finished the year on a down note, affected by economic resilience and elevated long rates, partly due to fiscal concerns.

This year's wide performance dispersion underscores the importance of rebalancing portfolios, as some sectors' impressive runs have left valuations high and susceptible to pullbacks.

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### Weekly Data Center

-	Index Returns (%)					
Equities	Level	1 week	QTD	YTD	1 year	3-yr. Cum.
S&P 500	5971	0.70	3.95	26.90	26.61	30.57
Dow Jones 30	42992	0.35	1.99	16.20	16.30	25.86
Russell 2000	5578	0.11	0.93	12.20	10.13	3.68
Russell 1000 Growth	2729	0.66	9.31	36.15	35.65	35.90
Russell 1000 Value	1135	0.53	-1.24	15.23	15.00	19.14
MSCI EAFE	2275	1.79	-7.53	4.96	5.00	8.06
MSCI EM	1083	1.06	-7.21	8.79	10.29	-2.79
NASDAQ	19722	0.78	8.61	32.32	31.56	27.29

Fixed Income	Yield	1 week	QTD	YTD	1 year	3-yr. Cum.
U.S. Aggregate	4.96	-0.33	-3.36	0.93	0.62	-7.30
U.S. Corporates	5.37	-0.29	-3.25	1.90	1.59	-6.78
Municipals (10yr)	3.57	-0.04	-1.59	-0.59	-0.56	-1.74
High Yield	7.65	0.11	0.09	8.10	8.04	8.89

Levels (%)

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Key Rates	12/27/24	12/20/24	9/30/24	12/29/23	12/27/23	12/27/21
2-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.31	4.30	3.66	4.23	4.20	0.76
10-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.62	4.52	3.81	3.88	3.79	1.48
30-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.82	4.72	4.14	4.03	3.95	1.88
10-yr German Bund	2.38	2.29	2.12	2.00	1.91	-0.25
SOFR	4.53	4.30	4.96	5.38	5.39	0.05
3-mo. EURIBOR	2.68	2.77	3.28	3.91	3.93	-0.59
6-mo. CD rate	2.29	2.30	2.29	2.23	2.22	0.14
30-yr fixed mortgage	7.28	7.22	6.68	6.99	6.93	3.24
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.50	8.50	3.25

## Index Characteristics

NTM P/E	P/B	Div. Yld.	Mkt. Cap (bn)
21.82	5.02	1.20	50552
19.75	5.42	1.65	18969
24.54	1.07	1.26	2669
29.61	13.18	0.51	29975
16.32	2.66	2.02	24696
13.82	1.82	3.02	16202
12.09	1.76	2.25	7719
28.26	6.91	0.62	32084

	Levels				
Currencies	12/27/24	12/29/23	12/27/23		
\$per€	1.04	1.10	1.11		
\$ per£	1.26	1.27	1.28		
¥per\$	157.56	140.98	142.24		

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		Levels	
Commod.	12/27/24	12/29/23	12/27/23
Oil (WTI)	70.59	71.89	74.3′
Gasoline	3.02	3.12	3.12
Natural Gas	3.38	2.58	2.63
Gold	2616	2078	2069
Silver	29.65	23.79	24.04
Copper	8843	8476	8512
Corn	4.49	4.59	4.64
BBG ldx	237.17	226.43	229.76

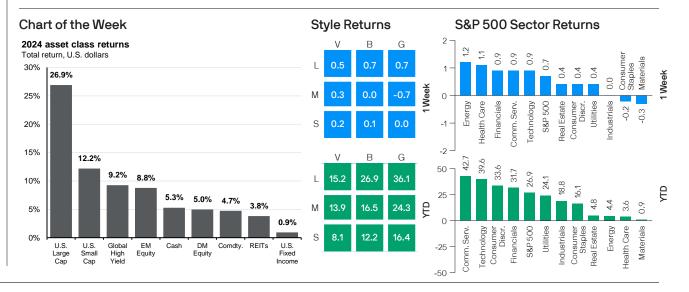




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Abbreviations: Cons. Sent.: University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index; CPI: Consumer Price Index; EIA: Energy Information Agency; FHFA HPI: - Federal Housing Finance Authority House Price Index; FOMC: Federal Open Market Committee; GDP: gross 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: Nasdaq Composite; 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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