

Market Watch

Week of December 8th

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (47,955)	0.62%	14.58%	8.97%	14.99%	11.81%	
S&P 500 (6,870)	0.35%	18.22%	14.57%	25.02%	14.86%	
NASDAQ 100 (25,692)	1.03%	23.10%	20.79%	25.88%	16.36%	
S&P 500 Growth	0.75%	23.31%	21.27%	36.07%	15.79%	
S&P 500 Value	-0.13%	12.65%	6.79%	12.29%	12.98%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	0.42%	8.09%	0.79%	15.94%	8.00%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.35%	7.59%	1.76%	11.71%	11.46%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.35%	6.82%	-1.21%	9.63%	6.80%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.90%	6.64%	0.66%	7.56%	9.30%	
Russell 2000	0.88%	14.47%	6.68%	11.54%	7.34%	
MSCI EAFE	0.77%	28.38%	23.18%	3.82%	8.94%	
MSCI World (ex US)	0.94%	29.75%	25.00%	5.53%	8.00%	
MSCI World	0.49%	20.71%	16.37%	18.67%	12.51%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	1.42%	31.53%	28.53%	7.50%	4.57%	
S&P GSCI	1.94%	9.52%	13.26%	9.25%	16.33%	

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 12/5/25. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no quarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.	
Communication Services	0.81%	35.96%	37.15%	40.23%	16.87%	
Consumer Discretionary	0.88%	6.14%	5.09%	30.14%	9.51%	
Consumer Staples	-1.25%	4.25%	-0.60%	14.87%	7.41%	
Energy	1.44%	10.02%	2.68%	5.72%	22.70%	
Financials	0.70%	12.37%	8.18%	30.56%	15.25%	
Health Care	-2.72%	13.02%	7.61%	2.58%	8.19%	
Industrials	0.60%	18.63%	11.48%	17.47%	13.46%	
Information Technology	1.38%	26.08%	23.56%	36.61%	22.15%	
Materials	-1.37%	6.65%	-2.18%	-0.04%	6.34%	
Real Estate	-1.48%	3.88%	-2.52%	5.23%	5.66%	
Utilities	-4.48%	16.81%	10.46%	23.43%	10.18%	

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Bond Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.	
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.32%	6.13%	5.42%	2.42%	0.60%	
GNMA 30 Year	-0.30%	7.59%	5.78%	0.95%	0.19%	
U.S. Aggregate	-0.48%	6.94%	4.94%	1.25%	-0.31%	
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.12%	8.14%	7.34%	8.19%	4.64%	
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.47%	7.48%	5.05%	2.13%	0.05%	
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.38%	1.89%	-0.99%	1.40%	-0.16%	
Global Aggregate	-0.24%	7.62%	5.14%	-1.69%	-2.04%	

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Key Rates					
Fed Funds	3.75% - 4.00%	2-yr T-Note	3.56%		
CPI - Headline	3.00%	5-yr T-Note	3.71%		
CPI - Core	3.00%	10-yr T-Note	4.14%		
Money Market Accts.	0.44%	30-yr T-Bond	4.79%		
1-yr CD	1.93%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.27%		
3-yr CD	1.64%	Prime Rate	7.00%		
5-yr CD	1.69%	Bond Buyer 40	4.78%		

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 12/2/25. All other data as of 12/5/25. National average banking rates are displayed for the Money Market Accts., 1-yr CD, 3-yr CD and 5-yr CD.

Market Indicators				
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	92 bps			
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread				
Source: Bloomberg. As of 12/5/25.				
Weekly Fund Flows				

ICE BotA US High Yield Con	istrained Inde	x Spread		285 bps		
Source: Bloomberg. As of 12/5/25.						
Weekly Fund Flows						
Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Six-Day Period Ended 11/25/25						
	Current Week		Previo	Previous		
Domestic Equity	-\$3.052	Billion	\$1.914	Billion		
Foreign Equity	\$3.176	Billion	\$3.514	Billion		
Taxable Bond	\$7.535	Billion	\$11.325	Billion		
Municipal Bond	\$1.306	Billion	\$854	Million		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Eight-Day Period Ended 12/3/25						
	Current Week		Previous			
Retail	\$17.12	Billion	\$1.83	Billion		
Institutional	\$69.70	Billion	\$43.69	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of December 1st, 2025

Monday, December 1, 2025

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) announced that the U.S. commercial banks and savings institutions it insures reported aggregate net income of \$79.3 billion in Q3'25, an increase of 13.5% quarter-over-quarter. Net interest margin stood at 3.34% in Q3'25, above the pre-pandemic average of

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Adobe Analytics estimates that U.S. consumers spent a record \$11.8 billion shopping online on Black Friday 2025, an increase of 9.1% from last year's total, according to Reuters. An increasing share of Black Friday sales were influenced by Al agents in 2025, with Al-driven traffic to U.S. retail sites surging by 805% year-over-year.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

In November 2025, the dividend-payers (407) in the S&P 500 Index (equal weight) posted a total return of 2.30% vs. -0.64% for the non-payers (96), according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. For the 12-month period ended in November, payers were up 4.46% vs. a gain of 0.05% for the non-payers.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Adobe reported that U.S. consumers spent \$14.25 billion shopping online on Cyber Monday this year, representing an increase of 7.1% year-over-year, according to its own release. So-called "buy now, pay later" flexible payment plans accounted for a record \$1.03 billion in sales on Monday, an increase of 4.2% year-over-year.

Friday, December 5, 2025

GivingTuesday reported that a record \$4.0 billion was raised for charitable causes in the U.S. on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving 2025, up 13% from 2024's total, according to its own release. The surge in overall giving occurred alongside record levels of participation. GivingTuesday noted that 38.1 million people participated in some form of charitable giving during the day, an increase of 6% over last year.

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