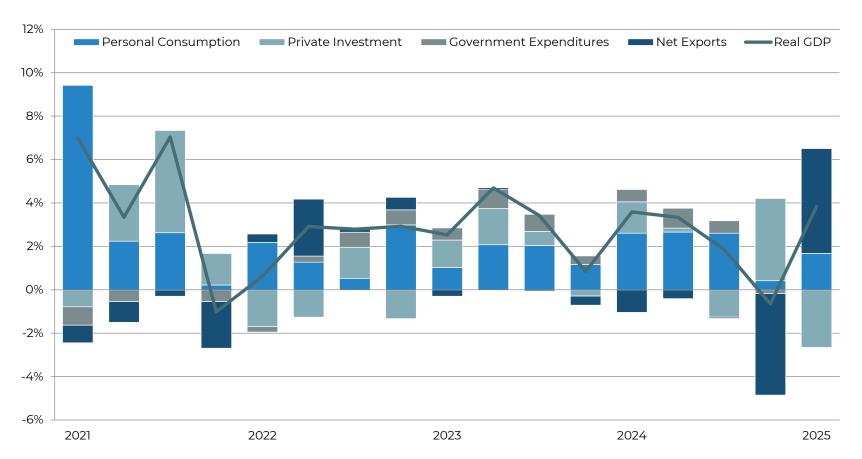




Economic Growth

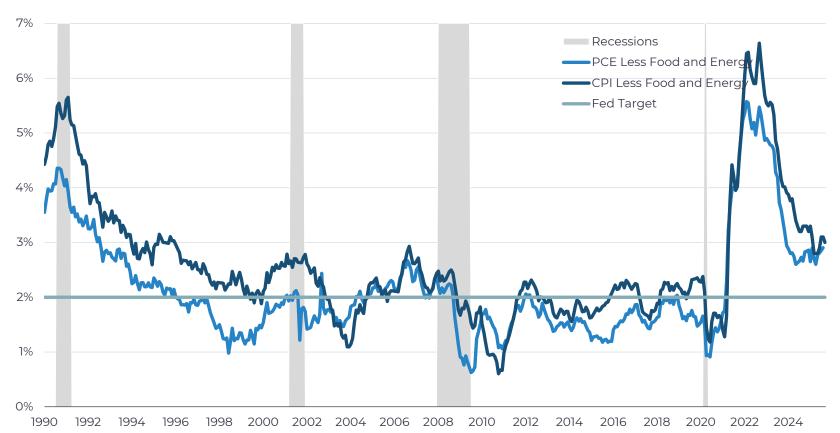
Contributions to Percent Change in Real GDP (Annualized Q/Q % Change)



U.S. consumer prices rose 3.0% year-over-year in September, slightly below expectations of 3.1%. Excluding food and energy, core CPI increased 2.9%, mainly due to moderating rent inflation. Gasoline prices surged, but this was offset by declines in rents, airfares, hotels, and used car prices. However, tariffs continued to push up prices for apparel, furniture, and appliances, while labor shortages tied to immigration crackdowns increased costs for home care and gardening services. Despite the ongoing U.S. government shutdown, the Labor Department released the report to assist the Social Security Administration in setting a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment for 2026. The shutdown delayed other key data, including the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) index, which economists estimate rose 2.9% annually.

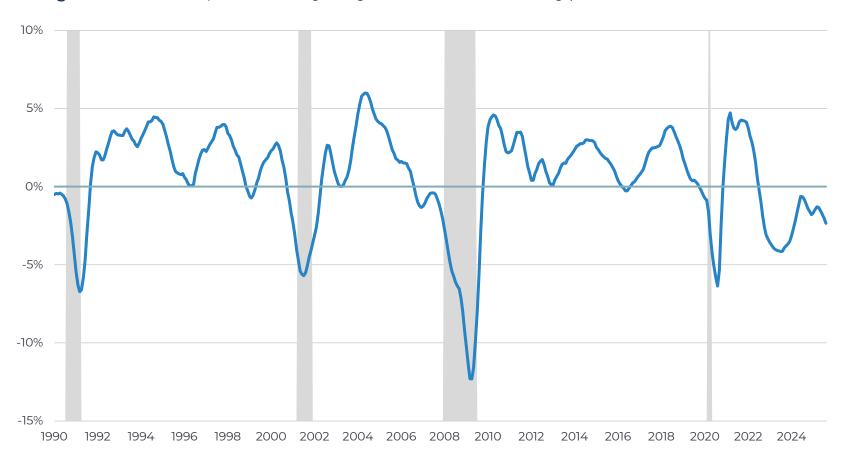
Inflation Outlook

Consumer Price Index (Core) and Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index (Core) (Y/Y % Change)



U.S. Economic Outlook

Leading Economic Index (Six-Month Moving Average of the Six-Month Rate of Change)

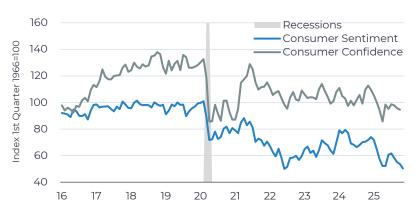


Source: Conference Board (Reported monthly)

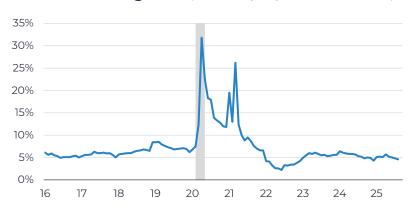
The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index® slipped slightly in October 2025, falling 1.0 point to 94.6 from a revised 95.6 in September. The Present Situation Index rose 1.8 points to 129.3, reflecting modest improvements in views of business conditions and job availability, while the Expectations Index dropped 2.9 points to 71.5, remaining below the recession-warning threshold of 80 for the ninth consecutive month. Overall confidence was largely unchanged, with gains in current conditions offset by weaker short-term expectations for jobs, income, and business prospects. By demographics, confidence fell among those under 35 and over 55, but improved for ages 35–54. By income, confidence declined below \$75K and rose above \$75K, especially for earners over \$200K.

Consumer Outlook

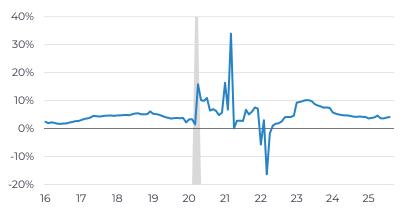
Consumer Sentiment & Confidence Indexes



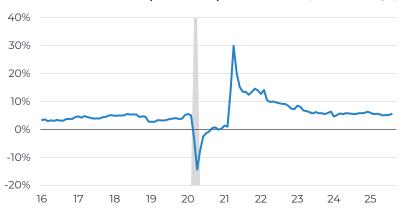
Personal Saving Rate (Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate)



Disposable Personal Income (Y/Y % Change)



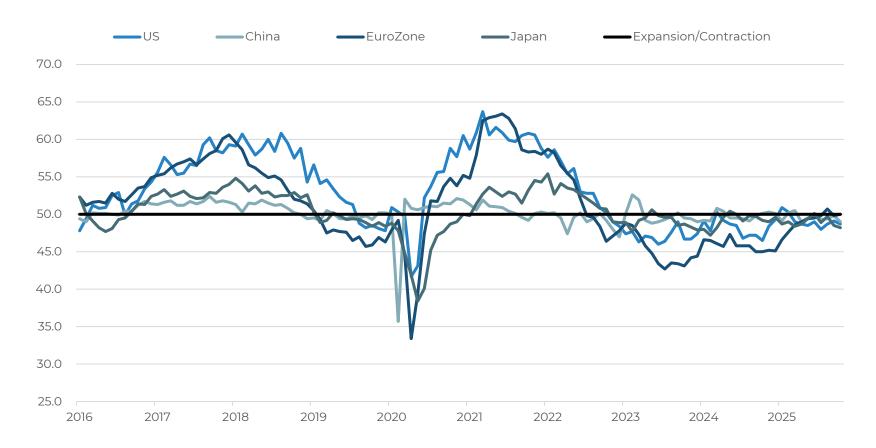
Personal Consumption Expenditures (Y/Y % Change)



Global economic growth strengthened at the start of the fourth quarter, as the J.P. Morgan Global Composite PMI rose to 52.9 in October from 52.5 in September, matching the highest level in 17 months. The data suggest global GDP is expanding at about a 3.0% annualized rate, up from 2.8% in Q3, indicating a solid recovery from April's slowdown tied to U.S. tariff uncertainty. Growth accelerated across major developed economies, led by the United States, which saw faster expansion in both manufacturing and services. The eurozone recorded its strongest growth since May 2023, driven by services. The UK saw faster growth as manufacturing rebounded after a cyber-attack disrupted auto production in September.

Global Economic Outlook

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) (A PMI over 50 represents growth in manufacturing)

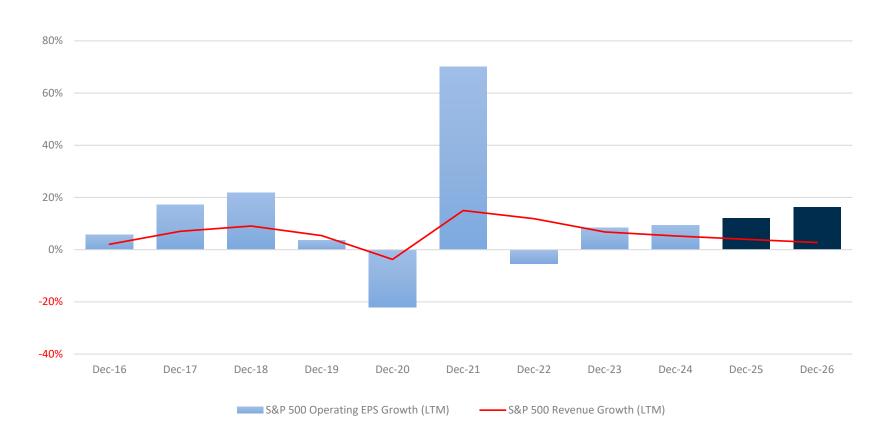


Source: ISM, Markit

According to FactSet, the bottom-up price target for the S&P 500 over the next 12 months is 6720. At the sector level, the Communication Services (+22.8) and Materials (+22.4%) sector is expected to see the largest price increases. On the other hand, the Utilities (+12.4%) sector is expected to see the smallest price increase. Overall, there are 12,581 ratings on stocks in the S&P 500. Of these 12,581 ratings, 56.3% are Buy ratings, 38.5% are Hold ratings, and 5.1% are Sell ratings. At the sector level, the Information Technology (65%), Energy (65%), and Communication Services (64%) sectors have the highest percentages of Buy ratings, while the Consumer Staples (42%) sector has the lowest percentage of Buy ratings.

Corporate Profitability

S&P 500 Operating Earnings Per Share and Revenue Per Share Growth (Y/Y % Change)

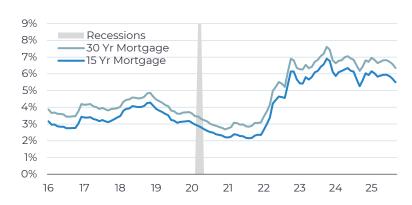


Housing Market Outlook

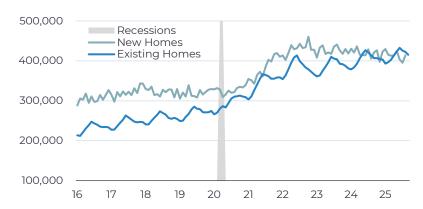
Housing Affordability (higher = more affordable)



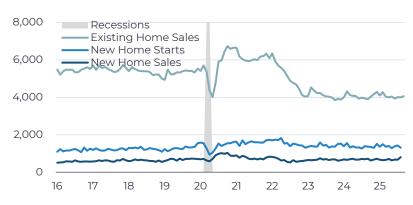
Average Fixed Rate Mortgage in the U.S.®



Median Selling Price of New and Existing Homes

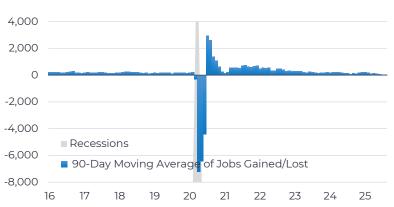


Housing Starts, Existing Home Sales and New Home Sales (000's)

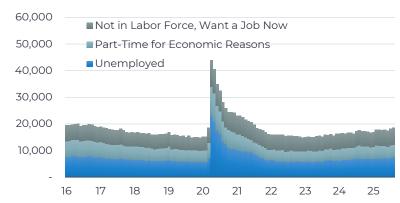


Labor Market Outlook

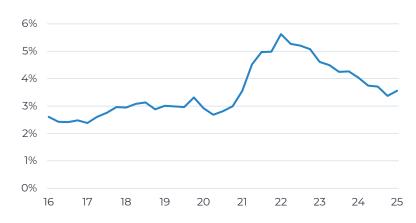
Jobs Gained/Lost (000's) with 12-Month Moving Average



Labor Market Slack (000's)



Wage Growth (Y/Y % Change)



Labor Force Participation Rate

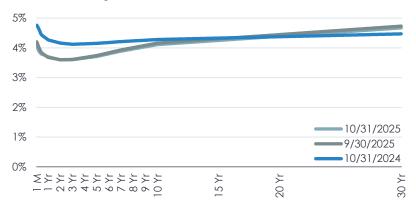




In October, global government bonds posted positive returns amid a risk-off market mood triggered by the U.S. government shutdown, tariff concerns, and the collapse of two U.S. firms (First Brands and Tricolor). A hawkish Federal Reserve later reversed some of the gains. High-yield corporate bonds underperformed as spreads widened in the U.S. and Europe, while investment-grade performance was mixed – U.S. spreads widened, but European ones tightened slightly. The Fed cut rates by 25 basis points to 3.75–4% and ended its quantitative tightening program. However, Chair Jerome Powell surprised markets by pushing back against expectations of another rate cut in December.

U.S. Treasury Market

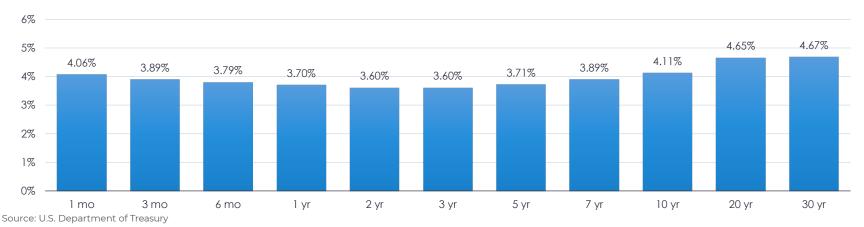
U.S Treasury Yield Curve



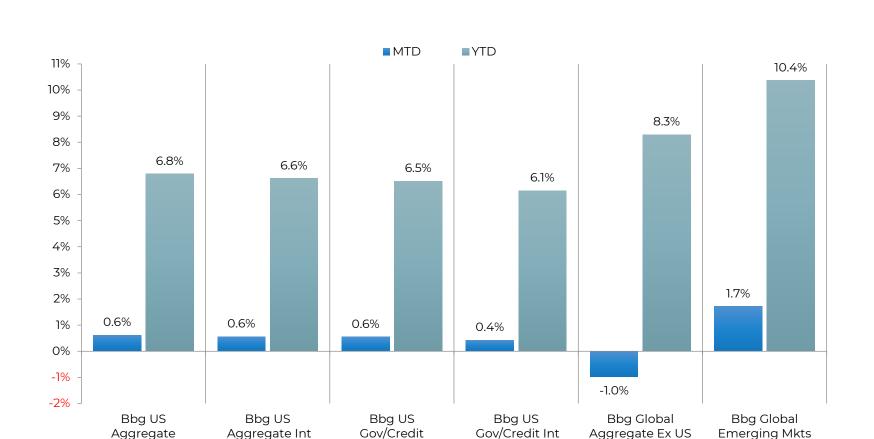
Historical U.S. 10-Year Treasury Rate



Current U.S. Treasury Yields by Maturity



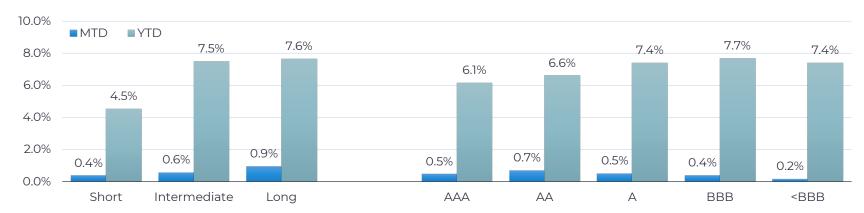
Global Fixed Income Returns by Bellwether Index



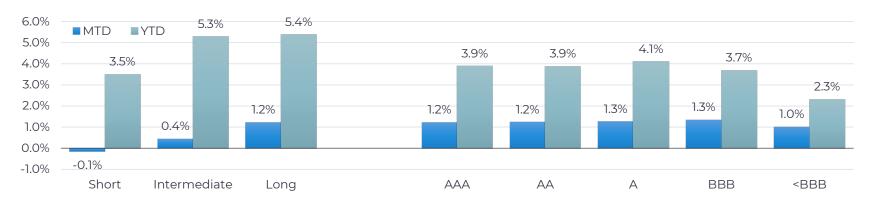
Source: Bloomberg Barclays (BB)

Domestic Fixed Income Returns by Maturity and Credit Quality

Domestic Bond Market - Taxable

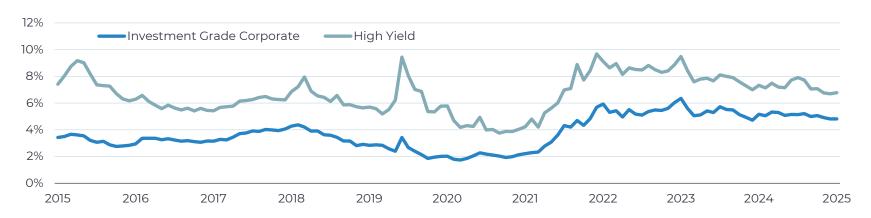


Domestic Bond Market - Municipal

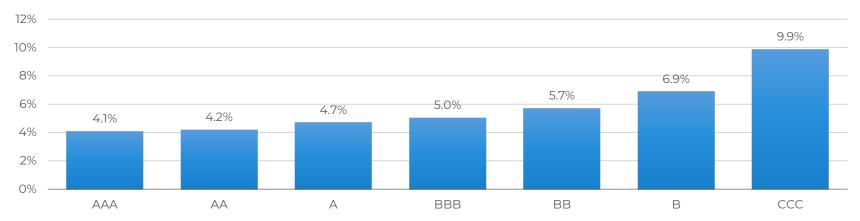


Domestic Fixed Income Bond Yields

Historical Corporate Bond Market Yield to Worst

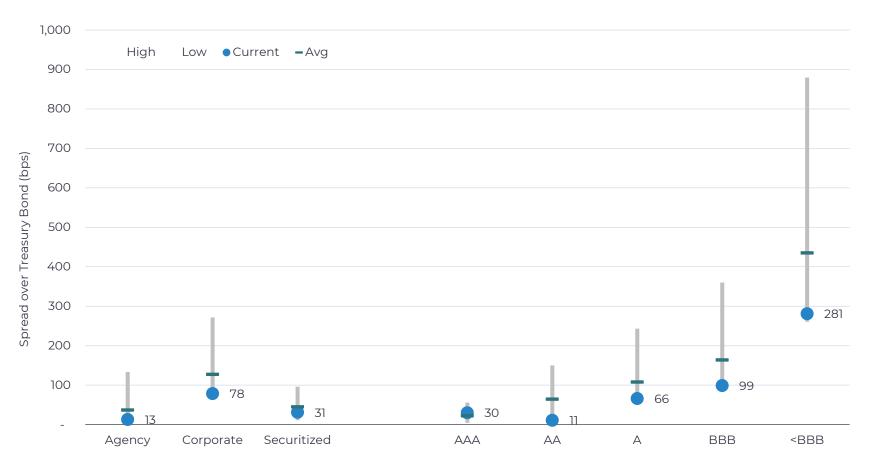


Current Corporate Bond Market Yields by Credit Quality



Domestic Fixed Income Bond Spreads

Current Bond Spreads Compared to 15-Year Range and 15-Year Average

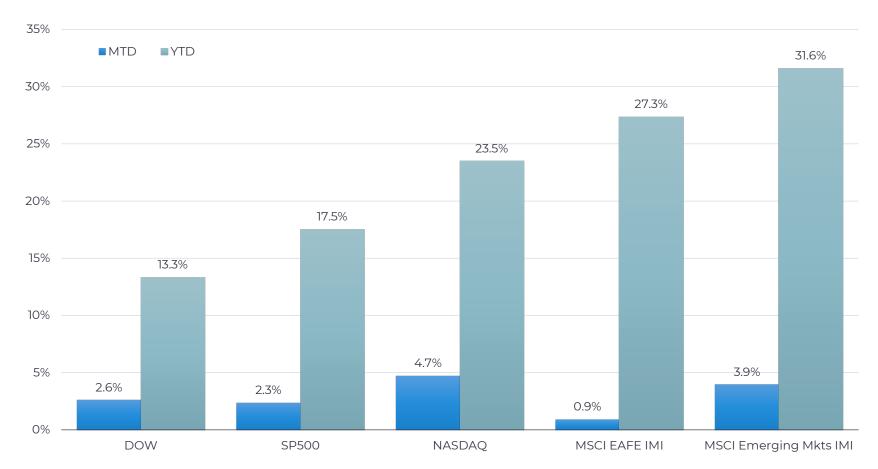




In October, global equity markets rose, supported by strong earnings, moderating inflation and expectations of lower interest rates. The U.S. NASDAQ led the gains, boosted by Al-related technology, while the MSCI EAFE IMI equities advanced more modestly. Emerging markets also continued to rally, led by South Korea and Taiwan's tech and industrial sectors, though Chinese equities saw negative returns for the month. Sector performance was split in October as Technology led the way up 6.2%. Communication, Real Estate, and Financials were all negative, though none worse than Materials, which slipped 5.0% for the month.

Global Equity Returns by Bellwether Index

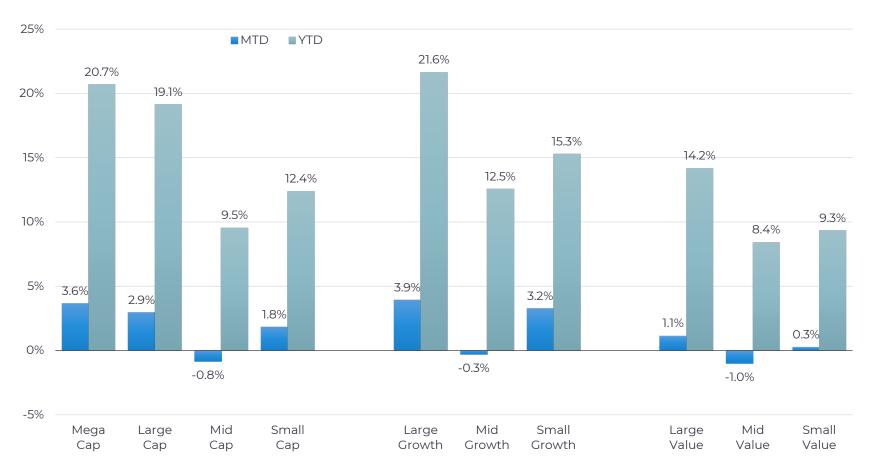
Global Equity Markets



Source: S&P Dow Jones, NASDAQ, MSCI

Domestic Equity Returns by Market Cap & Style

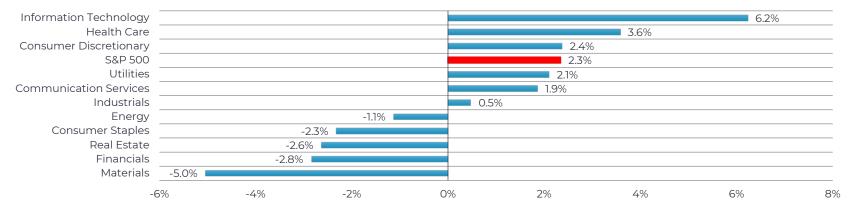
Domestic Equity Markets



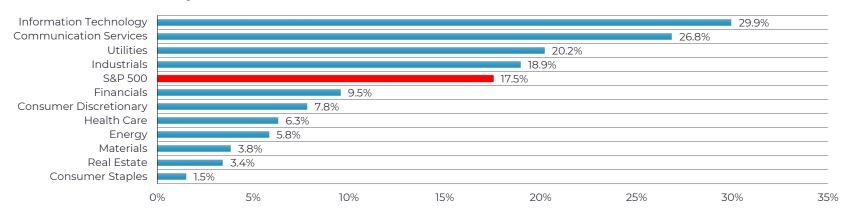
Domestic Equity Returns

by Sector

MTD S&P 500 Returns by Sector



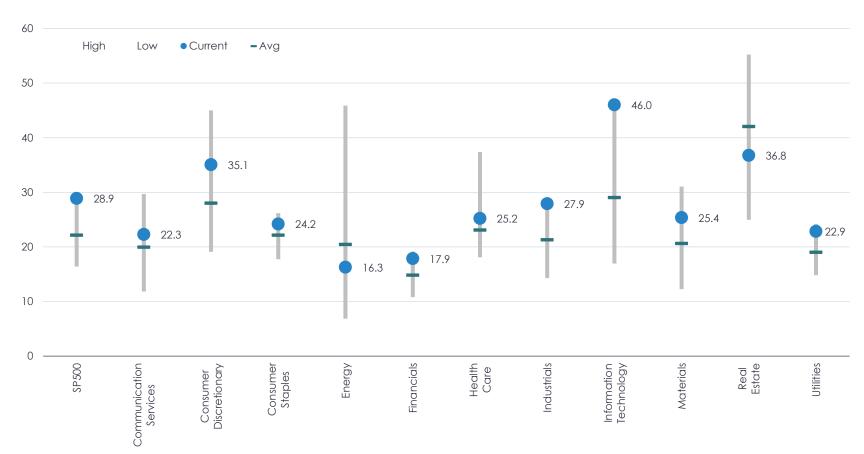
YTD S&P 500 Returns by Sector



20 Source: S&P Dow Jones

Domestic Equity Valuations by Sector

Trailing 12 Month P/E Ratio Compared to 10-Year Range and 10-Year Average



Economic Indicator Descriptions

- Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP): GDP is a basic measure of U.S. economic output adjusted for inflation. Alternatively, it can be thought of as the final value of all goods and services produced within the U.S. Positive GDP growth signals an expanding economy.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI): Measuring the change in the CPI provides an
 estimate for inflation. The CPI tracks the price of a basket of consumer goods
 and services. High inflation or deflation (negative inflation) can be signs of
 economic worry. CPI is typically reported in two ways: headline and core CPI.
 Headline CPI includes all categories that comprise the CPI basket of goods and
 services.
- Personal Consumption Expenditure Chain-type Price Index (PCEPI):
 Measuring the change in the PCEPI provides an estimate for inflation. In
 comparison to CPI, which uses one set of expenditure weights for several years,
 this index uses expenditure data from the current period and the preceding
 period. This price index method assumes that the consumer has substituted
 from goods whose prices are rising to goods whose prices are stable or falling.
 Core PCEPI, which is closely monitored by the Fed, strips out the more volatile
 Food and Energy categories.
- Conference Board Index of Leading Economic Indicators (LEI): The LEI is
 designed to signal peaks and troughs in the business cycle. The ten
 components include: average weekly manufacturing hours; average
 weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance; manufacturers' new
 orders for consumer goods and materials; ISM® Index of New Orders;
 manufacturers' new orders for nondefense capital goods excluding aircraft
 orders; building permits for new private housing units; stock prices of 500
 common stocks; Leading Credit Index™; interest rate spread on 10-year Treasury
 bonds less federal funds and average consumer expectations for business
 conditions.
- The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) PMI Index: The PMI is a composite index of five "sub-indicators", which are extracted through surveys to purchasing managers from around the country. The five sub-indexes are: Production, New orders, Supplier deliveries, Inventories and Employment level. An Index value over 50 indicates expansion; below 50 indicates contraction.
- The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Non-manufacturing Index (NMI): The NMI is a composite index of four "sub-indicators", which are extracted through surveys to purchasing managers. The four sub-indexes: Business activity, New orders, Employment, Supplier deliveries. An Index value over 50 indicates expansion; below 50 indicates contraction.

- Consumer Confidence Index (CCI): The Consumer Confidence Index is a well-known proxy for the attitudes of U.S. consumer towards the business climate, personal finances and spending. This index attempts to measure the confidence that consumers have in the overall economy. This is important because consumer spending accounts for a large portion of U.S. GDP.
- Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI): The MCSI uses telephone surveys to gather information on consumer expectations regarding the overall economy. The MSCI is becoming more useful for investors because it gives a monthly snapshot of whether consumers feel like spending money by accessing their views on the business climate, personal finance, and spending in order to judge their level of optimism/pessimism. This is important because consumer spending accounts for a large portion of U.S. GDP.
- Disposable Personal Income per Capita (DPI): DPI is the amount of money that households have available for spending and saving after income taxes have been accounted for. DPI is monitored to gauge the overall state of the economy.
- Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE): PCE consists of the actual and imputed expenditures of households including durables, non-durables and services.
- Retail Sales: The retail sales report captures in-store sales as well as catalog and
 other out-of-store sales. The report also breaks down sales figures into groups
 such as food and beverages, clothing, and autos. The results are often
 presented two ways: with and without auto sales being counted, because
 their high sticker price can add extravolatility to the data.
- Housing Affordability Index (HAI): Published monthly by the National Association of Realtors, the HAI index has a value of 100 when the medianincome family has sufficient income to purchase a median-priced existing home. A higher index number indicates that more households can afford to purchase a home.
- Unemployment Rate: Calculated monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate is a gauge of the health of the U.S. labor market. High unemployment can stifle the growth of the economy.
- Wage Growth: Calculated quarterly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the
 employment cost index measures the growth of employee compensation
 (wages and benefits). The index is based on a survey of employer payrolls in the
 final month of each quarter. The index tracks movement in the cost of
 labor, including wages, fringe benefits and bonuses for employees at all
 levels of a company. We are using the wage component of this index.

Benchmark Descriptions

- U.S. Aggregate Bond: The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index measures the performance of USD-denominated, SEC-registered, investmentgrade, fixed-rate or step up, taxable bonds. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate and MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors. Securities included in the index must have at least one year until final maturity.
- U.S. Treasury: The Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Index measures the performance of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with a remaining maturity of one year or more.
- U.S. Agency: The Barclays Capital U.S. Agency Bond Index measures the
 performance of the agency sector of the U.S. government bond market
 and is comprised of investment-grade USD-denominated debentures
 issued by government and government-related agencies, including
 FNMA. The index includes both callable and non-callable securities that are
 publicly issued by U.S. government agencies, quasi- federal corporations,
 and corporate and foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. government.
- U.S. Corporate: The Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate Bond Index measures
 the performance of publicly issued USD-denominated corporate and Yankee
 debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and
 quality requirements.
- U.S. MBS: The Barclays Capital U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index measures the performance of mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).
- U.S. Municipal Bond: The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index measures the performance of the USD-denominated, investment grade, fixedrate tax exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and prerefunded bonds. Securities included in the index must have at least one year until final maturity.
- General Obligation Bond Index: The Barclays General Obligation Bond Index measures the average market-weighted performance of general obligations securities that have been issued in the last five years with maturities greater than one year.
- Revenue Bond Index: The Barclays Revenue Bond Index measures the average market- weighted performance of revenue backed securities that have been issued in the last five years with maturities greater than one year.
- Investment Style: Performance of different types of stocks will vary over time. A common way to characterize a stock is by market capitalization (e.g., large cap or small cap) or style (e.g., value or growth).

- Large Cap vs. Small Cap: Large companies tend to be more established companies and therefore exhibit lower volatility. Over an extended period of time, expected returns of small cap companies are often higher due to the risks associated with smaller, less established companies.
- Value vs. Growth: Value companies typically trade at discount valuations and may pay a dividend. Growth companies are those that are experiencing greater earnings growth prospects.
- Mega Cap: The Russell Top 50 Index measures the performance of the top 50 largest companies in the Russell 1000 Index, which represents approximately 40% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 index.
- Large Cap: The Russell Top 200 Index measures the performance of the 200 largest companies in the Russell 1000 Index, which represents approximately 68% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 index.
- Mid Cap: The Russell Midcap Index measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index, which represent approximately 36% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 Index.
- Small Cap: The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which represents approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index.
- Large Cap Growth: The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Large Cap Value: The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Mid Cap Growth: The Russell Midcap Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
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- Small Cap Growth: The Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 Index companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Small Cap Value: The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.



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