

## Under Policy ‘Storm Clouds,’ Market Performance Glows

Lower Yields, Strong Employment and Healthy Earnings Growth Support Broad Market Gains Led to Asset Class Performance Dispersion

### Monthly Highlights

- After Three Cuts In A Row, The Federal Reserve Opted To Keep Rates Unchanged During Its January FOMC Meeting At 4.25% - 4.50%.
- The Pace Of Headline Inflation (+2.9% YoY) Accelerated For The Third Month In A Row.
- The US Economy Grew 2.3% In 4Q24, Pushing The Yearly Growth Rate In 2024 To 2.8%.
- President Trump’s First Month Saw A Flurry Of Executive Orders Signaling Major Policy Shifts; Threatens Tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China.
- The Four-Week Average Of Jobless Claims (212.5k) Falls To Its Lowest Level Since April 2024.
- ISM Manufacturing Index Rises Into Expansion Territory for First Time in 27 Months.
- Investment Grade and High Yield Spreads Remain Near the Lowest Levels in Almost 20 Years.
- The S&P 500 Tech Sector Underperforms the Broad S&P 500 by the Widest Margin Since April 2016.
- International Equities (MSCI AC World Ex-US) Outperformed US Equities (S&P 500) On A Total Return Basis For The Second Consecutive Month And By The Largest Margin Since April 2024.
- US Dollar Rises Intra-month to the Highest Level Since October 2022.
- Gold Posts Its Best Monthly Gain Since March 2024 and Notches a New Record High.

### Economy | Consumer Spending Has Yet To ‘Freeze’ As Economy Grows in Q4

- The preliminary reading of **4Q24 GDP** (+2.3% QoQ annualized) was slightly lower than expectations. Growth was driven by Personal Consumption Expenditures which contributed 2.8%, followed by Government Expenditures at 0.4%. Meanwhile, the contribution from private investments (-1.0%) was negative for the first time in two years (1Q23). For the full year, the US economy grew 2.8% in 2024.
- As expected, the **Federal Reserve (Fed)** paused its rate cutting cycle at its January meeting, noting that economic growth remained solid, and inflation was “somewhat elevated.” As policy is now “less restrictive” the Fed is now in “wait and see” mode to assess the path of inflation moving forward.
- Quantitative tightening continued in the first month of 2025, as the **Fed balance sheet** declined by \$68 billion (~1%) to the lowest level since April 2020. Since the March 2022 peak, Fed assets have declined 24%.
- **President Trump’s** first few weeks saw a flurry of executive orders signaling major policy shifts covering immigration, trade, energy, and deregulatory efforts.
- November **ISM Manufacturing** (50.9) rose into expansion (a level above 50) for the first time in 27 months. The ‘New Orders’ subindex jumped to its highest level (55.1) since February 2022.
- The **unemployment rate** ticked down to 4.1% in December. The economy added **256k jobs**—the highest number of jobs added since March 2024.
- The four-week average of **jobless claims** (212.5k) fell to its lowest level since April 2024, and **job openings** jumped to 8.1 million—its highest since May 2024.
- The pace of **headline inflation** (+2.9% YoY) accelerated for the third month in a row, with the highest MoM rate (+0.4%) since March 2024. Meanwhile, the pace of **core CPI** (+3.2% YoY) ticked lower. Energy prices, which were up 2.6% during December, represented more than 40% of the increase in the monthly rate in headline CPI.
- **Consumer Confidence** (104.1) declined in January, reaching a 4-month low. Both subcomponents, ‘present situation’ and ‘expectations’, declined during the month.
- **Retail Sales Control Group** (+0.7% MoM) increased in December, with strength driven by the sporting/hobby goods and furniture & home furnishings sectors. Of note, online sales were relatively weak, up only 0.2% MoM.
- **Housing data** was predominantly positive in December as Existing Home Sales (+2.2%), New Home Sales (+3.6%), and Housing Starts (+15.8%) were positive, while Building Permits (-0.7%) declined. The year-over-year pace of home prices (September Case Shiller 20-City Composite +4.3%) ticked higher, compared to 4.2% previously, but remains near September 2023 lows.
- **China’s Manufacturing PMI** (50.1) was slightly lower, as employment levels fell at the fastest pace in ~five years.
- **Euro Zone Manufacturing PMI** (46.6) ticked higher from the month prior, reaching its highest level since January 2024. Input costs rose for the first time in five months.

## Fixed Income

### 'Falling' Global Bond Yields Lead to Broad Fixed Income Rally

- The **Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index** (+0.5% MoM) rallied for the seventh time in the last nine months. All major fixed income sectors were positive as interest rates moved lower on softening inflation pressures and as credit sectors remain strong as the economy and risk assets were resilient.
- **High-yield bonds** (+1.4% MoM) posted the best monthly gain in four months (and remain up ~10% YoY) as economic activity remained solid during the month. High yield spreads narrowed and remained near the lowest level (-27 bps to -260) since 2005.
- **Emerging market bonds** (+1.1% USD MoM) rallied for the fourth time in six months. Emerging market bonds rose on stabilizing economic activity, and strength in risk assets as EM spreads moved lower.
- **US investment-grade bonds** (+0.6% MoM) rallied for the seventh time in the last nine months. IG bonds benefited from the narrowing in spreads (to 78 bps – nearly the lowest level since 2003) and the decline in longer-duration bond yields due to the Index's longer duration composition. All investment grade sectors were in positive territory except for Utilities.
- **International sovereign bonds** (G7 ex. US +0.5% MoM) posted the best monthly gain in four months. Despite a stronger Dollar weighing on performance, concerns surrounding tariffs and global central banks continuing their monetary easing cycle pushed global sovereign bond yields lower.
- **Treasuries** (+0.5% MoM) rallied for the seventh time in the last nine months. The monthly gain was driven by a decline in longer-duration bond yields, as after rising to a 15-month high intra-month on the back of resilient economic data, bond yields ended the month lower due to softening inflation pressures.
- **Municipals** (+0.5% MoM) rallied for the sixth time in eight months. All three municipal sectors (high yield, revenue, general obligation) were positive.

## Equities

### While Temperatures Cool, Equity Returns Remain 'Seasonally' Robust

- **Global equities** (MSCI All Country World Index +3.4% USD MoM) rallied for the fourth time in six months. While US equities remained in positive territory, international equities outperformed the US (MSCI EAFE, USD +5.3% MoM) and posted their best monthly performance since December 2022.
- **European equities** (MSCI Europe ex UK +7.4% USD MoM) posted their best month since November 2023 on the back of improving European economic activity, corporate earnings, and additional interest-rate cuts from the European Central Bank.
- **US Large-Cap** equities (S&P 500 +2.8% MoM) rallied for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in the last 12 months. The resilience of the US economy and a strong start to the 4Q24 earnings season led to a broadening in equity market performance as the equal-weight S&P 500 outperformed the market-cap weighted index for the fourth time in the last six months.
- Ten of the 11 **S&P 500 sectors** were in positive territory in January. Performance was led by Communication Services (+9.1% MoM) and Health Care (+6.8% MoM). Notably, tech (-2.9% MoM) lagged the S&P 500 by the widest margin since April 2016.
- **US Small-Cap** equities (Russell 2000 +2.6% MoM) rallied for the third time in six months but lagged large cap for the second consecutive month.
- **EM equities** (MSCI EM, +1.8% USD MoM) rallied for the first time in four months but lagged the developed markets (MSCI EAFE USD +5.3% MoM) by the largest margin (~350 bps) since January 2024.
- Within EM, **Latin America** (MSCI LATAM, +9.5% USD MoM) outperformed **Asia** (MSCI Asia ex JP, +0.8% USD MoM) for the fourth time in the last six months and by the largest margin (875 bps) since June 2023.
- **Japanese equities** (MSCI Japan +1.6% USD MoM) rallied for only the second time in five months and posted its best monthly performance since July.

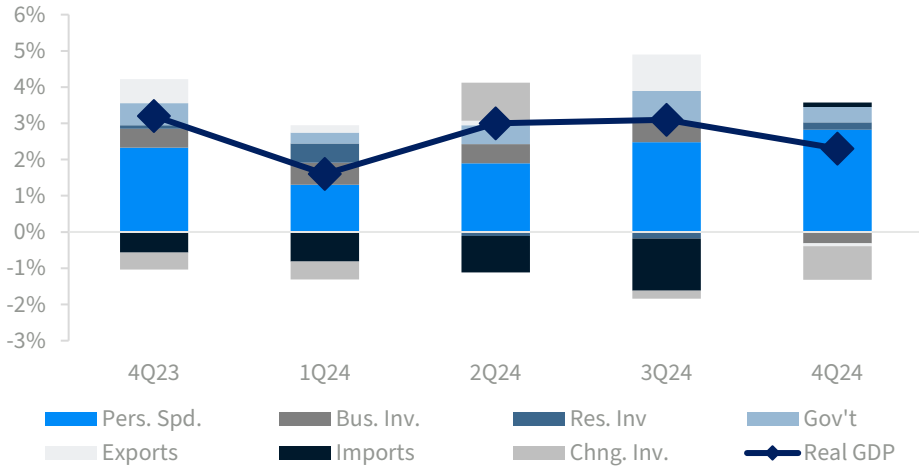
## Commodities

### Commodity Returns 'Heat' Up on Stabilizing Global Economic Activity

- The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** (+3.6% MoM) posted its best monthly gain in four months but remains down ~24% from recent highs. Despite a stronger dollar (up ~5% in last three months), stabilizing global demand (particularly in China and Europe) and elevated geopolitical risk (boosting gold prices) lifted the broader commodity index.
- The **US Dollar Index** (-0.1% MoM) was essentially flat after rising intra-month to the highest level since October 2022. While the US dollar had moved higher in recent months on the back of stronger US economic growth, widening interest rate differentials and the threat of protectionist policies from the Trump admin, the US dollar was flat in January as markets awaited official details of Trump's policies.
- **The Bloomberg Precious Metals Index** (+7.2% MoM) rallied for the first time in three months, posting its largest monthly gain since March on the back of rising uncertainty amidst the Trump administration's policies. Gains were driven by gold (+7.3% MoM) as it reached a record high at month-end. Silver also rallied strongly (+11.1%) in January.
- **The Bloomberg Grains Index** (+3.6% MoM) rallied for the second consecutive month as wheat prices (+1.5%) were positive during the month.
- The **Bloomberg Energy Index** (+1.4% MoM) rallied for the third consecutive month. While crude oil (+1.1% MoM) rallied, natural gas (-1.7% MoM), which has the largest weighting in the Energy subsector, offset the sector's gains as warmer forecasted weather for February in the US lowered demand for gas. Natural gas posted its worst month since July.
- **The Bloomberg Industrial Metals Index** (+1.0% USD MoM) rallied for the first time in four months following better-than-expected economic data from China. Gains in January were largely driven by strength in copper (+7.0% MoM) as improving industrial data in China and the US boosted demand.

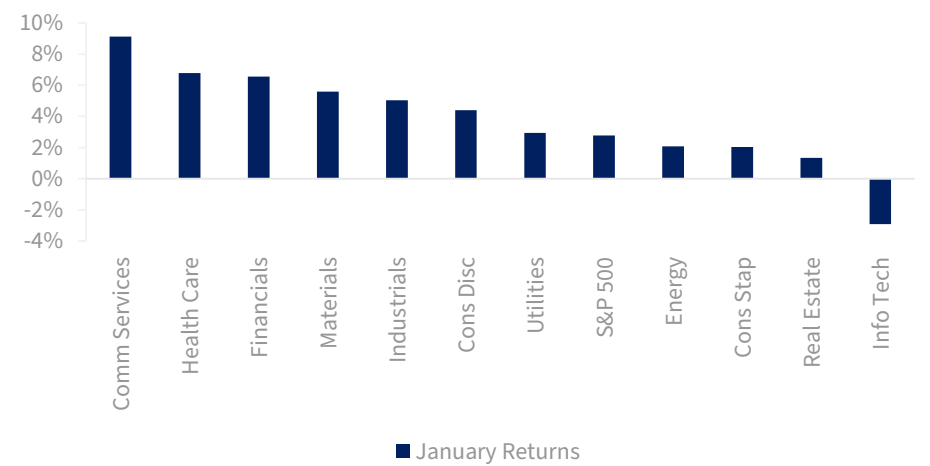
**Figure 1: GDP Expands At A Slower Pace**

4Q24 real GDP rose 2.3% QoQ (annualized), bringing the total yearly growth in 2024 to 2.8%. The biggest contributor was the Personal Spending (or PCE) component (+2.8%).



**Figure 2: 10 of 11 Sectors in Positive Territory YTD**

Ten of the 11 S&P 500 sectors were positive in January, led by the Communication Services (+9.1%), Health Care (+6.8%), and Financials (+6.6%) sectors.



**Figure 3: Softer Core Inflation Sends Yields Lower**

After a relentless move higher, the downside surprise to core CPI sparked a near-term shift in sentiment, driving the 10-year Treasury yield lower.



**Figure 4: US Dollar Rises Intra-Month to Two Year High**

In January, the US Dollar Index briefly reached 110 for the first time since October 2022, just below its 113 peak during the European energy crisis, before retreating to end the month.



Source: FactSet, as of January 31, 2025.

**Fixed Income | All Fixed Income Sectors Positive In January**

	January	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
High Yield	1.4%	9.7%	4.3%	4.5%	5.2%
TIPS	1.2%	4.0%	0.7%	2.7%	2.4%
EM Bonds	1.1%	8.3%	0.7%	0.5%	3.3%
US Investment Grade	0.6%	2.9%	-1.0%	-0.1%	2.2%
US Aggregate	0.5%	2.1%	-1.5%	-0.6%	1.2%
Treasuries	0.5%	1.4%	-2.1%	-1.1%	0.6%
Municipals	0.5%	2.1%	0.5%	0.7%	2.1%
International Bonds	0.5%	-5.4%	-9.2%	-6.5%	-2.1%

**Commodities & FX | Gold Soars in January**

	January	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Gold	7.3%	37.1%	16.4%	12.3%	8.3%
BBG Precious Metals	7.2%	29.9%	10.1%	8.2%	4.8%
Copper	6.3%	9.5%	-0.4%	11.2%	5.5%
BBG Commodity Index	3.6%	3.8%	-1.8%	6.4%	0.1%
BBG Energy Index	1.4%	-4.7%	-7.4%	-0.3%	-5.5%
Crude Oil (WTI)	1.1%	-4.4%	-6.3%	7.1%	4.2%
BBG Industrial Metals	1.0%	1.8%	-7.3%	6.0%	1.9%
US Dollar Index	-0.1%	4.9%	3.9%	2.2%	1.3%

**S&P 500 Sectors | Info Tech Only Negative Sector In January**

	January	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Communication Services	9.1%	45.7%	15.2%	16.4%	12.3%
Health Care	6.8%	6.3%	5.5%	10.0%	9.7%
Financials	6.6%	35.0%	11.7%	13.7%	12.9%
Materials	5.6%	9.8%	3.8%	11.3%	8.7%
Industrials	5.0%	24.5%	13.1%	13.2%	11.7%
Consumer Discretionary	4.4%	40.9%	10.5%	15.0%	14.5%
Utilities	2.9%	31.0%	7.4%	5.9%	8.5%
Energy	2.1%	8.3%	14.0%	15.3%	5.6%
Consumer Staples	2.0%	15.4%	5.9%	8.9%	8.8%
Real Estate	1.3%	11.7%	-1.2%	4.5%	6.1%
Information Technology	-2.9%	27.6%	17.3%	22.9%	22.5%

**Equities | Value Outperforms Growth**

	January	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
DJ Industrial Average	4.7%	16.8%	8.2%	9.5%	10.0%
Russell 1000 Value	4.6%	19.5%	8.1%	10.2%	9.4%
Russell 1000	3.2%	26.7%	11.7%	15.0%	13.5%
Russell 2000 Growth	3.2%	22.7%	6.2%	7.8%	8.7%
S&P 500	2.8%	26.4%	11.9%	15.2%	13.8%
Russell 2000	2.6%	19.1%	5.6%	8.7%	8.4%
Russell 2000 Value	2.1%	15.5%	4.7%	8.9%	7.8%
Russell 1000 Growth	2.0%	32.7%	14.6%	18.9%	17.2%

**International Equities (in USD) | All Regions Positive in January**

	January	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
MSCI LATAM	9.5%	-14.9%	3.3%	0.0%	2.3%
MSCI Europe ex UK	7.4%	8.2%	5.4%	7.9%	7.0%
MSCI EAFE	5.3%	9.2%	5.7%	6.8%	6.2%
MSCI UK	5.2%	14.7%	6.8%	6.3%	4.5%
MSCI AC World	3.4%	21.3%	8.9%	11.6%	10.3%
MSCI EM	1.8%	15.3%	-0.3%	3.5%	4.2%
MSCI Japan	1.6%	5.5%	5.5%	5.8%	6.5%
MSCI Asia ex JP	0.8%	19.9%	0.1%	4.0%	4.7%

**Key Asset Class Levels**

	January	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
S&P 500	6,041	4,846	4,516	3,226	1,995
DJIA	44,545	38,150	35,132	28,256	17,165
MSCI AC World	869	731	717	559	410
S&P 500 Dividend Yield	1.30	1.51	1.43	1.92	2.23
1-3M T-Bills (Cash, in %)	4.30	5.37	0.09	1.55	0.01
2YR Treasury Yield (in %)	4.20	4.22	1.18	1.33	0.47
10YR Treasury Yield (in %)	4.54	3.94	1.78	1.52	1.68
30Yr Treasury Yield (in %)	4.80	4.20	2.11	2.01	2.26
EURUSD	1.04	1.09	1.12	1.11	1.13
Crude Oil - WTI (\$/bbl)	74	76	88	52	48
Gold (\$/oz)	2832	2067	1796	1588	1279

Data as of January 31, 2025: Asset classes ranked by January performance.

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**SMALL GROWTH** | Russell 2000 Growth Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the Russell 2000 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation. The combined market capitalization of the Russell 2000 Growth and Value Indices will add up to the total market cap of the Russell 2000.

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