

# **CAPITAL MARKETS REVIEW**

**April 2025** 

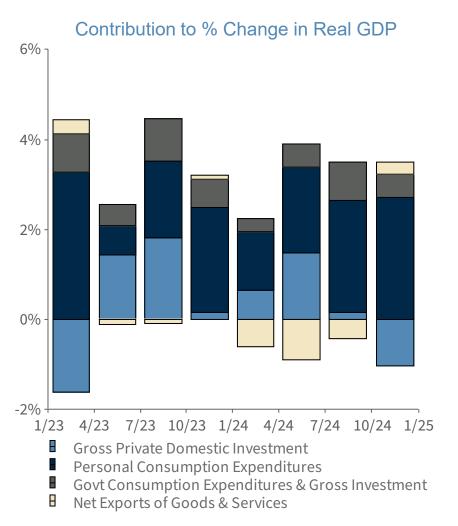
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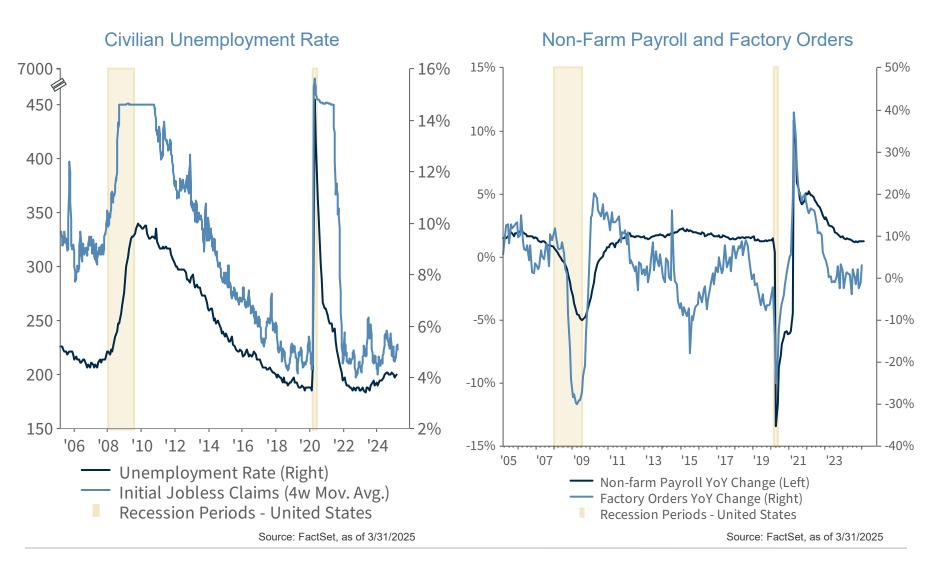
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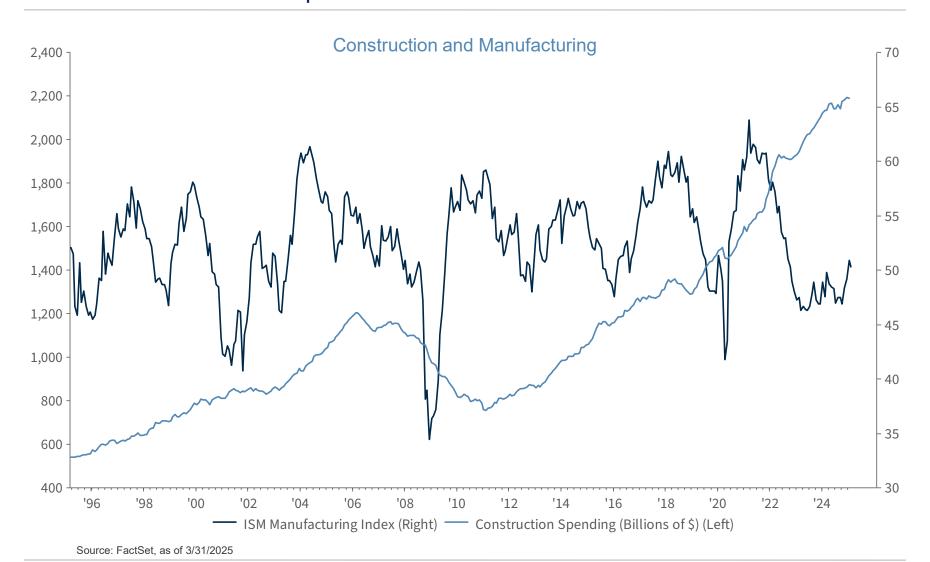
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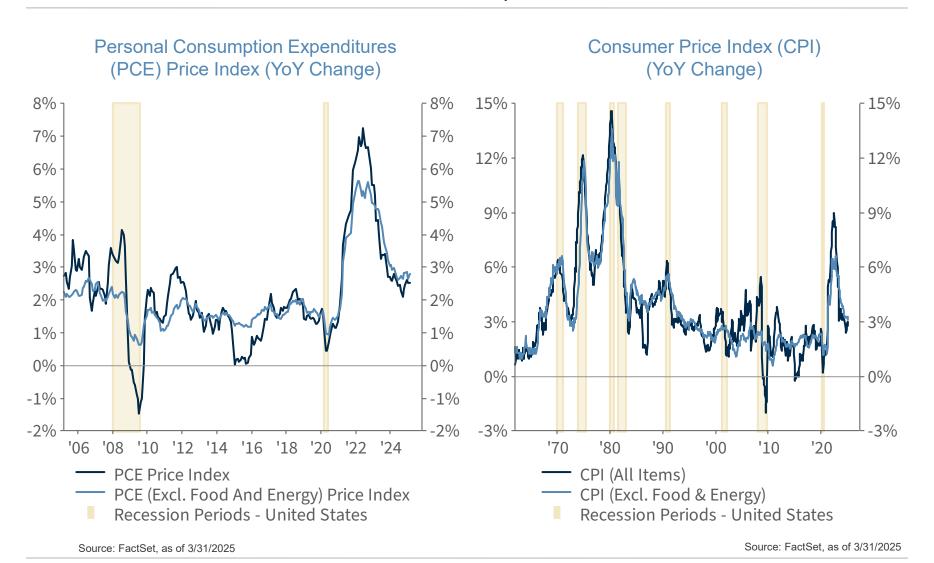
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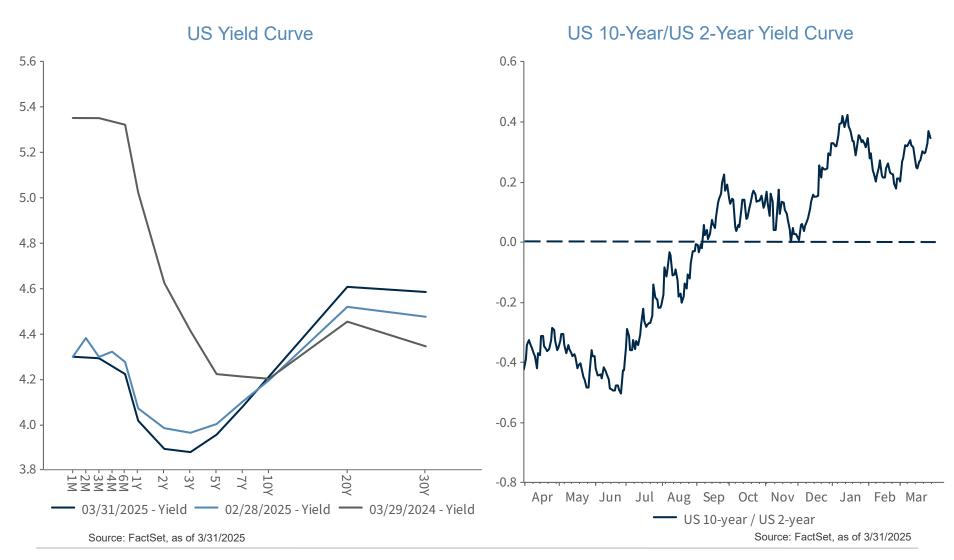
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#### **ECONOMIC REVIEW | CONSUMER CONFIDENCE**



#### **CAPITAL MARKETS | US TREASURIES**



## **CAPITAL MARKETS | BROAD ASSET CLASS RETURNS**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
US Equities	Real Estate	Non-US Equities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	US Equities	US Equities	Real Estate	Commodities	US Equities	US Equities	Commodities
1.4%	15.3%	24.8%	1.8%	31.5%	18.4%	38.6%	13.8%	26.0%	22.1%	7.7%
Fixed Income	US Equities	US Equities	Fixed Income	Non-US Equities	Blended Portfolio	US Equities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Non-US Equities	Blended Portfolio	Non-Us Equities
0.5%	12.0%	21.8%	0.0%	23.2%	12.5%	28.7%	1.5%	18.6%	11.3%	6.3%
Blended Portfolio	Commodities	Blended Portfolio	Blended Portfolio	Blended Portfolio	Non-US Equities	Commodities	Fixed Income	Blended Portfolio	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Fixed Income
0.5%	11.4%	15.0%	-4.0%	21.1%	8.1%	27.1%	-13.0%	16.7%	5.3%	2.8%
Cash & Cash Alternatives	Blended Portfolio	Fixed Income	US Equities	Real Estate	Fixed Income	Blended Portfolio	Non-US Equities	Real Estate	Non-Us Equities	Cash & Cash Alternatives
0.0%	6.9%	3.5%	-4.4%	19.5%	7.5%	14.3%	-13.8%	9.8%	5.3%	1.0%
Non-US Equities	Non-US Equities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Real Estate	Fixed Income	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Non-US Equities	Blended Portfolio	Fixed Income	Real Estate	Blended Portfolio
-2.6%	3.3%	0.8%	-7.6%	8.7%	0.5%	13.2%	-15.4%	5.5%	4.0%	-0.2%
Real Estate	Fixed Income	Commodities	Commodities	Commodities	Commodities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	US Equities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Fixed Income	Real Estate
-24.2%	2.6%	0.7%	-13.0%	5.4%	-3.5%	0.0%	-18.1%	5.1%	1.3%	-3.5%
Commodities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Real Estate	Non-US Equities	Cash & Cash Alternatives	Real Estate	Fixed Income	Real Estate	Commodities	Commodities	US Equities
-24.7%	0.3%	-0.2%	-13.6%	2.2%	-13.1%	-1.5%	-27.5%	-12.6%	0.1%	-5.0%

Blended Portfolio Allocation: 45% US Equity / 15% Non-US Equity / 40% Fixed Income As of: 3/31/2025

# **CAPITAL MARKETS | DOMESTIC EQUITY RETURNS**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Large Growth		Large Growth	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Growth	Large Value
5.5%	31.3%	27.4%	0.0%	31.9%	33.5%	32.0%	-5.2%	30.0%	36.1%	0.3%
	Small Blend	Large Blend		Large Blend	Mid Growth		Mid Value	Large Blend	Large Blend	Mid Value
2.8%	26.6%	21.8%	-4.1%	31.5%	22.8%	30.9%	-6.9%	26.3%	25.0%	-3.7%
Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth	Large Blend	Large Growth		Mid Value		Large Value	Mid Growth	Large Blend
2.0%	26.5%	19.9%	-4.4%	31.1%	19.6%	30.7%	-11.0%	22.2%	15.9%	-4.3%
Large Blend		Mid Blend	Small Blend	Mid Growth	Large Blend	Large Blend	Mid Blend	Mid Growth	Mid Blend	Mid Blend
1.4%	22.2%	16.2%	-8.5%	26.3%	18.4%	28.7%	-13.1%	17.5%	13.9%	-6.1%
Small Blend	Mid Blend	Large Value	Large Value	Mid Blend	Mid Blend	Small Blend	Small Blend		Large Value	
-2.0%	20.7%	15.4%	-9.0%	26.2%	13.7%	26.8%	-16.1%	17.1%	12.3%	-8.0%
Mid Blend	Large Value		Mid Growth	Mid Value	Small Blend	Large Value	Large Blend	Mid Blend	Mid Value	Mid Growth
-2.2%	17.4%	14.8%	-10.3%	26.1%	11.3%	24.9%	-18.1%	16.4%	11.7%	-8.4%
Large Value	Mid Growth	Small Blend	Mid Blend		Mid Value	Mid Blend	Mid Growth	Small Blend		Large Growth
-3.1%	14.8%	13.2%	-11.1%	24.5%	3.7%	24.8%	-19.0%	16.1%	9.6%	-8.5%
Mid Value	Large Blend	Mid Value	Mid Value	Small Blend				Mid Value	Small Blend	Small Blend
-6.7%	12.0%	12.3%	-11.9%	22.8%	2.5%	22.6%	-21.1%	15.4%	8.7%	-8.9%
Small Value	Large Growth	Small Value	Small Value	Small Growth	Large Value	Mid Growth	Large Growth	Small Value	Small Value	Small Value
-6.7%	6.9%	11.5%	-12.6%	21.1%	1.4%	18.9%	-29.4%	14.9%	7.6%	-9.9%

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# **CAPITAL MARKETS | FIXED INCOME RETURNS**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Municipal	High Yield					US TIPS		High Yield	High Yield	MBS
3.3%	17.1%					5.5%		13.4%	8.2%	3.1%
Agency	Long-Term Bond	Emerging Market Bond	Short-Term Bond	High Yield	Credit	High Yield	Agency	Long-Term Bond	Emerging Market Bond	Treasury
1.8%	10.2%	8.2%	1.4%	14.3%	9.4%	5.3%	1.0%	10.7%	6.6%	2.9%
MBS	Emerging Market Bond	Global Bond ex US	Municipal	Credit	Global Bond ex US	Municipal	US TIPS	Emerging Market Bond		US TIPS
1.5%	9.9%	8.0%	1.3%	13.8%	8.9%	1.5%	-1.8%	9.1%	5.3%	2.9%
Emerging Market Bond	Credit	High Yield		Emerging Market Bond			Short-Term Bond	Credit	US TIPS	Global Bond ex US
1.3%	5.6%	7.5%	1.1%	13.1%	8.0%	1.0%	-4.1%	8.2%	5.2%	2.9%
	Aggregate Bond	Credit	MBS	Aggregate Bond	Aggregate Bond		Municipal	Municipal	Short-Term Bond	Aggregate Bond
0.8%	2.6%	6.2%	1.0%	8.7%	7.5%	0.0%	-8.5%	6.4%	3.8%	2.8%
Aggregate Bond		Municipal		Municipal	High Yield	Short-Term Bond	High Yield	Aggregate Bond	Credit	
0.5%	2.6%	5.4%	0.9%	7.5%	7.1%	-0.6%	-11.2%	5.5%	2.0%	2.5%
Short-Term Bond	US TIPS	Aggregate Bond	US TIPS		Emerging Market Bond	MBS	MBS		Aggregate Bond	Credit
0.4%	2.5%	3.5%	0.7%	6.9%	6.5%	-1.0%	-11.8%	5.1%	1.3%	2.4%
	Global Bond ex US		Aggregate Bond	MBS	Municipal	Credit		MBS	MBS	Emerging Market Bond
0.0%	2.2%	2.9%	0.0%	6.4%	5.2%	-1.1%	-12.5%	5.0%	1.2%	2.3%
US TIPS	MBS	MBS	Global Bond ex US	US TIPS	MBS		Aggregate Bond	US TIPS	Municipal	Short-Term Bond
-0.4%	1.7%	2.5%	-0.3%	4.5%	3.9%	-1.2%	-13.0%	4.6%	1.1%	1.6%
Credit			High Yield	Global Bond ex US	US TIPS	Aggregate Bond	Credit			
-0.8%	1.0%	2.3%	-2.1%	4.5%	3.8%	-1.5%	-15.3%	4.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Global Bond ex	Short-Term		Credit	Short-Term	Short-Term	Emerging	Emerging	Short-Term	Treasury	
US	Bond			Bond	Bond	Market Bond	Market Bond	Bond		
-3.6%	0.6%	0.8%	-2.1%	3.3%	3.1%	-1.7%	-15.3% Global Bond ex	3.7% Global Bond ex	0.6%	1.0%
High Yield		US TIPS	Emerging Market Bond				US	US		High Yield
-4.5%	0.3%	0.4%	-2.5%	2.2%	1.0%	-2.3%	-21.6%	2.1%	-2.0%	1.0%
	Municipal	Short-Term Bond				Global Bond ex US		Agency	Global Bond ex US	Municipal
-4.6%	0.2%	0.3%	-6.8%	1.0%	0.5%	-9.5%	-25.3%	1.0%	-8.8%	-0.2%

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# **CAPITAL MARKETS | INTERNATIONAL EQUITY RETURNS**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Japan	EM Eastern Europe	EM Asia	EM Eastern Europe	EM Eastern Europe	EM Asia	US Large Cap	EM Latin America	EM Eastern Europe	US Large Cap	EM Eastern Europe
9.9%	38.8%	43.3%	-3.4%	31.0%	28.8%	28.7%	9.5%	48.7%	25.0%	28.3%
US Large Cap	EM Latin America	Emerging Markets	US Large Cap	US Large Cap	Emerging Markets	EM Eastern Europe	United Kingdom	EM Latin America	EM Asia	EM Latin America
1.4%	31.5%	37.8%	-4.4%	25.7%	18.7%	18.6%	-4.8%	33.5%	12.6%	12.8%
Europe ex UK	US Large Cap	Europe ex UK	EM Latin America	EM Latin America	US Large Cap	United Kingdom	Pacific ex Japan	US Large Cap	Japan	Europe ex UK
0.1%	12.0%	27.8%	-6.2%	10.5%	18.4%	18.5%	-5.9%	26.3%	8.7%	10.9%
Developed Markets	Emerging Markets	Pacific ex Japan	Pacific ex Japan	Europe ex UK	Japan	Europe ex UK	Developed Markets	Europe ex UK	Emerging Markets	United Kingdom
-0.4%	11.6%	26.0%	-10.2%	7.7%	14.9%	16.5%	-14.0%	22.7%	8.1%	9.7%
EM Eastern Europe	Pacific ex Japan	Developed Markets	Japan	Pacific ex Japan	Europe ex UK	Developed Markets	Japan	Japan	United Kingdom	Developed Markets
-4.0%	8.0%	25.6%	-12.6%	6.4%	11.6%	11.8%	-16.3%	20.8%	7.5%	7.0%
United Kingdom	EM Asia	Japan	Developed Markets	Developed Markets	Developed Markets	Pacific ex Japan		Developed Markets	Pacific ex Japan	Emerging Markets
-7.5%	6.5%	24.4%	-13.4%	6.3%	8.3%	4.8%		18.9%	4.7%	3.0%
Pacific ex Japan	Japan	EM Latin America	United Kingdom	Japan	Pacific ex Japan	Japan	US Large Cap	United Kingdom	Developed Markets	EM Asia
-8.4%	2.7%	24.2%	-14.1%	5.0%	6.6%	2.0%	-18.1%	14.1%	4.3%	1.4%
EM Asia	Developed Markets	United Kingdom	Emerging Markets	United Kingdom	United Kingdom	Emerging Markets	Emerging Markets	Emerging Markets	Europe ex UK	Japan
-9.5%	1.5%	22.4%	-14.2%	4.1%	-10.4%	-2.2%	-19.7%	10.3%		0.5%
Emerging Markets	Europe ex UK	US Large Cap	Europe ex UK	Emerging Markets	EM Eastern Europe	EM Asia	EM Asia	EM Asia	EM Eastern Europe	Pacific ex Japan
-14.6%	0.3%	21.8%	-14.4%	2.0%	-11.3%	-4.8%	-20.8%	8.2%	-0.9%	0.4%
EM Latin America	United Kingdom	EM Eastern Europe	EM Asia	EM Asia	EM Latin America	EM Latin America	EM Eastern Europe	Pacific ex Japan	EM Latin America	US Large Cap
-30.8%	0.0%	18.1%	-15.2%	1.5%	-13.5%	-7.7%	-82.1%	6.5%	-26.0%	-4.3%

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# **CAPITAL MARKETS | S&P EQUITY SECTOR RETURNS**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Consumer Discretionary	Energy	Information Technology	Health Care	Information Technology	Information Technology	Energy	Energy	Information Technology	Comm Services	Energy
10.1%	27.4%	38.8%	6.5%	50.3%	43.9%	54.6%	65.7%	57.8%	40.2%	10.2%
Health Care	Comm Services	Materials	Utilities	Comm Services	Consumer Discretionary	Real Estate	Utilities	Comm Services	Information Technology	Health Care
6.9%	23.5%	23.8%	4.1%	32.7%	33.3%	46.2%	1.6%	55.8%	36.6%	6.5%
Consumer Staples	Financials	Consumer Discretionary	Consumer Discretionary	Financials	Comm Services	Financials	Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Financials	Consumer Staples
6.6%	22.8%	23.0%	0.8%	32.1%	23.6%	35.0%	-0.6%	42.4%	30.6%	5.2%
Information Technology	Industrials	Financials	Information Technology	S&P 500		Information Technology	Health Care	S&P 500	Consumer Discretionary	
5.9%	18.9%	22.2%	-0.3%	31.5%	20.7%	34.5%	-2.0%	26.3%	30.1%	4.9%
Real Estate		Health Care	Real Estate	Industrials	S&P 500	S&P 500	Industrials	Industrials	S&P 500	Financials
4.7%	16.7%	22.1%	-2.2%	29.4%	18.4%	28.7%	-5.5%	18.1%	25.0%	3.5%
Comm Services		S&P 500	S&P 500	Real Estate	Health Care		Financials			Real Estate
3.4%	16.3%	21.8%	-4.4%	29.0%	13.4%	27.3%	-10.5%	12.5%	23.4%	3.5%
S&P 500	Information Technology	Industrials	Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Industrials	Health Care		Real Estate	Industrials	
1.4%	13.8%	21.0%	-8.4%	27.9%	11.1%	26.1%	-12.3%	12.3%	17.5%	2.8%
Financials	S&P 500	Consumer Staples	Comm Services	Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	S&P 500	Financials	Consumer Staples	Industrials
-1.5%	12.0%	13.5%	-12.5%	27.6%	10.7%	24.4%	-18.1%	12.1%	14.9%	-0.2%
Industrials	Consumer Discretionary		Financials			Comm Services	Real Estate	Health Care	Energy	S&P 500
-2.5%	6.0%	12.1%	-13.0%	26.3%	0.5%	21.6%	-26.1%	2.1%	5.7%	-4.3%
	Consumer Staples	Real Estate	Industrials		Financials	Industrials	Information Technology	Consumer Staples	Real Estate	Comm Services
-4.8%	5.4%	10.8%	-13.3%	24.6%	-1.7%	21.1%	-28.2%	0.5%	5.0%	-6.2%
	Real Estate	Energy		Health Care	Real Estate	Consumer Staples	Consumer Discretionary	Energy	Health Care	Information Technology
-8.4%	3.4%	-1.0%	-14.7%	20.8%	-2.2%	18.6%	-37.0%	-1.3%	2.6%	-12.7%
Energy	Health Care	Comm Services	Energy	Energy	Energy		Comm Services			Consumer Discretionary
-21.1%	-2.7%	-1.3%	-18.1%	11.8%	-33.7%	17.7%	-39.9%	-7.1%	0.0%	-13.8%

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T12

# **CAPITAL MARKETS | 2024 AND Q4 RETURNS**

S&P 500 Sectors

Broad Asset Class Total Returns				
T12	Q1			
Commodities	Commodities			
6.9%	7.7%			
Non-Us	Non-Us			
Equities	Equities			
6.0%	6.3%			
US Equities	Fixed Income			
5.8%	2.8%			
Blended	Cash & Cash			
Portfolio	Alternatives			
5.5%	1.0%			
Cash & Cash	Blended			
Alternatives	Portfolio			
5.0%	-0.2%			
Fixed Income	Real Estate			
4.9%	-3.5%			
Real Estate	US Equities			
0.5%	-5.0%			

Iotal Returns					
T12	Q1				
Large Growth	Large Value				
10.5%	0.3%				
Large Blend	Mid Value				
8.3%	-3.7%				
Large Value	Large Blend				
4.2%	-4.3%				
Mid Value	Mid Blend				
3.3%	-6.1%				
Mid Blend	Small Growth				
-2.7%	-8.0%				
Small Value	Mid Growth				
-3.2%	-8.4%				
Small Blend	Large Growth				
-3.4%	-8.5%				
Small Growth	Small Blend				
-3.7%	-8.9%				
Mid Growth	Small Value				
-8.1%	-9.9%				

**Domestic Equity** 

Total Returns

Total R	Total Returns						
T12	Q1						
	Energy						
23.9%	10.2%						
Financials	Health Care						
20.2%	6.5%						
Comm Services	Consumer Staples						
13.6%	5.2%						
Consumer Staples							
12.4%	4.9%						
Real Estate	Financials						
10.0%	3.5%						
S&P 500	Real Estate						
8.3%	3.5%						
Consumer Discretionary							
6.9%	2.8%						
Information Technology	Industrials						
5.9%	-0.2%						
Industrials	S&P 500						
5.6%	-4.3%						
Energy	Comm Services						
2.5%	-6.2%						
Health Care	Information						
0.4%	Technology -12.7%						
Materials	Consumer						
	Discretionary -13.8%						
-5.1%	-13.8%						

T12	Q1
EM Eastern	EM Eastern
Europe	Europe
24.9%	28.3%
United	EM Latin
Kingdom	America
14.4%	12.8%
EM Asia	Europe ex UK
10.8%	10.9%
Emerging	United
Markets	Kingdom
8.9%	9.7%
US Large Cap	Developed
US Large Cap	Markets
8.3%	7.0%
Pacific ex	Emerging
Japan	Markets
6.9%	3.0%
	EM Asia
	1.4%
Developed Markets	Japan
5.5%	0.5%
	Pacific ex
Japan	Japan
-1.3%	0.4%
EM Latin America	US Large Cap
-13.2%	-4.3%

International Equity

**Total Returns** 

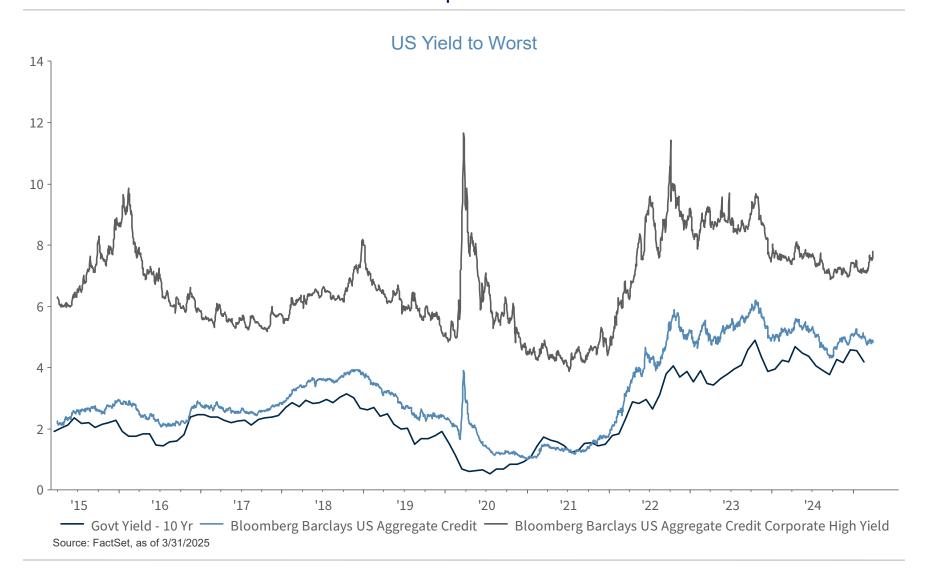
#### Fixed Income Total Returns

**Q1** 

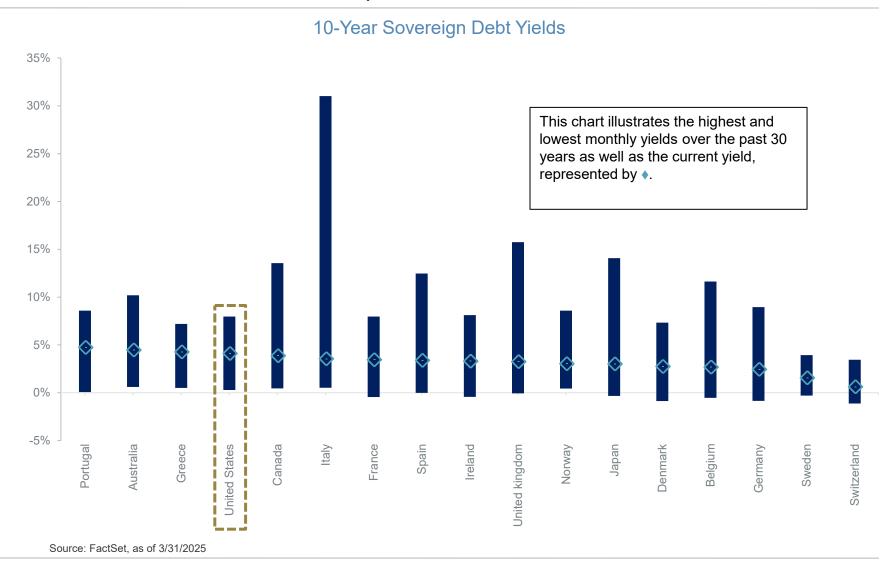
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High Yield	MBS
7.7%	3.1%
Emerging	Treasury
Market Bond	
7.4%	2.9%
US TIPS	US TIPS
7.2%	2.9%
MBS	Global Bond ex US
5.4%	2.9%
Short-Term	Aggregate
Bond	Bond
5.2%	2.8%
5.0%	2.5%
Aggregate Bond	Credit
4.9%	2.4%
C 124	Emerging
Credit	Market Bond
4.9%	2.3%
	Short-Term
	Bond
4.5%	1.6%
2.1%	1.0%
Municipal	
1.2%	1.0%
Agency	High Yield
	1.0%
Global Bond ex	Municipal
US	
-1.4%	-0.2%

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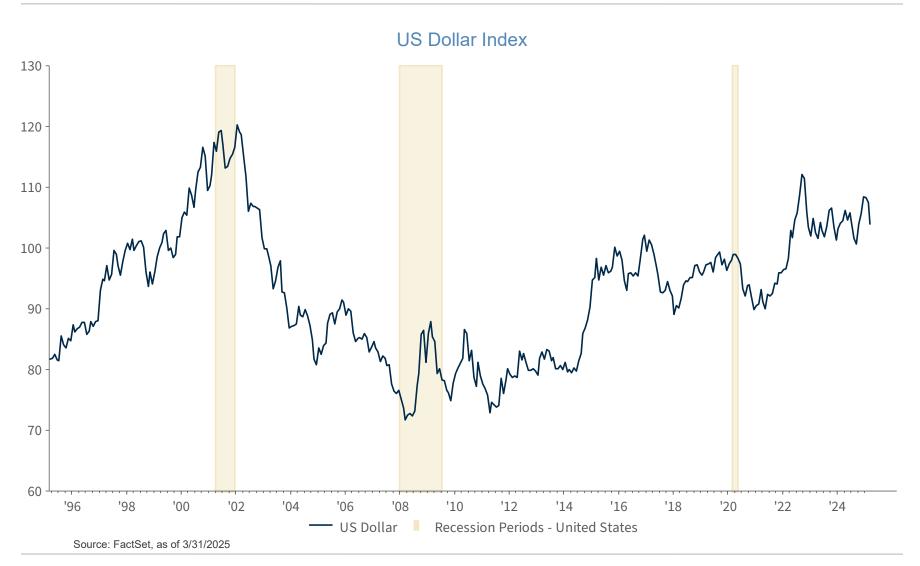
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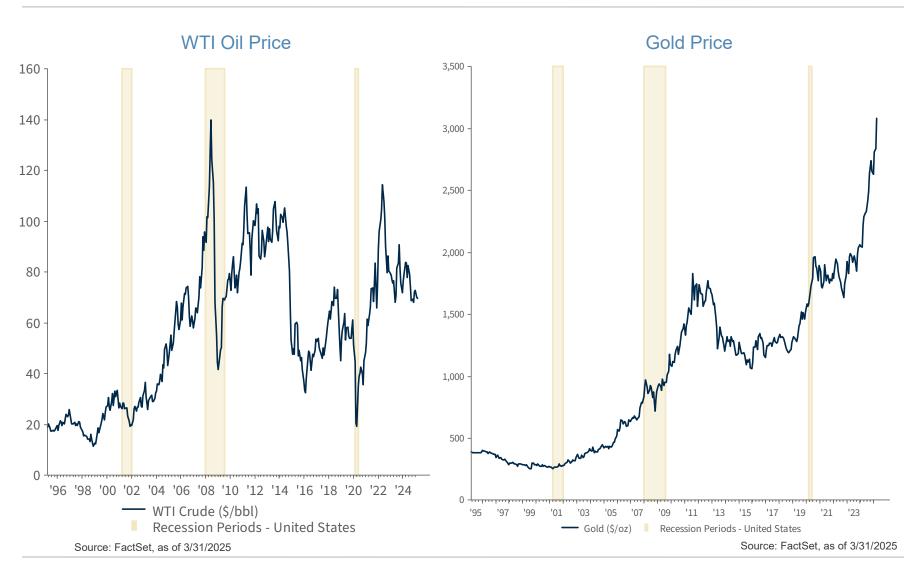
#### **CAPITAL MARKETS | GLOBAL SOVEREIGN DEBT YIELDS**



### **CAPITAL MARKETS | FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES**

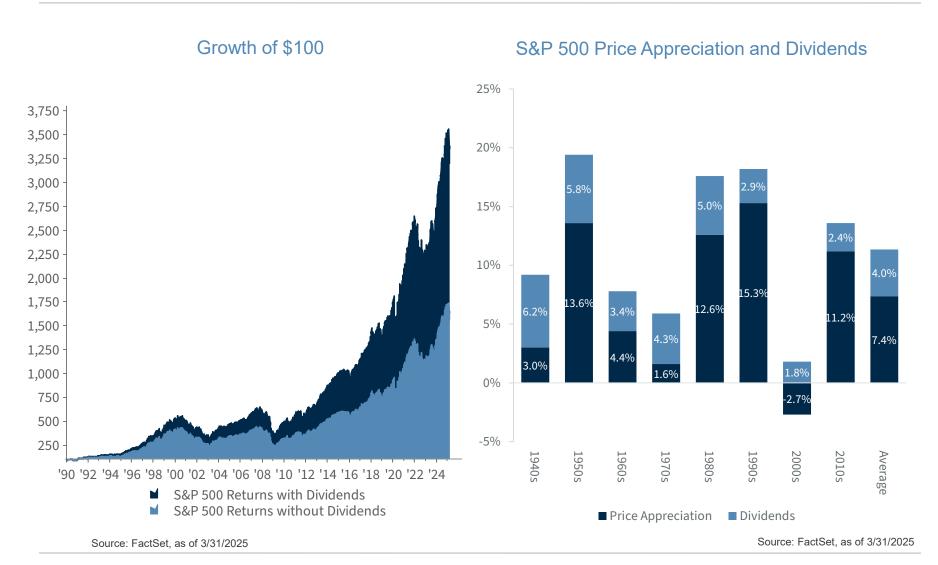


# **CAPITAL MARKETS | COMMODITY PRICES**



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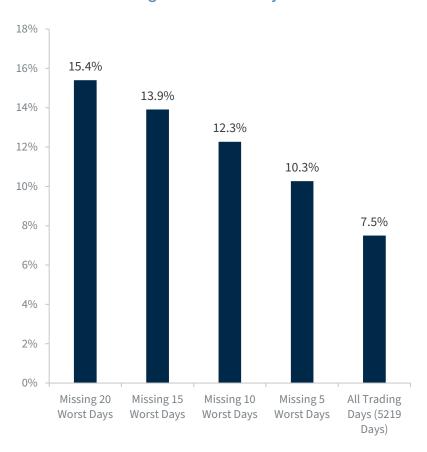
## **CAPITAL MARKETS | PRICE AND TOTAL RETURN**



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# **ASSET ALLOCATION | MISSING BEST AND WORST DAYS**

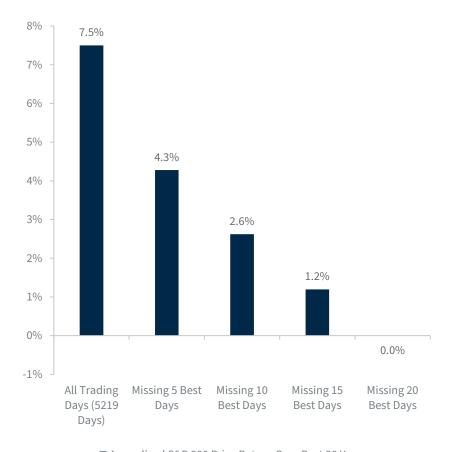
#### Missing the Worst Days



■ Annualized S&P 500 Price Return Over Past 20 Years

Source: FactSet, as of 3/31/2025

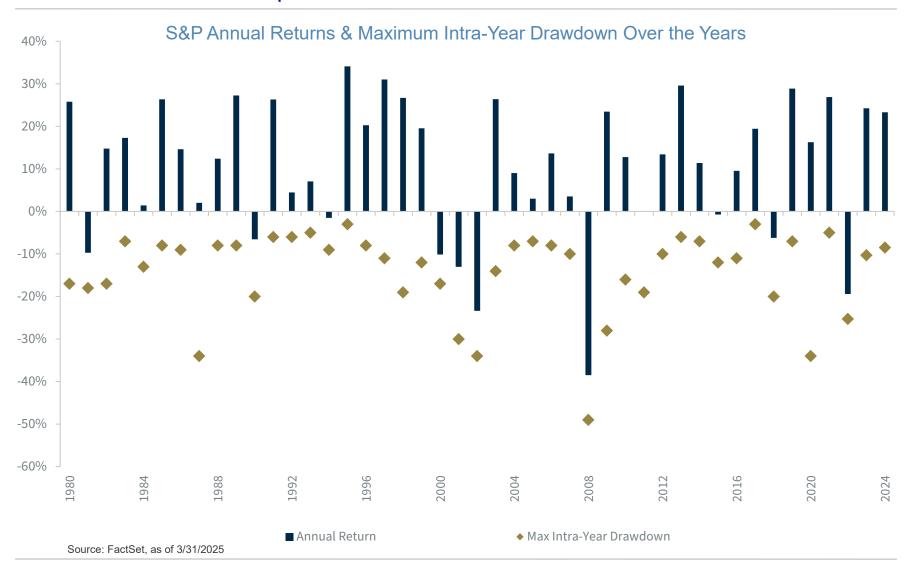
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#### **ASSET ALLOCATION | S&P 500 MAXIMUM INTRA-YEAR DRAWDOWNS & RETURNS**

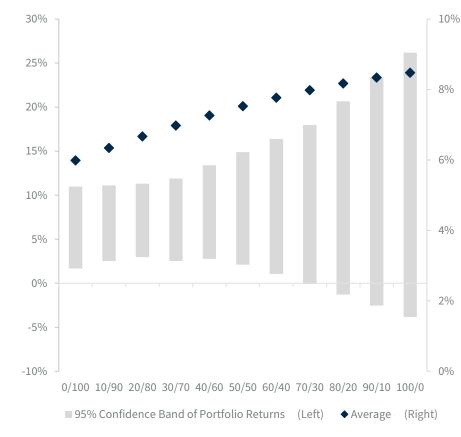


#### **ASSET ALLOCATION | PORTFOLIO BUCKET RETURNS**

#### 1-Year Return by Portfolio Bucket



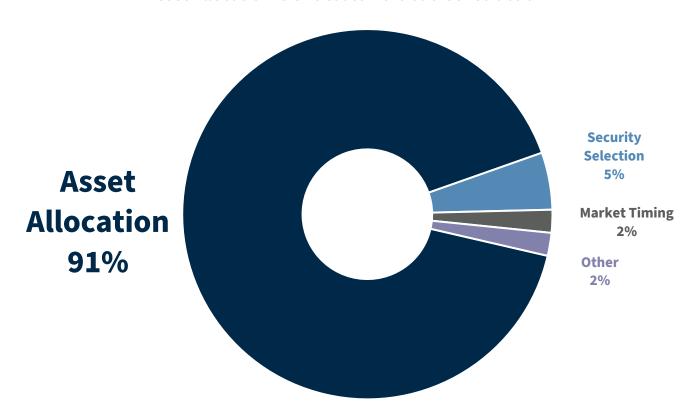
#### 5-Year Annualized Return by Portfolio Bucket



Source: FactSet, as of 3/31/2025 Source: FactSet, as of 3/31/2025

#### **ASSET ALLOCATION | DETERMINANTS OF PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

#### Asset Allocation is Critical to Portfolio Construction



Source: Determinants of Portfolio Performance, Gary P. Brinson, L. Randolph Hood and Gilbert L. Beebower, Financial Analysts Journal, Vol. 42, No. 4 (Jul. - Aug., 1986), pp. 39-44

### **QUARTERLY TOPICS** | THE 5 KEY THEMES TO WATCH IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

"The cadence of executive actions at this stage in the administration is unprecedented, with Trump signing executive orders and memos to direct activities across key issues including the border, trade, deregulation, energy, technology, and federal funding."

-Ed Mills, Washington Policy Analyst, Equity Research, Raymond James

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Among the key themes we are watching are President Trump's use of executive power, the playbook used in advancing his priorities, the upcoming fiscal fights in Congress, changes to the regulatory environment, and how market moves influence Trump's decision making and action.
- We see a debate coming over 'the power of the purse.' This could be the signature debate of 2025, likely decided by the Supreme Court.
- President Trump frequently makes bold policy announcements that reset the political goal posts and expectations for policy outcomes. These bold announcements are often walked back resulting in the final outcome being less than initially proposed (but also more than originally expected).

Source: Investment Strategy Quarterly April 2025

Capital Markets Review | Quarterly April 2025

#### **QUARTERLY TOPICS | TARIFFS, DEPORTATIONS, AND DEREGULATION**

President Trump's proposed tariffs will have an impact on growth and inflation. The timing and magnitude of what is implemented will be critical to follow to determine the ultimate impact. As a rule of thumb, every 1% rise in the effective tariff rate, will shave 0.1% off growth."

> -Eugenio J. Alemán, Ph.D., Chief Economist, Raymond James -Giampiero Fuentes, CFP®, Economist, Raymond James

#### **Deportation Financial Barriers**

Cost of

\$1,479

Cost to Cost to arrest: detain: \$6,736 \$12,023

Cost of legal removal: process:

\$1,719

Total cost for one undocumented immigrant:

Average cost over ten years if 10 million immigrants (out of the estimated 11-13 million) are deported:

# ~\$200 billion



Currently, the US only has enough detention space for fewer than 50,000 immigrants.

Cost to build 216 new facilities:

\$66B/year

Maintenance cost for one facility: \$47M/year

10-year cost: ~\$1 trillion

Sources: American Immigration Council and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Source: Investment Strategy Quarterly April 2025

#### **QUARTERLY TOPICS** | IS THE GOLDEN RULE OVERRATED? A CASE FOR INDUSTRIAL METALS

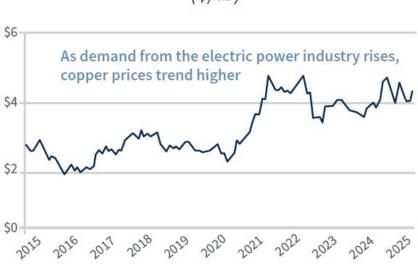
"Half of the world's copper is used to manufacture electrical wire and cable conductors: as a rule of thumb, one metric ton of copper supports the electric grid for thirty homes."

-Pavel Molchanov, Investment Strategy Analyst, Investment Strategy

# Chinese Steel Rebar Futures (CNY/Metric Ton)



# Copper Futures (\$/lb)

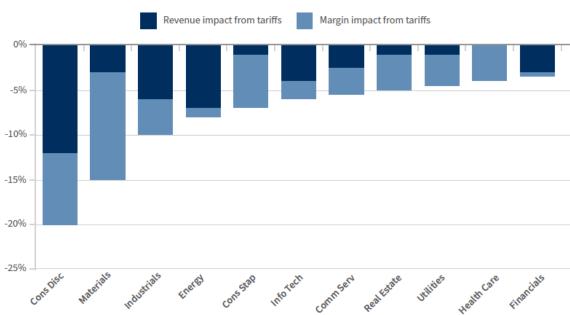


#### **QUARTERLY TOPICS | Q&A: TECH, TARIFFS, AND TRADES**

"While volatility will likely remain elevated into 2025 due to increased policy uncertainty, healthy earnings growth should allow the market to move higher to our revised year-end target of 5,800."

-Matt Barry, CFA, Senior Investment Strategist, Investment Strategy
 -Mike Payne, Investment Strategy Analyst, Investment Strategy

#### Aggregate Impact to 2025 EPS Estimates



Source: FactSet, as of 4/7/2025

Source: Investment Strategy Quarterly April 2025

ASSET CLASS	BENCHMARK	ASSET CLASS	BENCHMARK
Cash & Cash Alternatives	Bloomberg US Treasury - Bills (1-3 M)	Small Blend	S&P Small Cap 600
Fixed Income	Bloomberg US Aggregate	Small Growth	S&P Small Cap 600 Growth
US Equities	Russell 3000	US Large Cap	S&P 500
World Equities	MSCI World ex USA	EM Eastern Europe	MSCI EM Eastern Europe
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity Index	Europe ex UK	MSCI Europe ex UK
Real Estate	FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global	Developed Markets	MSCI EAFE
Materials	S&P 500 (TR) / Materials - SEC	United Kingdom	MSCI United Kingdom
Industrials	S&P 500 (TR) / Industrials - SEC	Japan	MSCI Japan
Comm Services	S&P 500 (TR) / Communication Services -SEC	EM Latin America	MSCI EM Latin America
Utilities	S&P 500 (TR) / Utilities - SEC	Emerging Markets	MSCI EM (Emerging Markets)
Consumer Discretionary	S&P 500 (TR) / Consumer Discretionary - SEC	EM Asia	MSCI EM Asia
Consumer Staples	S&P 500 (TR) / Consumer Staples - SEC	Pacific ex Japan	MSCI Pacific ex JP
Health Care	S&P 500 (TR) / Health Care - SEC	Long-Term Bond	Bloomberg US Aggregate Credit - Long
Information Technology	S&P 500 (TR) / Information Technology - SEC	High Yield	Bloomberg US High Yield - Corporate
Energy	S&P 500 (TR) / Energy - SEC	Aggregate Bond	Bloomberg US Aggregate
Financials	S&P 500 (TR) / Financials - SEC	Credit	Bloomberg US Aggregate Credit
Real Estate	S&P 500 (TR) / Real Estate - IG	Emerging Market Bond	Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate
S&P 500	S&P 500 (TR)	Treasury	Bloomberg US Aggregate Government - Treasury
Large Value	S&P 500 Value	Municipal	Bloomberg Municipal Bond
Large Blend	S&P 500	Agency	Bloomberg US Agency CMBS
Large Growth	S&P 500 Growth	MBS	Bloomberg MBS 1000
Mid Value	S&P Mid Cap 400 Value	Global Bond ex US	Bloomberg Global G6 (G7 x US)
Mid Blend	S&P Mid Cap 400	US TIPS	Bloomberg US TIPS (1-3 Y)
Mid Growth	S&P Mid Cap 400 Growth	Short-Term Bond	Bloomberg US Treasury Bellwethers (2 Y)
Small Value	S&P Small Cap 600 Value	T-Bill	Bloomberg US Treasury - Bills (1-3 M)



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SMALL CAPS I Investing in small cap stocks generally involves greater risks, and therefore, may not be appropriate for every investor.

OIL | Investing in oil involves special risks, including the potential adverse effects of state and federal regulation and may not be suitable for all investors.

CURRENCIES | Currencies investing are generally considered speculative because of the significant potential for investment loss. Their markets are likely to be volatile and there may be sharp price fluctuations even during periods when prices overall are rising.

GOLD | Gold is subject to the special risks associated with investing in precious metals, including but not limited to: price may be subject to wide fluctuation; the market is relatively limited; the sources are concentrated in countries that have the potential for instability; and the market is unregulated.

FIXED INCOME | Fixed-income securities (or "bonds") are exposed to various risks including but not limited to credit (risk of default of principal and interest payments), market and liquidity, interest rate, reinvestment, legislative (changes to the tax code), and call risks. There is an inverse relationship between interest rate movements and fixed income prices. Generally, when interest rates rise, fixed income prices fall and when interest rates fall, fixed income prices generally rise.

MUNICIPAL BONDS | Municipal securities typically provide a lower yield than comparably rated taxable investments in consideration of their tax-advantaged status. Investments in municipal securities may not be appropriate for all investors, particularly those who do not stand to benefit from the tax status of the investment. Municipal bond interest is not subject to federal income tax but may be subject to AMT, state or local taxes.

US TREASURIES | US Treasury securities are guaranteed by the US government and, if held to maturity, generally offer a fixed rate of return and guaranteed principal value.

#### DOMESTIC EQUITY DEFINITION

US EQUITIES | The Russell 3000 Index: The index is a capitalization-weighted stock market index that seeks to be a benchmark of the entire U.S. stock market.

S&P 500 | The S&P 500 Total Return Index: The index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities.

LARGE GROWTH | S&P 500 Growth Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the S&P 500 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation.

LARGE VALUE | S&P 500 Value Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the S&P 500 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

SMALL GROWTH | S&P Small Cap 600 Growth Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the S&P 600 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation.

SMALL BLEND | Russell 2000 Total Return Index: This index covers 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which ranks the 3000 largest US companies by market capitalization. The Russell 2000 represents approximately 10% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

SMALL VALUE | S&P Small Cap 600 Value Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the S&P 600 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

MID VALUE | **S&P 400 Value Total Return Index:** This index represents a segment of the S&P 400 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

MID GROWTH | S&P 400 Growth Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the S&P 400 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation.

MID BLEND | S&P Small Cap 400 Total Return Index: The index measures the investment return of mid-capitalization stocks in the United States.

COMMODITIES | **Bloomberg Commodity Index:** The index is a broadly diversified commodity price index distributed by Bloomberg Index Services Limited. The index tracks prices of futures contracts on physical commodities on the commodity markets and is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector.

REAL ESTATE | The FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index is designed to measure the stock performance of companies engaged in specific real estate activities of global real estate markets.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX | The price of a weighted average market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX | A survey, administered by The Conference Board, that measures how optimistic or pessimistic consumers are regarding their expected financial situation.

S&P/CASE-SHILLER U.S. NATIONAL HOME PRICE INDEX | Measures the change in the value of the U.S. residential housing market by tracking the purchase prices of single-family homes.

ISM MANUFACTURING | The ISM Manufacturing Index indicates the level of demand for products by measuring the amount of ordering activity at the nation's factories.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN | Magnificent Seven refers to seven of the current largest and least volatile technology companies listed on the NASDAQ – Microsoft, Apple, Google, Meta, Amazon, NVIDIA, and Tesla. The foregoing is not a recommendation to buy or sell these stocks.

#### FIXED INCOME DEFINITION

AGGREGATE BOND | **Bloomberg US Agg Bond Total Return Index:** The index is a measure of the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of roughly 6,000 SEC-registered securities with intermediate maturities averaging approximately 10 years. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors.

MUNICIPAL | **Bloomberg Municipal Total Return Index:** The index is a measure of the long-term tax-exempt bond market with securities of investment grade (rated at least Baa by Moody's Investors Service and BBB by Standard and Poor's). This index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and prerefunded bonds.

#### INTERNATIONAL EQUITY DEFINITION

EMERGING MARKETS EASTERN EUROPE | MSCI EM Eastern Europe Net Return Index: The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across four Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Eastern Europe. With 50 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS CAPITAL AGGREGATE BOND TOTAL RETURN INDEX | This index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. The index is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector. It currently has 22 commodity futures in seven sectors. No one commodity can compose less than 2% or more than 15% of the index, and no sector can represent more than 33% of the index (as of the annual weightings of the components).

EMERGING MARKETS ASIA | MSCI EM Asia Net Return Index: The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across eight Emerging Markets countries. With 554 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS LATIN AMERICA | MSCI EM Latin America Net Return Index: The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across five Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Latin America. With 116 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS | MSCI Emerging Markets Net Return Index: This index consists of 23 countries representing 10% of world market capitalization. The index is available for a number of regions, market segments/sizes and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each of the 23 countries.

PACIFIC EX-JAPAN | MSCI Pacific Ex Japan Net Return Index: The index captures large- and mid-cap representation across four of 5 Developed Markets (DM) countries in the Pacific region (excluding Japan). With 150 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

JAPAN | MSCI Japan Net Return Index: The index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. With 319 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan.

FOREIGN DEVELOPED MARKETS | MSCI EAFE Net Return Index: This index is designed to represent the performance of large and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets, including countries in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The index is available for a number of regions, market segments/sizes and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each of the 21 countries.

EUROPE EX UK | MSCI Europe Ex UK Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 14 Developed Markets (DM) countries in Europe. With 337 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization across European Developed Markets excluding the UK.

MSCI EAFE | The MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the United States & Canada. The EAFE consists of the country indices of 22 developed nations.

WORLD EQUITIES | The MSCI World ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries\*-- excluding the United States. With 1,003 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

PCE PRICE INDEX | A measure of the prices that people living in the United States, or those buying on their behalf, pay for goods and services. The PCE price index is known for capturing inflation (or deflation) across a wide range of consumer expenses and reflecting changes in consumer behavior

#### COMMODITY DEFINITIONS

US DOLLAR INDEX | The US dollar index (USDX) is a measure of the value of the US dollar relative to the value of a basket of currencies of the majority of the US's most significant trading partners. This index is similar to other trade-weighted indexes, which also use the exchange rates from the same major currencies.

DATA SOURCE: FactSet



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