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Quarterly Market Review

Fourth Quarter 2025

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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets. The report concludes with a quarterly topic.

Overview:

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Quarterly Market Summary

Returns (USD), as of December 31, 2025

	Stocks				Bonds	
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q4 2025	2.40%	5.20%	4.73%	-0.81%	1.10%	0.52%
Since January 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.5%	1.8%	2.7%	2.2%	1.0%	0.9%
Best Quarter	22.0% **2020 Q2**	25.9% **2009 Q2**	34.7% **2009 Q2**	32.3% **2009 Q3**	6.8% **2023 Q4**	5.4% **2023 Q4**
Worst Quarter	-22.8% **2008 Q4**	-23.3% **2020 Q1**	-27.6% **2008 Q4**	-36.1% **2008 Q4**	-5.9% **2022 Q1**	-4.1% **2022 Q1**

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Long-Term Market Summary

Returns (USD), as of December 31, 2025

	Stocks				Bonds	
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	17.15%	31.85%	33.57%	7.67%	7.30%	2.80%
5 Years	13.15%	9.46%	4.20%	3.92%	-0.36%	0.79%
10 Years	14.29%	8.55%	8.42%	3.79%	2.01%	2.58%
15 Years	13.58%	6.59%	3.82%	5.39%	2.42%	3.15%
20 Years	10.77%	5.69%	5.99%	4.31%	3.25%	3.41%

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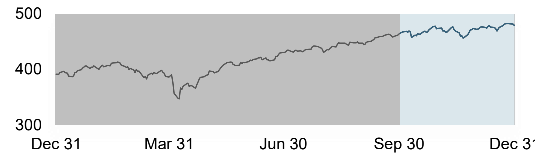
World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q4 2025

1 YEAR (Q1 2025–Q4 2025)



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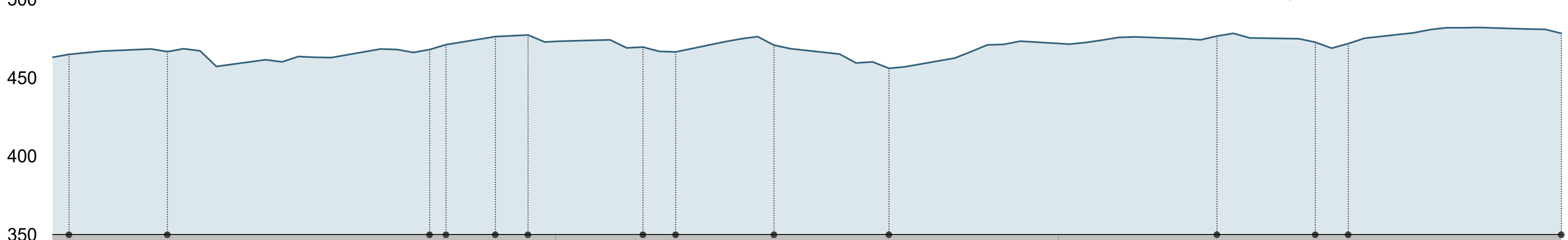

OCTOBER

10/01 “Government Shutdown Begins as Funding Lapses”

10/07 “Gold Prices Top $4,000 for First Time”

10/23 “US Imposes Substantial New Sanctions on Russian Oil Giants”

10/24 “Inflation Edges Up, But Less Than Expected, to 3% Rate”

10/26 “Trump Reaches Trade Pacts With Southeast Asian Nations”

10/29 “Future Fed Rate Cuts ‘Far’ From Certain After Divided Meeting”

10/29 “Trump, South Korea Reach Terms on Trade Deal”

10/29 “Nvidia Becomes First $5 Trillion Company”

NOVEMBER

11/05 “Democrats Dent Trump’s Coalition With Three Big Election Victories”

11/07 “Consumer Sentiment Falls Toward Record-Low Levels”

11/07 “Nasdaq Has Its Worst Week Since April”

11/13 “Trump Signs Spending Bill, Ending Longest Shutdown in US History”

11/20 “Hiring Defied Expectations in September, With 119,000 New Jobs”

DECEMBER

12/10 “Fed Cuts Rates Again, Signals It May Be Done for Now”

12/16 “US Unemployment Rose in November Despite Job Gains”

12/18 “Inflation Eased to 2.7% in Report Distorted by Government Shutdown”

12/31 “Stock Markets Close Out a Record-Setting Year”

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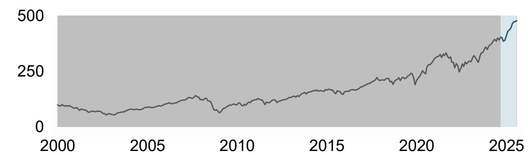
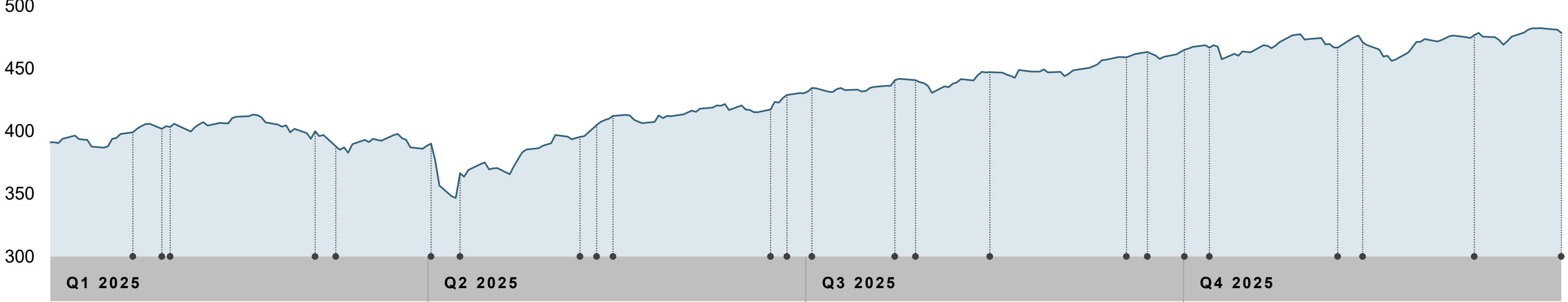
World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months

LONG TERM (2000–Q4 2025)



SHORT TERM (Q1 2025–Q4 2025)



Q1 2025

01/20 "Trump Sworn In, Declares New 'Golden Age' for America"

01/27 "Tech Stocks Sink in Broad AI Rout Sparked by China's DeepSeek"

01/29 "Fed Stands Pat on Rates, Entering New Wait-and-See Phase"

03/05 "Stocks Extend Tumble as Trump's Tariffs Spark Retaliation"

03/10 "Tech Shares Lead Stock Slide as Recession Talk Roils Markets"

Q2 2025

04/02 "Trump Unveils Sweeping Tariffs in Stark Shift in US Trade Policy"

04/09 "Stocks Stage Furious Rally as Trump Pauses Some Tariffs"

05/08 "US and UK Unveil Framework for Trade Deal"

05/12 "Stocks Soar on Temporary US-China Tariff Rollback"

05/16 "US Loses Last Triple-A Credit Rating"

06/22 "Massive US Strikes Target Iranian Nuclear Sites"

06/27 "Historic Rebound Sends S&P 500 to New Highs"

Q3 2025

07/03 "President Trump's Megabill Passes House Vote"

07/23 "US and Japan Reach Trade Deal"

07/27 "Trump and EU Reach Tariff Deal, Avoiding Trade War"

08/16 "Trump-Putin Summit Ends Without Breakthrough"

09/17 "Fed Cuts Rates by Quarter Point and Signals More Are Likely"

09/22 "A Deal Between AI Powers Lifts Stock Market to a Record"

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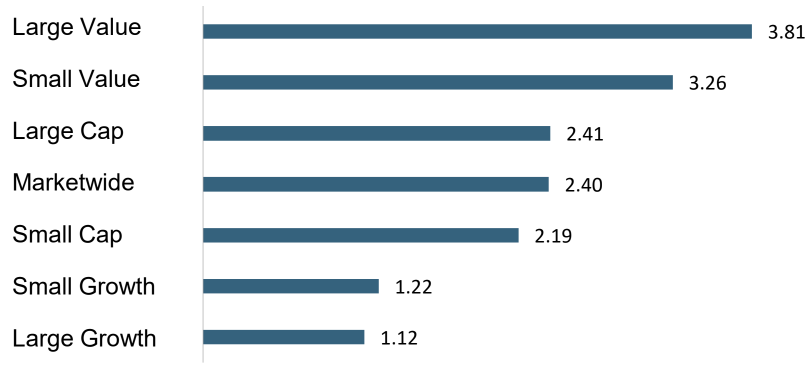
US Stocks

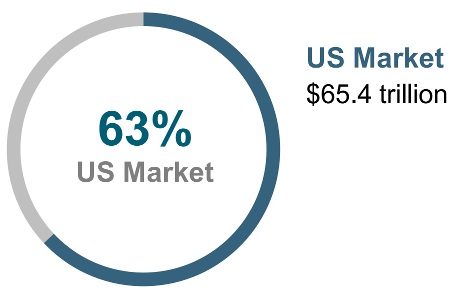
Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025

- The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed both non-US developed and emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.
- REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization



Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED 1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Large Value	3.81	15.91	13.90	11.33	10.53	10.78	8.32
Small Value	3.26	12.59	11.73	8.88	9.27	8.73	7.40
Large Cap	2.41	17.37	22.74	13.59	14.59	13.87	10.94
Marketwide	2.40	17.15	22.25	13.15	14.29	13.58	10.77
Small Cap	2.19	12.81	13.73	6.09	9.62	9.47	8.20
Small Growth	1.22	13.01	15.59	3.18	9.57	9.94	8.76
Large Growth	1.12	18.56	31.15	15.32	18.13	16.58	13.23

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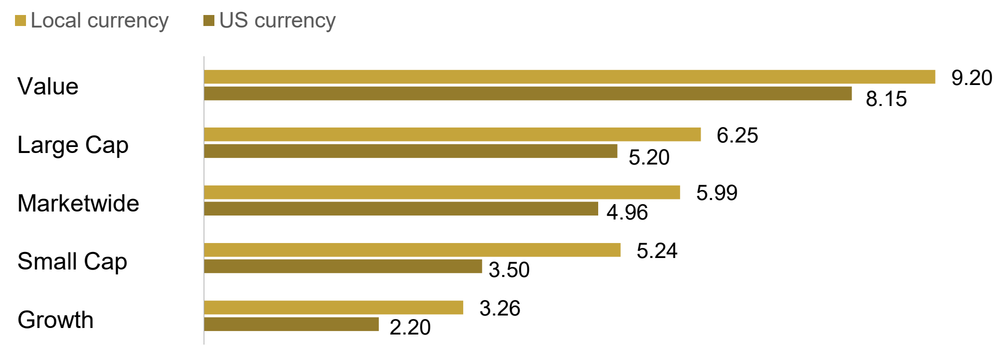
International Developed Stocks

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025

- Developed markets outside of the US posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed both US and emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization

International Developed Markets
$27.1 trillion

Periodic Returns (%)

		ANNUALIZED					
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	8.15	42.23	21.58	13.94	9.16	6.68	5.49
Large Cap	5.20	31.85	17.64	9.46	8.55	6.59	5.69
Marketwide	4.96	32.18	17.39	9.03	8.47	6.62	5.78
Small Cap	3.50	34.07	15.77	6.49	8.05	6.82	6.05
Growth	2.20	21.94	13.77	4.90	7.67	6.30	5.72

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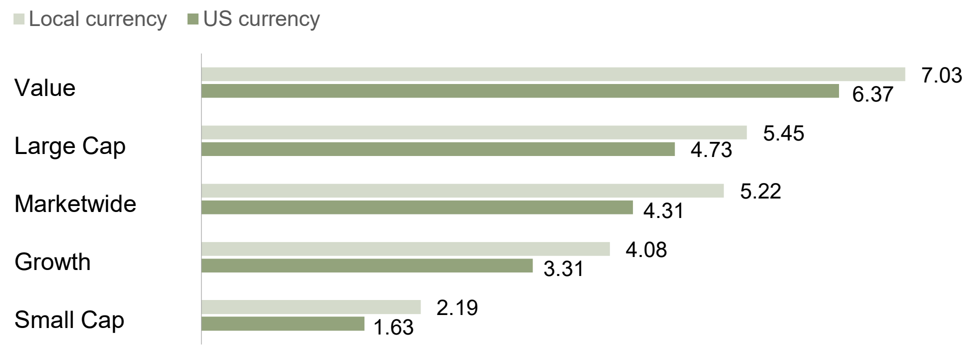
Emerging Markets Stocks

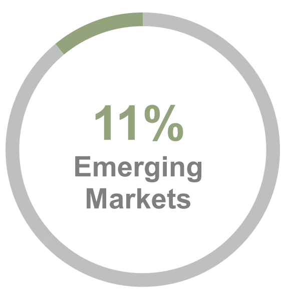
Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025

- Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed US markets, but underperformed non-US developed markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization



Emerging Markets
$11.8 trillion

Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED 1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	6.37	32.74	16.58	6.76	7.96	2.82	5.65
Large Cap	4.73	33.57	16.40	4.20	8.42	3.82	5.99
Marketwide	4.31	31.38	16.25	4.66	8.37	3.87	6.13
Growth	3.31	34.30	16.17	1.77	8.76	4.71	6.23
Small Cap	1.63	18.58	15.47	8.43	8.31	4.30	7.20

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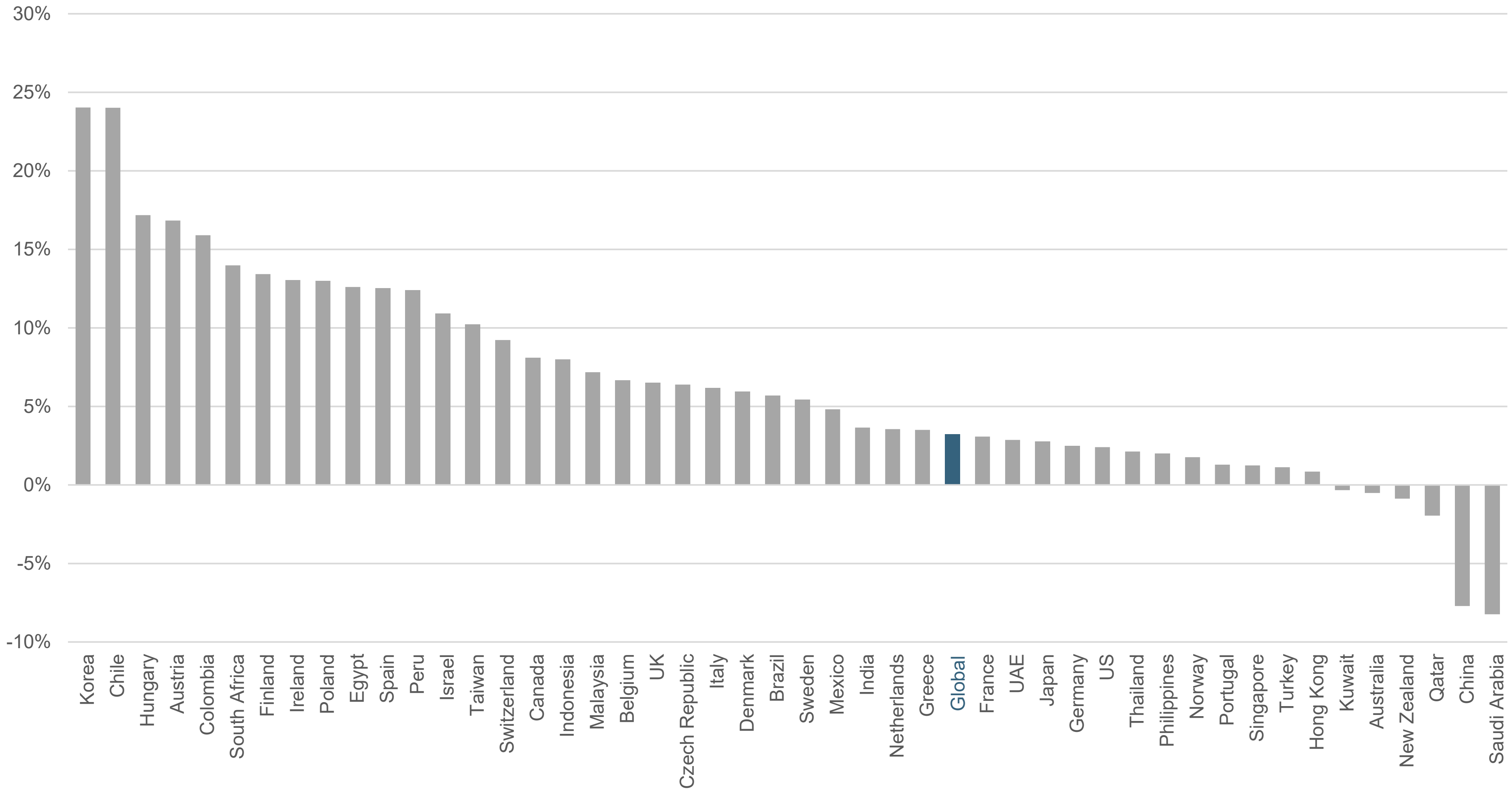
Country Returns

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025



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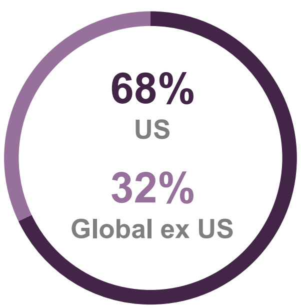
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025

- US real estate investment trusts underperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

Ranked Returns (%)

Total Value of REIT Stocks



US
$1,069 billion
102 REITs

Global ex US
$505 billion
276 REITs
(26 other countries)

Periodic Returns (%)

		ANNUALIZED					
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Global ex US REITS	1.53	24.29	6.55	1.09	2.62	3.64	2.97
US REITS	-0.79	3.67	8.50	6.65	4.81	7.26	6.00

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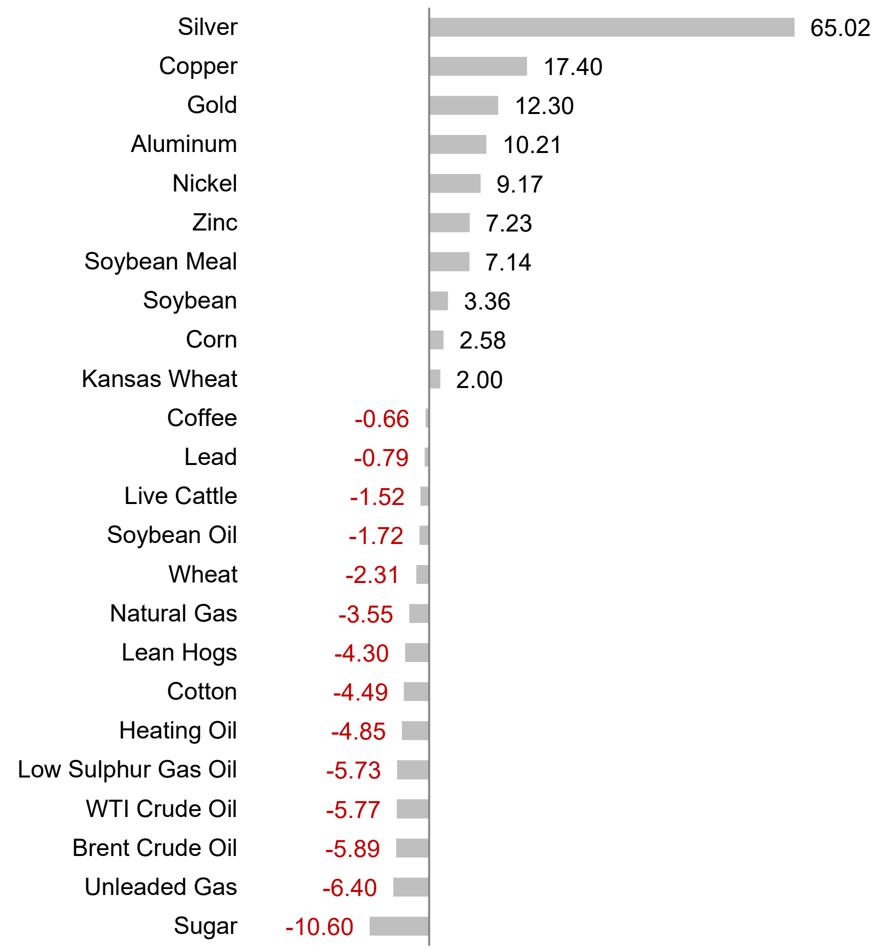
Commodities

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025

The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned +5.85% for the fourth quarter of 2025.

Silver and Copper were the best performers, returning +65.02% and +17.40% for the quarter, respectively. Sugar and Unleaded Gas were the worst performers, returning -10.60% and -6.40% for the quarter, respectively.

Commodities Ranked Returns (%)



Commodities Periodic Returns (%)

QTR	ANNUALIZED 1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
5.85	15.77	3.96	10.64	5.73	-1.10	-0.54

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Fixed Income

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2025

Within the US Treasury market, short-term interest rates generally decreased and long-term interest rates generally increased during the quarter.

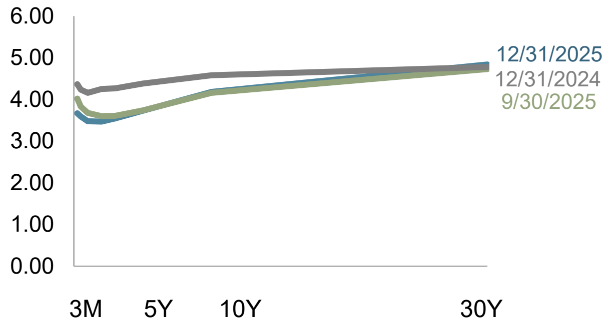
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield decreased 46 basis points (bps) to 3.74%. The 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield decreased 20 bps to 3.48%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note decreased 13 bps to 3.47%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note decreased 1 bp to 3.73%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 2 bps to 4.18%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 11 bps to 4.84%.

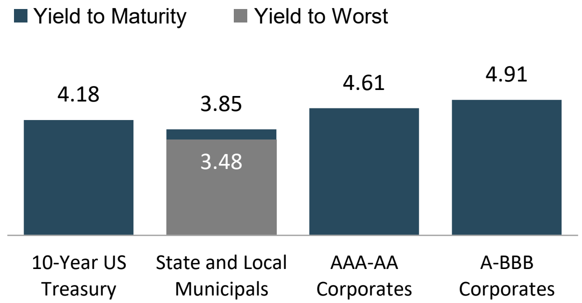
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds and intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +1.15%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +1.26% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned +1.29%.[1]

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were +0.47% and +1.02%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned +1.60% while revenue bonds returned +1.57%.[2]

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)



Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED 1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	1.56	4.25	3.88	0.80	2.34	3.34	3.52
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	1.31	8.62	10.06	4.51	6.53	6.03	6.74
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.10	7.30	4.66	-0.36	2.01	2.42	3.25
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	1.07	5.12	4.89	1.80	2.08	1.91	2.49
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.99	4.15	4.54	2.48	2.03	1.44	1.90
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.97	4.18	4.81	3.17	2.18	1.47	1.71
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	0.79	8.56	4.43	-0.13	1.27	0.24	1.86
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	0.13	7.01	4.23	1.12	3.09	2.91	3.51
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-0.04	5.61	0.65	-7.18	0.05	2.52	3.30

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices
2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index

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Global Fixed Income

Yield curves, 4th Quarter 2025

Except for the UK and US, interest rates generally increased across global developed markets for the quarter.

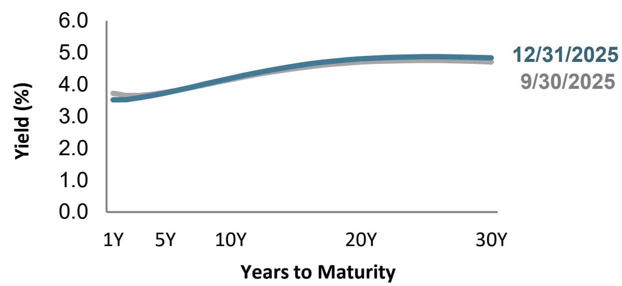
In the UK, interest rates decreased across all maturity ranges. In the US, short-term interest rates decreased, and long-term interest rates increased. In Canada, Germany, UK and Australia, the short-term maturity range of their yield curves was generally flat but steepened in the three- to five-year maturity range.

On aggregate, global term premiums were mixed. Realized term premiums were mixed in the US, as intermediate-term bonds generally outperformed shorter and longer-term bonds. Realized term premiums were positive in the UK, as longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorter-term bonds during the quarter. However, realized term premiums were negative in Canada and Japan, as longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds during the quarter.

Changes in Yield (bps) Since 09/30/2025

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-20.1	-1.7	3.9	10.3	13.3
UK	-32.0	-18.3	-18.7	-25.7	-28.5
Germany	2.1	16.0	16.8	18.7	20.2
Japan	11.4	30.9	39.0	34.8	31.4
Canada	-5.0	24.2	21.6	21.6	22.2
Australia	41.5	55.8	44.1	32.3	25.6

US



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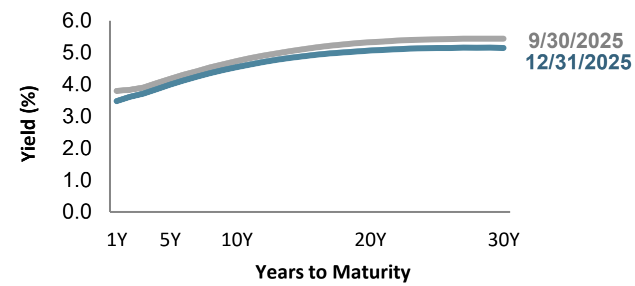

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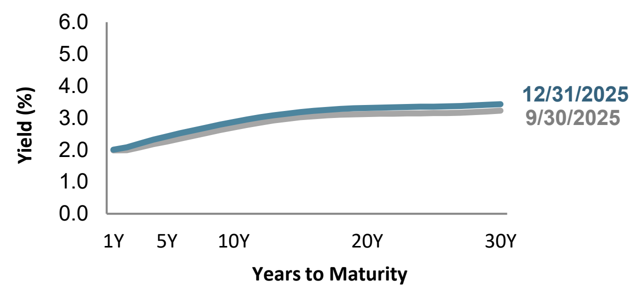

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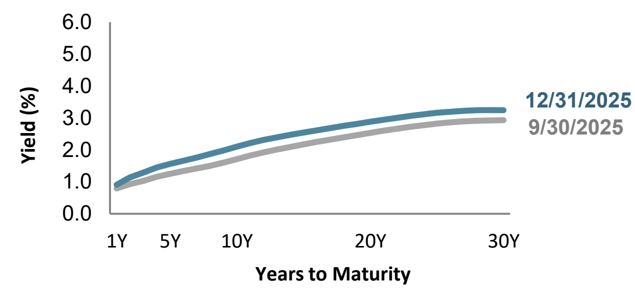

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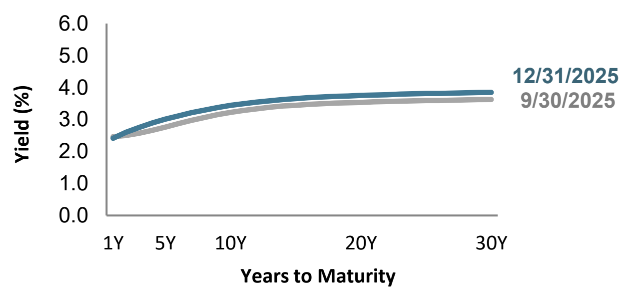

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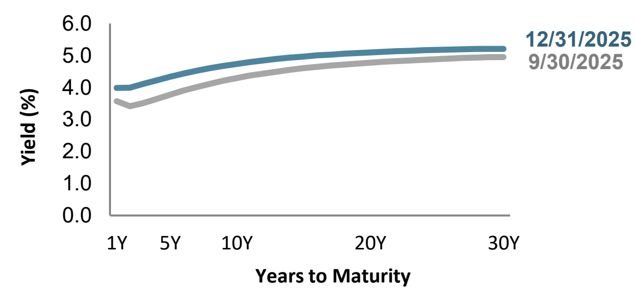

One basis point (bps) equals 0.01%. Source: ICE BofA government yield.

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Sometimes It Helps to Pay Less Attention

4th Quarter 2025

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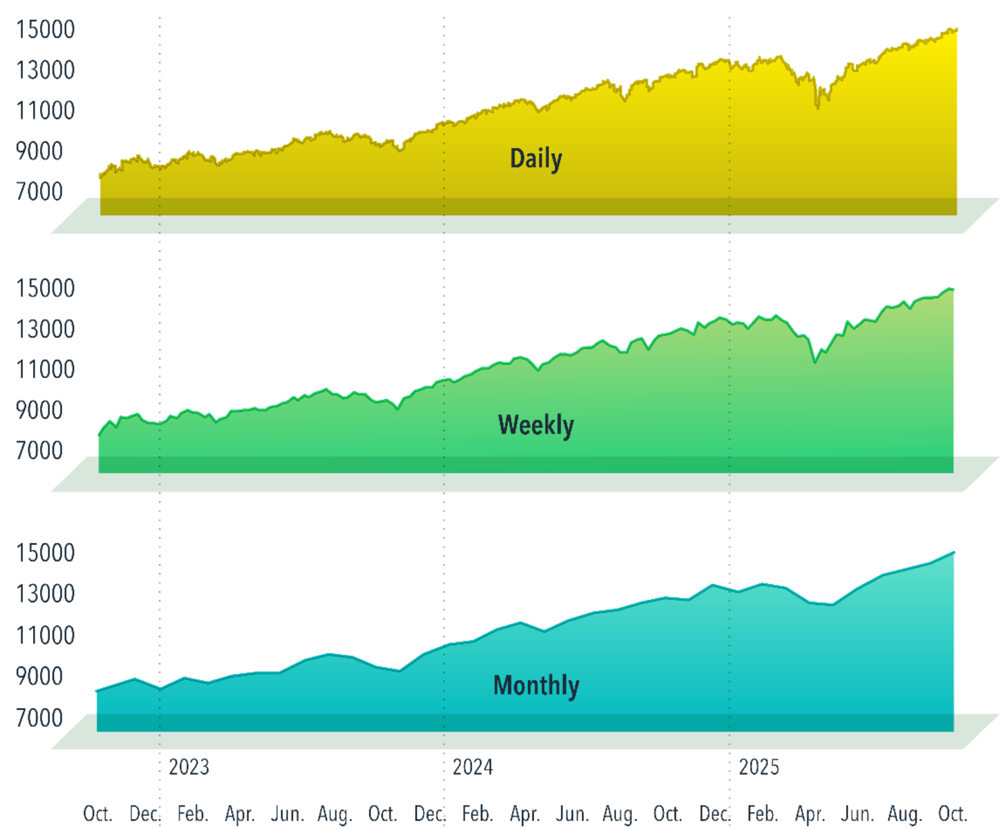
I was on holiday during the stock market's recent ups and downs and missed out on the media coverage and the surrounding "will they/won't they" China tariff news. That is actually my preferred way of coping with market volatility, which is to be unaware of it in real time. While I don't always have a built-in buffer,[1] there's certainly an argument for tuning out daily market movements.

The benefit of the ignorance-is-bliss approach can be visualized by plotting out returns at longer time intervals. As you switch from daily returns to weekly, the jagged edges begin to smooth out. By the time you get to monthly returns, some of the big drawdowns (e.g., third quarter of 2023, April 2025) seem like small blips during an otherwise continuous climb.

A desire to stay informed about what's going on in the world is human nature, and developments with the stock market are part and parcel of that. But thinking about investments in a long-term framework might dull the temptation to make asset allocation changes that studies have shown are a recipe for disappointment.

S&P 500 TOTAL RETURN INDEX LEVEL

For the 3-year period ending September 30, 2025



1. In this case, I was attending my octogenarian mother's wedding. I'm not sure I can go back to that well again.

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