

## **Investment Review**

**Episcopal Foundation of Dallas** 

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## **Performance Review**



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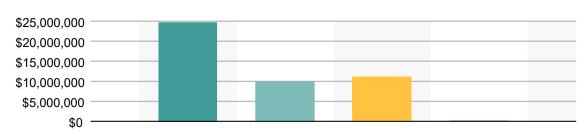
#### **Episcopal Foundation of Dallas Consolidated**

As of December 31, 2024

#### Cash flow and market activity by portfolio

	One Month	Year-to-Date	One Year
Beginning Market Value	\$47,060,227.07	\$45,434,592.27	\$45,434,592.27
Net Cash Flow	-\$295,184.55	-\$4,862,908.67	-\$4,862,908.67
Net Capital Appreciation	-\$1,802,439.88	\$3,703,200.18	\$3,703,200.18
Investment Income	\$368,298.76	\$1,056,017.62	\$1,056,017.62
Ending Market Value	\$45,330,901.40	\$45,330,901.40	\$45,330,901.40

#### Current asset allocation by sub-asset class



	U.S. Equity	Non-U.S. Equity	U.S. Fixed Income	Cash
Current \$	24,488,414	9,776,515	11,065,972	1
Current %	54.02%	21.57%	24.41%	0.00%
Policy %	53.00%	22.00%	25.00%	0.00%
Difference	1.02%	-0.43%	-0.59%	0.00%

#### Performance summary

	1 mo (%)	3 mo (%)	YTD (%)	1 yr (%)	3 yrs (%)	5 yrs (%)	10 yrs (%)	Since inception	Inception date
Client portfolio (gross)	-3.05	-2.08	11.10	11.10	3.42	7.72	8.00	8.29	12/31/09
Client portfolio (net)	-3.05	-2.12	10.44	10.44	2.75	7.05	7.37	7.87	12/31/09
Policy benchmark	-2.44	-1.02	13.84	13.84	3.80	7.74	7.79	8.67	12/31/09



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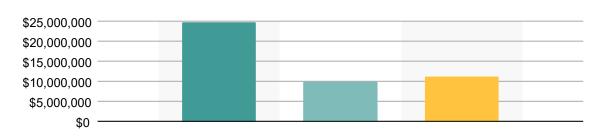
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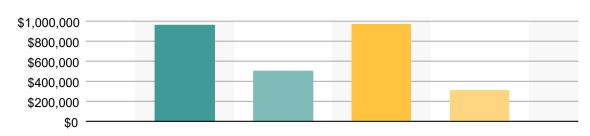
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	One Month	Year-to-Date	One Year
Beginning Market Value	\$2,838,432.07	\$2,651,341.78	\$2,651,341.78
Net Cash Flow	-\$34,003.62	-\$133,715.13	-\$133,715.13
Net Capital Appreciation	-\$92,434.08	\$140,739.25	\$140,739.25
Investment Income	\$24,376.75	\$78,005.22	\$78,005.22
Ending Market Value	\$2,736,371.12	\$2,736,371.12	\$2,736,371.12

#### Current asset allocation by sub-asset class



	U.S. Equity	Non-U.S. Equity	U.S. Fixed Income	Non-U.S. Fixed Income
Current \$	958,559	499,352	966,822	311,639
Current %	35.03%	18.25%	35.33%	11.39%
Policy %	31.00%	19.00%	38.00%	12.00%
Difference	4.03%	-0.75%	-2.67%	-0.61%

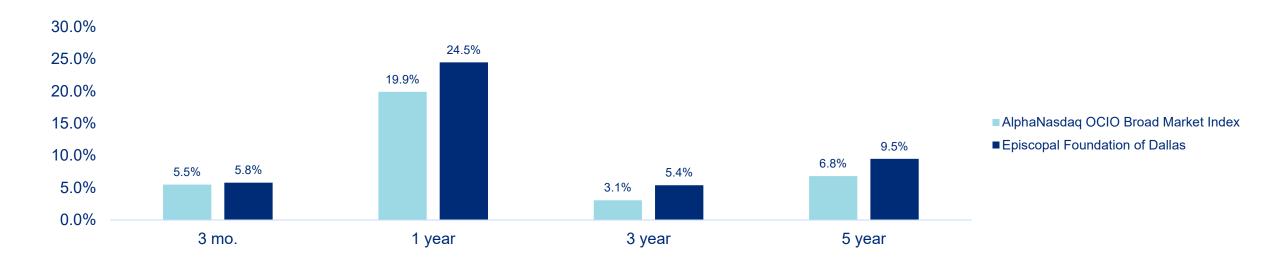
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Client portfolio (net)	-2.40	-2.08	8.30	8.30	1.81	-	-	1.91	07/31/21
Policy benchmark	-1.99	-1.73	9.11	9.11	1.78	-	-	2.09	07/31/21



## Comparison with AlphaNasdaq Broad Market Index returns as of September 30, 2024

#### Average annualized returns



#### As of 9/30/2024.

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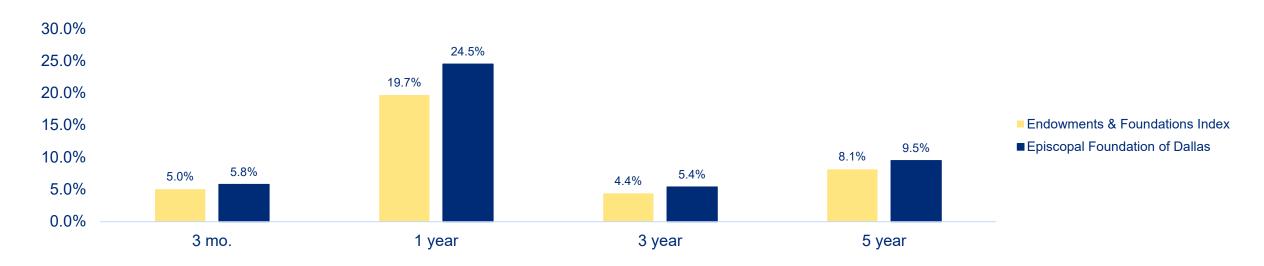
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## Comparison with AlphaNasdaq returns by organization type as of September 30, 2024

#### Average annualized returns



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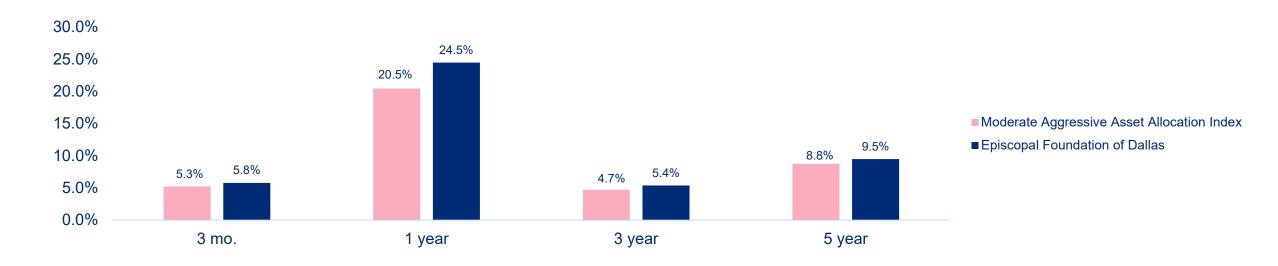
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# Comparison with AlphaNasdaq returns by asset allocation as of September 30, 2024

#### Average annualized returns



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### Allocation: Current versus policy benchmark (continued)

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Asset class	Fund name	Current	Policy	Point	Active	Index
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Total		100.0%	100.0%	-	49.3%	50.7%
Equity		75.6%	75.0%	0.6%	37.5%	38.0%
<ul> <li>Domestic Equity</li> </ul>		54.0%	53.0%	1.0%	26.8%	27.2%
Large Blend	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Institutional	27.2%	-	-	-	Index
Large Growth	Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Admiral Shares	13.4%	-	-	Active	-
Large Value	Vanguard Windsor Fund Admiral Shares	13.4%	-	-	Active	-
<ul> <li>International Equity</li> </ul>		21.6%	22.0%	-0.4%	10.7%	10.8%
Foreign Large Blend	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	10.8%	-	-	-	Index
Foreign Large Growth	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	5.4%	-	-	Active	-
Foreign Large Value	Vanguard International Value Fund	5.3%	-	-	Active	-
Fixed Income		24.4%	25.0%	-0.6%	11.7%	12.7%
• Domestic Fixed Income		24.4%	25.0%	-0.6%	11.7%	12.7%
Intermediate-Term	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Institutional	12.7%	-	-	-	Index
Intermediate-Term	Vanguard Intermediate-Term Investment-Grade	7.8%	-	-	Active	-
Short-Term Investment	Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund	3.9%	-	-	Active	-
■ Short-term Reserves		0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Cash		0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cash	Cash	0.0%	-	-	Active	-

If multiple funds are held under manager style, which is below sub-asset class level, then the funds are shown alphabetically. Neither asset allocation or diversification can guarantee a profit or prevent loss.



#### Performance summary (continued)

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Client portfolio (gross)	45,330,901	100.0	100.0	-3.05	-2.08	11.10	11.10	3.42	7.72	8.00	8.29	12/31/09
Client portfolio (net)				-3.05	-2.12	10.44	10.44	2.75	7.05	7.37	7.87	12/31/09
Policy benchmark				-2.44	-1.02	13.84	13.84	3.80	7.74	7.79	8.67	12/31/09
Equity	34,264,929	75.6	75.0	-3.55	-1.95	13.96	13.96	4.91	10.11	-	9.92	07/31/15
Equity - Policy benchmark				-2.71	-0.37	18.25	18.25	5.67	10.47	-	9.97	07/31/15
Domestic Equity	24,488,414	54.0	53.0	-3.89	0.35	17.69	17.69	7.46	12.75	-	12.26	07/31/15
International Equity	9,776,515	21.6	22.0	-2.69	-7.36	5.21	5.21	-0.37	5.04	-	5.81	07/31/15
Fixed Income	11,065,972	24.4	25.0	-1.46	-2.53	2.50	2.50	-1.23	0.37	-	1.87	07/31/15
Fixed Income - Policy benchmark				-1.60	-2.99	1.33	1.33	-2.08	-0.25	-	1.55	07/31/15
Domestic Fixed Income	11,065,972	24.4	25.0	-1.46	-2.53	2.50	2.50	-1.33	0.52	-	1.87	07/31/15
■ Short-Term Reserves	1	0.0	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	09/30/23
Cash	1	0.0	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	09/30/23



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Domestic Equity - Policy benchmark				-3.02	2.63	23.77	23.77	7.87	13.81	-	12.91	07/31/15
-Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Institutional Shares	12,327,202	27.2	-	-3.03	2.63	23.75	23.75	7.87	13.81	-	12.90	07/31/15
Spliced Total Stock Market Index				-3.02	2.63	23.77	23.77	7.87	13.81	-	12.91	07/31/15
Multi-Cap Core Funds Average				-4.07	0.75	18.97	18.97	5.72	11.24	-	10.20	07/31/15
- Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund Admiral Shares	6,095,481	13.4	-	-3.16	-2.20	13.52	13.52	7.31	12.06	-	13.12	07/31/15
S&P 500 Index				-2.38	2.41	25.02	25.02	8.94	14.53	-	13.57	07/31/15
Multi-Cap Growth Funds Average				-3.16	6.69	27.54	27.54	4.34	12.91	-	12.07	07/31/15
Russell 1000 Growth Index				0.88	7.07	33.36	33.36	10.47	18.96	-	17.00	07/31/15



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- Vanguard Windsor Fund Admiral Shares	6,065,731	13.4	-	-6.34	-1.69	9.97	9.97	7.07	11.08	-	9.94	07/31/15
Russell 1000 Value Index				-6.84	-1.98	14.37	14.37	5.63	8.68	-	9.06	07/31/15
Multi-Cap Value Funds Average				-6.15	-1.41	13.72	13.72	5.98	8.90	-	8.43	07/31/15
• International Equity	9,776,515	21.6	22.0	-2.69	-7.36	5.21	5.21	-0.37	5.04	-	5.81	07/31/15
International Equity - Policy benchmark				-1.96	-7.49	5.52	5.52	0.83	4.42	-	4.98	07/31/15
- Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Institutional Shares	4,902,726	10.8	-	-2.58	-7.40	5.19	5.19	0.69	4.31	-	4.91	07/31/15
Spliced Total International Stock Index				-1.96	-7.49	5.52	5.52	0.83	4.42	-	4.98	07/31/15
International Funds Average				-2.77	-7.32	4.72	4.72	0.15	4.29	-	4.49	07/31/15
- Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	2,465,586	5.4	-	-3.36	-5.44	9.48	9.48	-4.54	6.64	-	8.61	07/31/15
Spliced International Index				-1.94	-7.60	5.53	5.53	0.82	4.10	-	4.70	07/31/15
International Funds Average				-2.77	-7.32	4.72	4.72	0.15	4.29	-	4.49	07/31/15
- Vanguard International Value Fund	2,408,204	5.3	-	-2.23	-9.21	1.04	1.04	1.21	4.06	-	4.33	07/31/15
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Domestic Fixed Income - Policy benchmark				-1.60	-2.99	1.33	1.33	-2.39	-0.27	-	1.41	07/31/15
-Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Institutional Shares	5,751,010	12.7	-	-1.75	-3.04	1.25	1.25	-2.40	-	-	-2.30	10/31/21
Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index				-1.60	-2.99	1.33	1.33	-2.39	-	-	-2.24	10/31/21
Spliced Intermediate Investment-Grade Debt Funds Average				-1.61	-2.96	1.83	1.83	-2.32	-	-	-2.22	10/31/21
-Vanguard Intermediate-Term Investment-Grade Fund Admiral Shares	3,542,768	7.8	-	-1.66	-2.78	3.29	3.29	-1.08	1.11	-	2.51	07/31/15
Bloomberg U.S. 5-10 Year Credit Bond Index				-1.56	-2.82	2.96	2.96	-1.24	0.75	-	2.74	07/31/15
Spliced Core Bond Funds Average				-1.61	-2.96	1.83	1.83	-2.32	-0.09	-	1.40	07/31/15
-Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund Admiral Shares	1,772,194	3.9	-	-0.12	-0.36	5.06	5.06	1.68	1.97	-	2.29	07/31/15
Bloomberg U.S. 1-5 Year Credit Bond Index				-0.14	-0.48	4.72	4.72	1.57	1.85	-	2.29	07/31/15
1-5 Year Investment-Grade Debt Funds Average				0.04	-0.05	5.00	5.00	1.04	1.40	-	1.69	07/31/15
Short-Term Reserves	1	0.0	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	09/30/23



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	Mkt value (\$)	% of portfolio b										Inception date
* Cash	1	0.0	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	09/30/23

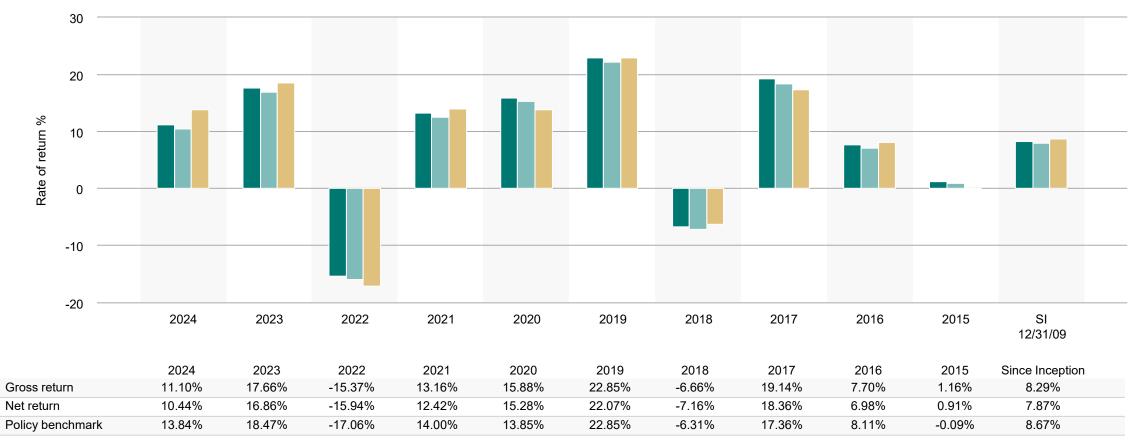


#### Portfolio performance–annual periods (continued)

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Gross versus net of fees



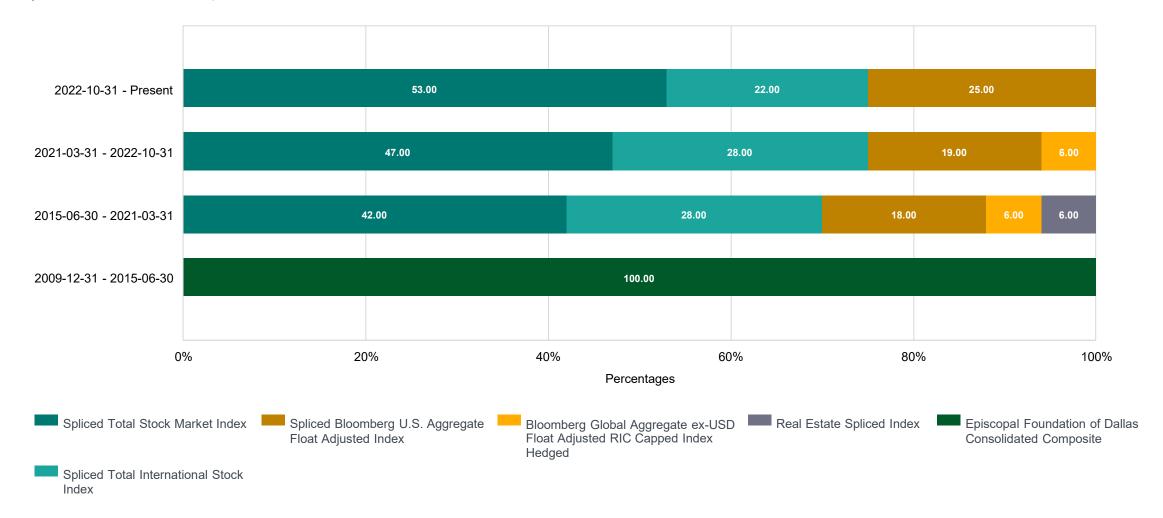
Source: Vanguard. See Benchmark allocation history for description of what the policy benchmark and asset-class benchmarks represent. Policy Benchmark is rebalanced monthly. Portfolio is generally rebalanced quarterly, but may vary. All Returns greater than one year are annualized. Past performance is not a quarantee of future results. Diversification and asset allocation can not ensure profit or prevent loss. All returns shown are time-weighted (TWR). Gross Portfolio returns include the deduction of all underlying fund expense ratios, but are gross of advisory, service fees, and purchase/redemption fees applied to the client portfolio. Net Portfolio returns are net of all advisory and security-level fees and expenses. Both Gross and Net returns do reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and interest but do not reflect the deduction of taxes. Had those expenses been deducted then performance would have been lower. Indexes are unmanaged; therefore direct investment is not possible. Unless otherwise noted, index returns do not reflect deduction of fees and expenses but do reflect reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and interest. Read additional information in Benchmark and Disclosures sections.

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#### Benchmark allocation history (continued)

#### **Episcopal Foundation of Dallas Consolidated**

Policy benchmark allocations up to December 31, 2024



Policy Benchmark is a weighted set of indices that align to the Investment Management Agreement Schedule B which sets forth the strategic asset allocation for the client portfolio. The Policy Benchmark is rebalanced monthly. Allocations may change overtime as the investment strategy changes. The most recently policy benchmark composition is in the top row. Neither asset allocation nor diversification can guarantee a profit or prevent loss. Indexes are unmanaged; direct investment is not possible. Please read additional information in Benchmark and Disclosure sections.

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## **Advisory fee schedule**

#### Fee schedule

#### **Asset level**

First \$25 million	0.25%
Next \$25 million	0.10%
Next \$50 million	0.09%

#### All-in fee review

Approximate all-in fees	0.336%	\$152,378
Fund expense ratio estimates	0.153%	\$69,547
Advisory fee*	0.183%	\$82,831

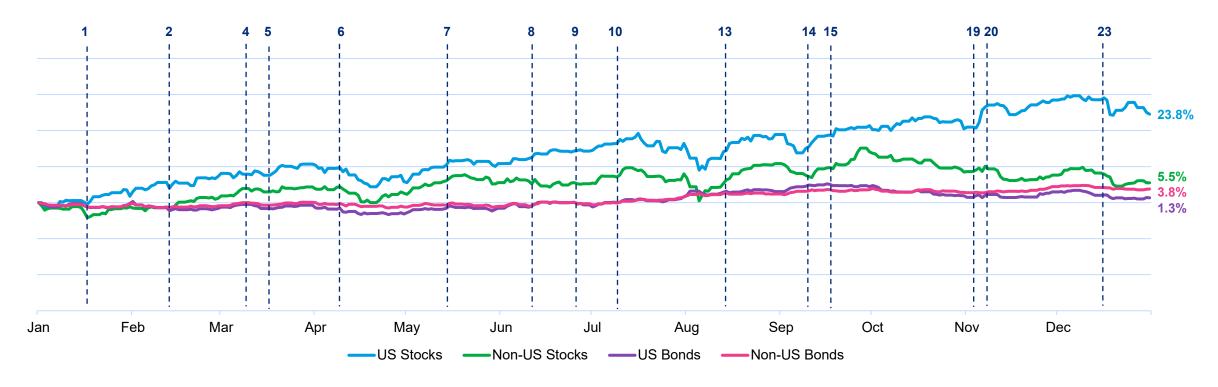
<sup>\*</sup>Estimated advisory fee and expense ratios based on assets as of 12/31/24 of \$45,330,901



## 2024 Review and 2025 Outlook



## 2024 Performance and notable events



- 1) December inflation announced 3.4% (1/11)
- 2) January inflation announced 3.1% (2/13)
- 3) 2-Year Anniversary of Russia-Ukraine War (2/24)
- 4) February inflation announced 3.2% (3/12)
- 5) Bank of Japan raises rates to a range of 0% to 0.1% (3/19)
- 6) March inflation announced 3.5% (4/10)
- 7) April inflation announced 3.4% (5/15)
- 8) May inflation announced 3.3% (6/12)

- 9) GDP increased at an annual rate of 1.6% (6/27)
- 10) June inflation announced 3.0% (7/11)
- 11) Donald Trump assassination attempt (7/13)
- 12) Kamala Harris becomes Democratic Nominee (7/21)
- 13) July inflation announced 2.9% (8/14)
- 14) August inflation announced 2.5% (9/11)
- 15) Fed cut interest rates by 50 bps (9/18)
- 16) GDP increased at an annual rate of 3.0% (9/26)

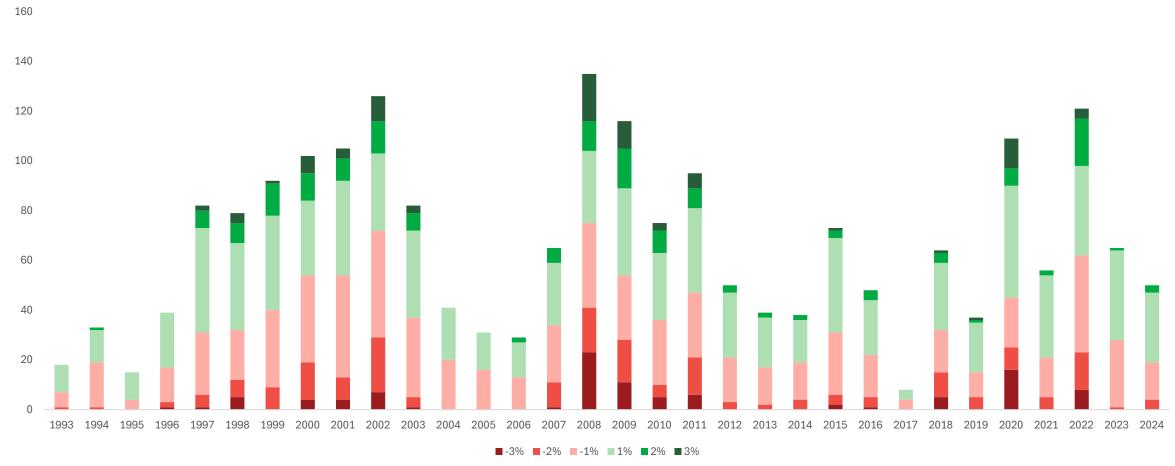
- 17) Hurricane Helene hits the Southeast (9/27)
- 18) September inflation announced 2.4% (10/10)
- 19) Donald Trump Re-elected President (11/5)
- 20) Fed cut interest rates by 25 bps (11/7)
- 21) October inflation announced 2.6% (11/13)
- 22) November inflation announced 2.7% (12/11)
- 23) Fed cut interest rates by 25 bps (12/18)
- 24) GDP increased at an annual rate of 3.1% (12/19)

Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. The performance of an index is not an exact representation of any particular investment, as you cannot invest directly in an index.

Source: Mercer. Data based on daily returns from 12/31/2023 - 12/31/2024. 2024 Total Returns in parentheses. Note: Inflation represents the 12-month percentage change to the Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. US Stocks (CRSP US Total Market), Non-US Stocks (FTSE Global All-Cap ex-US), US Bonds (Barclays US Aggregate Float-adjusted Bond Index), Non-US Bonds (Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Float Adjusted RIC Cap Hedged).



## Number of days that the market has moved above/below a threshold



Source: FactSet. Data as of December 31, 2024

Notes: The market is represented by the S&P 500 index fund. It is not possible to invest directly in an index fund. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance.



## **The US Presidential Implications**

Republican Positions on Issues		
Issue	Republicans Trump	Change
Spending	Desire to reduce spending	
Taxes	<ul> <li>Reduce corporate taxes from 21% to 20% or even 15%.</li> <li>Make expiring personal income and estate tax cuts from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent</li> </ul>	
Tariffs	<ul> <li>Target China with new tariffs of 60% to 100%</li> <li>10% across the board tariffs on imports from other countries</li> </ul>	
Regulation	Looser regulatory stance planned	
Looser Monetary Policy	<ul> <li>Strong desire for lower rates</li> <li>may push for more presidential control of Fed</li> </ul>	
Immigration restrictions	<ul> <li>Plans increased immigration restrictions to boost wages and employment; Seeks to deport illegal aliens with initial focus on violent offenders.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>■</li><li>★</li></ul>



## **Policy and sector impacts**

#### Republican Polices And Sector Impacts

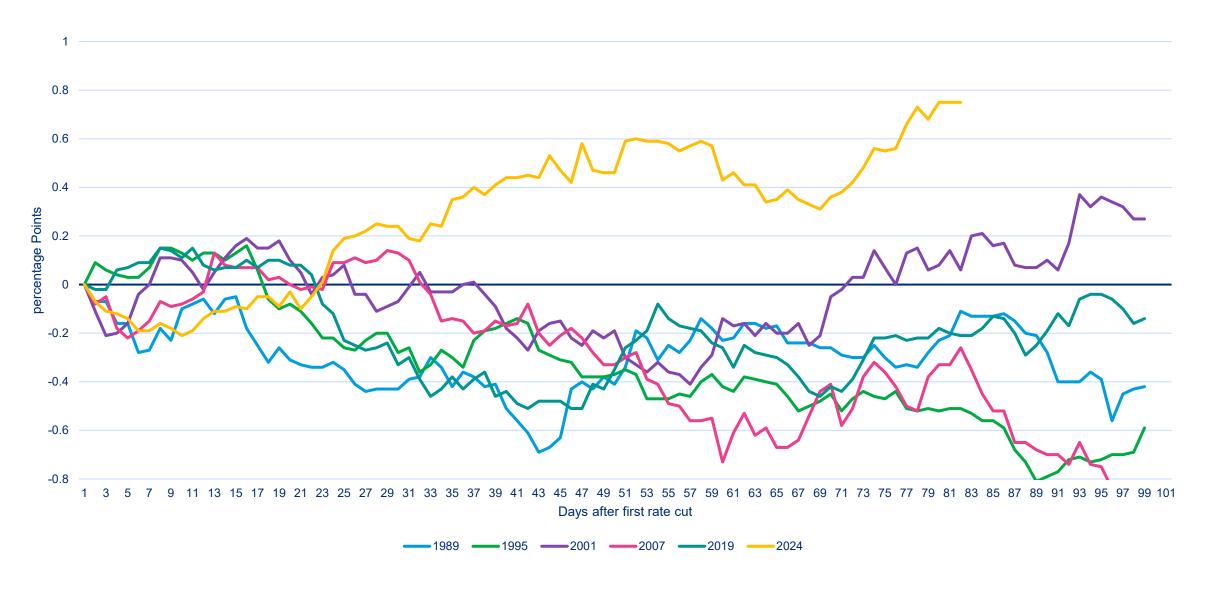


SOURCE: 2024 REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Source: BCA Research "US Equities: What To Select For The President Elect"; August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREEN= BULLISH POLICY; WHITE = NEUTRAL POLICY; RED = BEARISH POLICY



## 10-year treasury yields change after the initial Fed rate cut



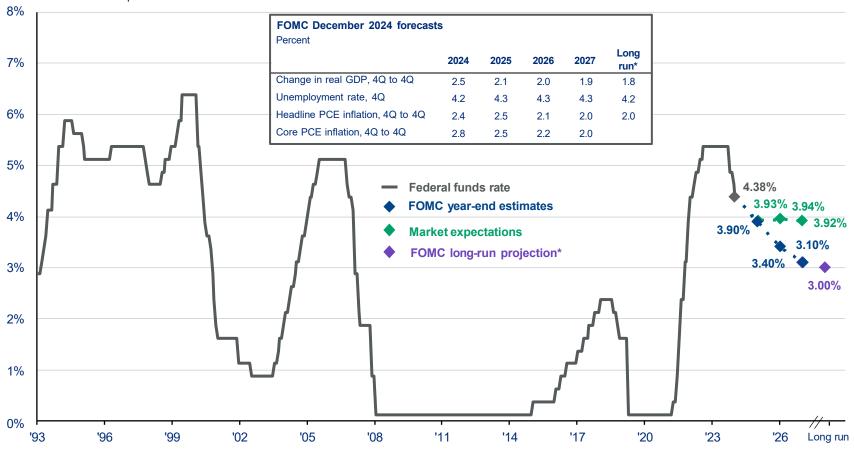


## The Fed and interest rates

#### Federal funds rate expectations

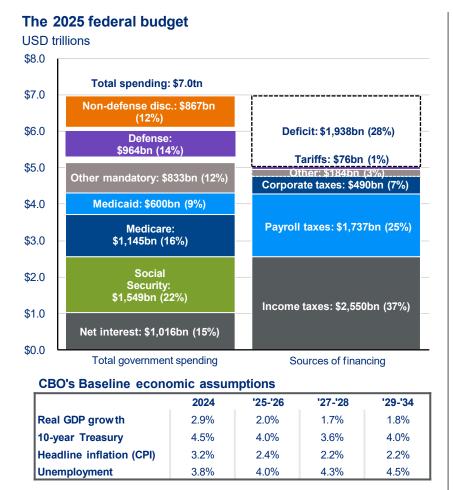
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FOMC and market expectations for the federal funds rate



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Market expectations are based off of USD Overnight Index Swaps. \*Long-run projections are the rates of growth, unemployment and inflation to which a policymaker expects the economy to converge over the next five to six years in absence of further shocks and under appropriate monetary policy. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

### **Federal Finances**



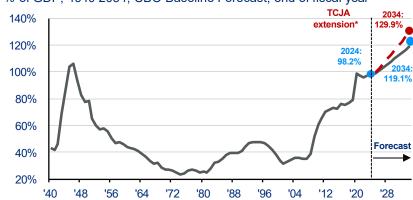
#### Federal deficit and net interest outlays





#### Federal net debt (accumulated deficits)

% of GDP, 1940-2034, CBO Baseline Forecast, end of fiscal year

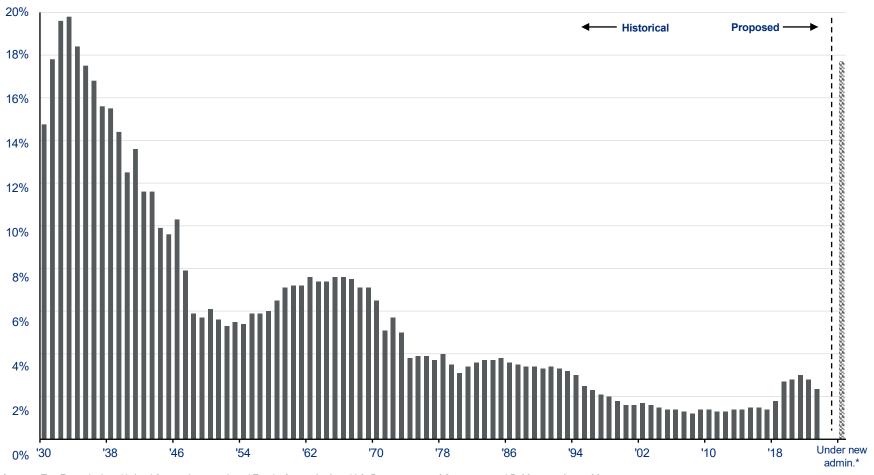


Source: CBO, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Numbers may not sum to 100% due to rounding; (Top and bottom right) BEA, Treasury Department. Estimates are from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) June 2024 An Update to the Budget Outlook: 2024 to 2034. "Other" spending includes, but is not limited to, health insurance subsidies, income security and federal civilian and military retirement. Years shown are fiscal years. All CBO estimates are adjusted by JPMAM to reflect GDP revisions resulting from the 2024 annual update of the National Economic Accounts. \*Adjusted by JPMAM to include estimates from the CBO May 2024 report "Budgetary Outcomes Under Alternative Assumptions About Spending and Revenues" on the extension of TCJA provisions. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of December 31, 2024.

## Tariffs on U.S. imports

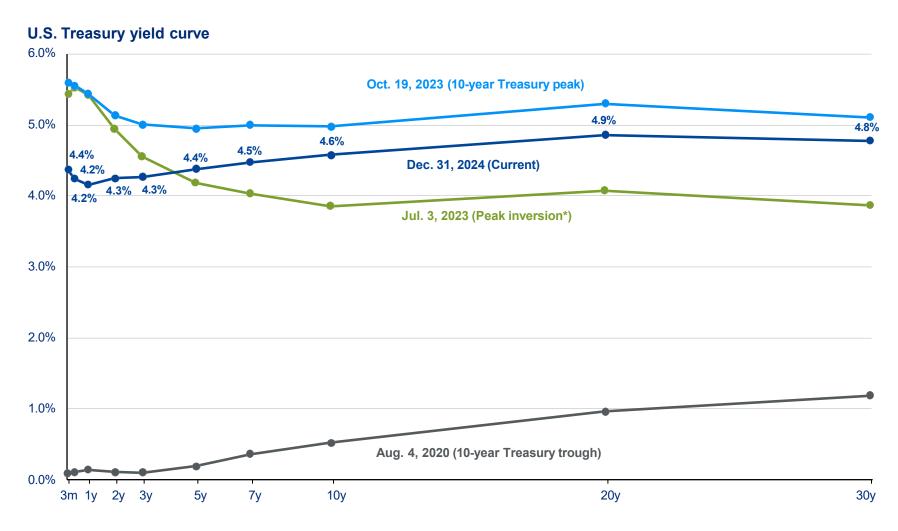
#### Average tariff rate on U.S. goods imports for consumption

Duties collected / value of total goods imports for consumption



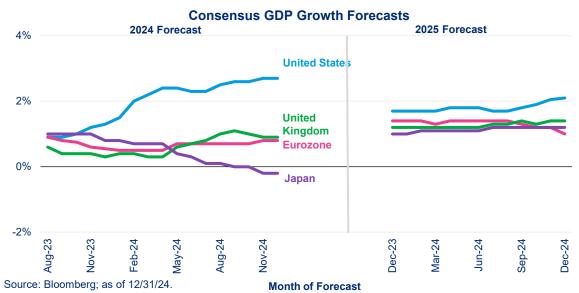
Source: Tax Foundation, United States International Trade Commission, U.S. Department of Commerce, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Imports for consumption: goods brought into a country for direct use or sale in the domestic market. \*Estimate is by the Tax Foundation as of October 2024 and assumes a 20% universal tariff as well as a 60% tariff on Chinese imports. May not be updated as of the latest announcements regarding tariffs and U.S. trade policy and is subject to change. Forecasts are based on current data and assumptions about future economic conditions. Actual results may differ materially due to changes in economic, market and other conditions. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of December 31, 2024.

## **Yield curve**



Source: FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Analysis references data back to 2020. \*Peak inversion is measured by the spread between the yield on a 10-year Treasury and 2-year Treasury. *Guide to the Markets – U.S.* Data are as of December 31, 2024.

## **Economic growth and inflation**



Forecasts provided by third party economists, there can be no guarantee that these forecasts will be accurate.



Source: Bloomberg; through 12/31/24.

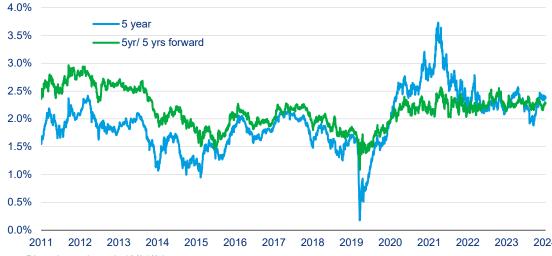
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#### **Credit Spread to Treasuries**



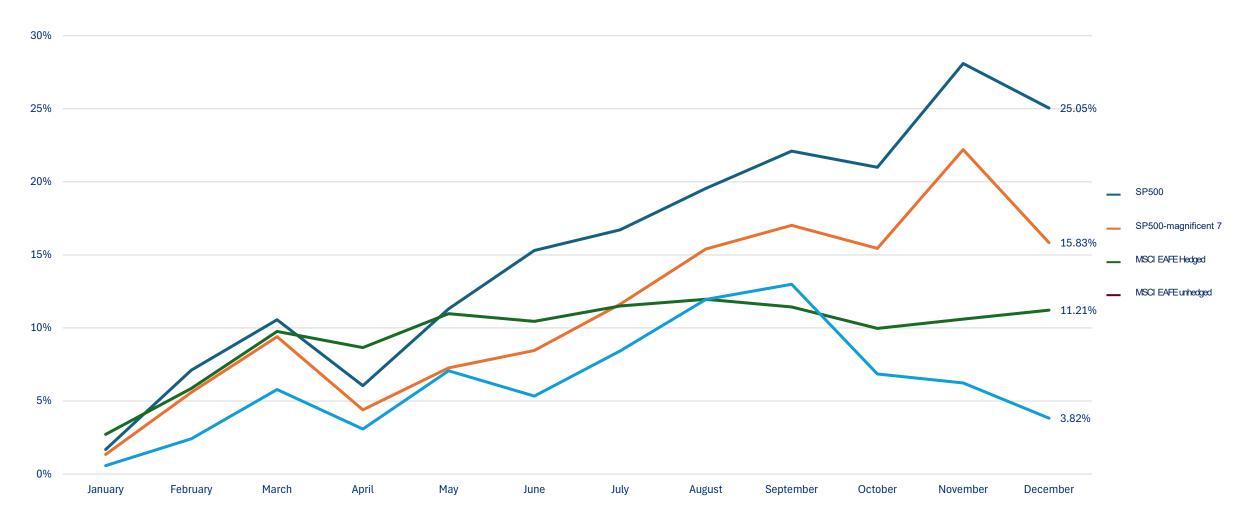
Source: Bloomberg; as of 12/31/24.

#### Inflation Breakeven Rate on TIPS



Source: Bloomberg, through 12/31/24.

# Developed markets underperformance is largely explained by the Mag 7 and a strong dollar



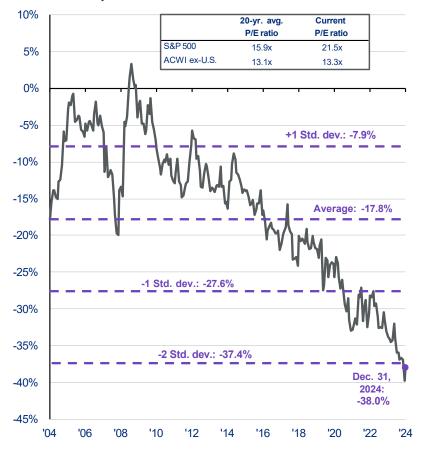
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## **International Valuations**

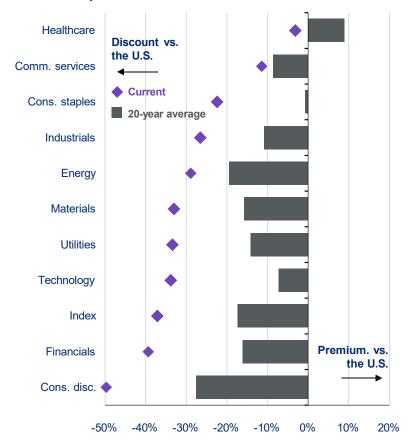
#### International: Price-to-earnings discount vs. U.S.

MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. vs. S&P 500, next 12 months



#### International: Price-to-earnings discount vs. the U.S. by sector

MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. minus S&P 500, next 12 months

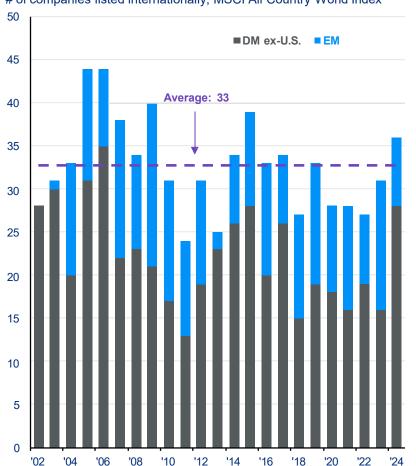


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## Global market performance and concentration

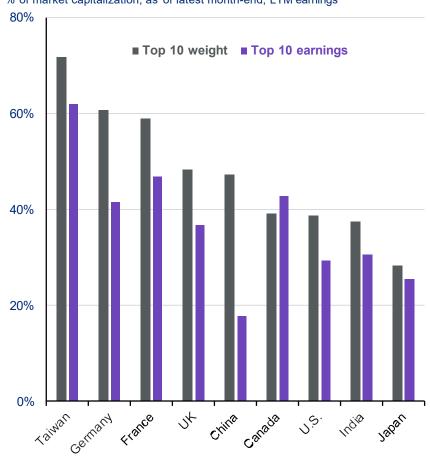
#### Top 50 performing companies globally

# of companies listed internationally, MSCI All Country World Index



#### Weight of market cap and earnings for top 10 stocks

% of market capitalization, as of latest month-end, LTM earnings



Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Left) Graph was made by ranking all the companies in the MSCI All Country World Index by performance on a yearly basis and determining the top 50 performers using their total return in USD. Companies are listed in no particular order. Excluded companies whose market capitalization does not make up at least 0.01% of the MSCI All Country World Index in the year listed. (Right) Standard & Poor's. Uses last 12-month earnings. Different share classes for the same company are grouped together.

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## Returns and valuations by style



Cur	rent P/E vs.	20-year avg	ı. P/E
	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	16.2	21.5	28.9
Mid	15.4	17.4	28.2
Small	17.2	24.2	39.5
Cur	rent P/E as Value	% of 20-year	avg. PE
Large	117.2%	135.4%	149.9%
Mid	105.8%	105.9%	135.2%
Small	102.3%	112.7%	153.9%

Source: FactSet, Refinitiv Datastream, Russell Investment Group, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

All calculations are cumulative total return, including dividends reinvested for the stated period. Since market peak represents period from January 3, 2022, to December 31, 2024. Since market low represents period from October 12, 2022, to December 31, 2024. Returns are cumulative returns, not annualized. For all time periods, total return is based on Russell style indices except for the large blend category, which is based on the S&P 500 Index. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. The price-to-earnings is a bottom-up calculation based on the most recent index price, divided by consensus estimates for earnings in the next 12 months (NTM) and is provided by FactSet Market Aggregates and J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

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### **Monthly Capital Market Monitor** December 2024

#### Strong year finishes on weak note as Fed tempers rate cut expectations for 2025

Returns were generally negative for both equities and fixed income in December. US equities underperformed both international and emerging market equities. Large caps outperformed small caps while growth outperformed value respectively by significant margins.

Even without a Santa rally in 2024, equity markets finished another extraordinarily strong year with double digit returns for the MSCI ACWI, led by US equities significantly outperforming non-US, which posted only low single digit returns. Once again, growth outperformed value and large cap outperformed small cap respectively by a wide margins.

After another widely anticipated 25-bps rate cut in December, the Fed signaled the possibility that during 2025 rates will be cut at a slower pace than previously priced in, as inflation remains sticky while potential tariffs and immigration restrictions add to upside inflation risks. Therefore, bond yields rose materially over the month and the US dollar rallied. Even as 2024 saw the initiation of a global monetary easing cycle, rates were cut by less and later than expected at the beginning of 2024 with longerdated global yields ending the year higher than where they started. For 2024, fixed income still delivered single digit positive performance except for longer duration as high coupons offset price declines from rising yields.

Economic data indicated a solid economy. The US non-farm payrolls increased to 227k, caused by the reversal of both labor strikes and hurricane related impacts. Unemployment rose marginally to 4.2%. Consumer sentiment, measured by the University of Michigan survey, rose again. The 1-year inflation survey also increased as consumers expect inflation to be stickier. After a solid 2024, investors' expectations are sticking to the soft-landing narrative going into 2025 despite the growing inflation risks.

Headline inflation in the US rose for the second consecutive month to 2.7% year-over-year as of November, in-line with expectations but the second consecutive increase in eight months. Headline inflation in other developed markets also continued to increase for November. The ECB joined the Fed in cutting rates while the BOE and BOJ held rates at current levels.

Political uncertainty resurfaced across Europe after both the German and French governments fell. In the Middle East, the Syrian dictator Assad was ousted after a long civil war. Continued uncertainty across the Middle East led to an increase in oil prices by about 6% over the month, however oil remained almost flat for 2024. At the end of 2024, the United States said goodbye to former President Jimmy Carter, who passed away at the age of 100

The US dollar strengthened meaningfully against all major developed currencies in December as expectations of future rate cuts in the US were tempered, finishing the year on a very strong note. Rate-sensitive real assets such as global REITs and listed infrastructure underperformed global equities in December and for 2024. Commodity performance was positive in December as oil prices increased but remained far behind US equities for the full year. Gold fell for the month and guarter as real yields rose, but 2024 was its best performing year since 2010 as gold even outperformed the S&P 500 in 2024.

#### At a Glance Market Returns in % as of end of December 2024 in USD

Major Asset Class Returns	1M	3M	YTD	1Y
MSCI ACWI	-2.4%	-1.0%	17.5%	17.5%
S&P 500	-2.4%	2.4%	25.0%	25.0%
Russell 2500	-7.5%	0.6%	12.0%	12.0%
MSCI EAFE	-2.3%	-8.1%	3.8%	3.8%
MSCI EM	-0.1%	-8.0%	7.5%	7.5%
Bloomberg Treasury	-1.5%	-3.1%	0.6%	0.6%
Bloomberg Credit	-1.9%	-3.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Bloomberg Credit Long	-4.3%	-6.3%	-2.0%	-2.0%
Bloomberg Aggregate	-1.6%	-3.1%	1.3%	1.3%
Bloomberg Aggregate Float Adjusted	-1.6%	-2.9%	1.8%	1.8%
Bloomberg US TIPS	-0.4%	0.2%	8.2%	8.2%
Bloomberg High Yield	-2.3%	-5.4%	-2.9%	-2.9%
Bloomberg Global Agg ex USD Float Adj RIC Cap	-2.2%	-7.3%	-5.4%	-5.4%
FTSE WGBI	-8.0%	-8.2%	4.9%	4.9%
JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified	-6.9%	-9.5%	2.0%	2.0%
NAREIT Equity REITs	-5.8%	-5.5%	10.5%	10.5%
NAREIT Global REITs	1.0%	-0.4%	5.4%	5.4%
FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50	-2.4%	-1.0%	17.5%	17.5%
Bloomberg Commodity TR	-2.4%	2.4%	25.0%	25.0%
Source: Refinitiv; as of 12/31/24. Past performance is no guarantee of tuture result	s			







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