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POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM WASHINGTON ON THE HORIZON

INTERPRETING THE NEW COMMISSIONER'S (TRUMP ADMINISTRATION) IMPACT ON OUR VIEWS

The Most Aggressive Tariff Rate in Over 100 Years



Source: Bloomberg, data as of 4/4/2025.

SOFTENING, NOT COLLAPSING GROWTH EXPECTED

DETERMINING THE 'SPEED' AND 'STRENGTH' OF THE ECONOMY

Key Takeaways From Tariffs Thus Far



10% the Floor on Tariffs

VATs and non-trade barriers difficult to determine and reduce



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Trump Tone Worse Than Expected

Trump classified it as "National Security Risk," retaliation remains a key risk

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22.5% Tariff Level Not the Ceiling

Retaliation unknown, sectoral tariffs (semis, drugs, minerals) not yet included

China Amongst Biggest Losers

China (due to stacking and de minimus), Europe, and Vietnam are all biggest losers

Canada/Mexico Biggest Winners

No tariffs on all USMCA compliant goods, room for 25% tariffs on other goods to come down

Announced Tariff Rate

Trade Deficit with Respective Country

Announced Tariff Rates are Not Consistent With Reality

Total Amount of Imports From that Country

Source: Bloomberg, data as of 4/4/2025.

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Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)

Debt Ceiling/ Government Spending

Global Growth Changes



DOGE will continue to drive headlines, but in aggregate, we expect it to only have a limited impact on the overall deficit. Instead, it will likely cause more regional impacts to areas like Washington DC, Virginia and Maryland.



If the debt limit isn't raised by the 'X' date, the government will run out of borrowing and could theoretically default on its debt. The CBO estimates that this will occur in August or September, depending on tax receipts.

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Increased fiscal stimulus in both China and Europe (specifically increased defense spending) was supportive; however, global countries will likely be harder hit by tariffs as they are more reliant on global trade.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS FROM WASHINGTON ON THE HORIZON

Tax Extensions

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Deregulation



It is estimated that the Biden administration added \$1.5 trillion in new regulations (~6% of GDP), far outpacing the \$27 billion added during the first Trump administration. Further deregulation will support the economy. The 2017 tax cuts are set to expire at the end of the year. While it is our base case that they are extended, if any additional taxes are added it would provide a boost to consumer and corporate spending.

Potential Tailwinds from Tax Changes



Eliminate Tax on Tips

Would be supportive of consumer spending – particularly lower income

SALT Expansion

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Would help boost spending amongst upper income cohorts

Source: FactSet, data as of 4/4/2025.

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TARIFF IMPACT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFLATION

IMPACT FROM TARIFFS ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFLATION FORECASTS

	RULE OF THUMB	BEGINNING OF YEAR	UPDATED FORECAST
E C O N O M I C G R O W T H	For each ~1% increase in the effective tariff rate, we could see a reduction in GDP of 0.1 percentage points.	+2.4%	+1.0%
ΙΝΓΙΑΤΙΟΝ	For each 1% increase in the effective tariff rate, we could see an increase in core PCE of 0.1 percentage points.	+2.4%	3.5%

Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025.

SOFTENING, NOT COLLAPSING GROWTH EXPECTED

REASONS THE US ECONOMY CAN AVOID A RECESSION

Economy Was on Solid Footing Heading into Tariff Turbulence

Withholding Taxes

Jobless Claims

ISM New Orders/Backlogs

Motor Vehicle Sales

Real-Time Indicators

Source: Bloomberg, data as of 4/4/2025.

Other Intangible Factors

Legacies

Midterm Elections Upcoming

250th Anniversary of the United States Celebration

Building Factors of Consumer Support

Falling Gasoline Prices

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tariff related impacts

Oil prices near \$60/bbl will help to offset

Labor Market Remains Healthy

Should support consumer spending going forward

Interest-Rate Sensitive Areas

Housing and other interest rate-sensitive areas to get a boost

Temporary Factors Subside

4 Warmer weather and easing of flu season supportive of spending

IS THE US ECONOMY HEADED FOR A RECESSION?

THE FED CAN PROVIDE A BACKDROP OF SUPPORT



KEY RISKS TO OUR FORECASTS

WHY THE ECONOMY COULD GO INTO RECESSION



And Now.... Turning to the First Pick in the Investment Strategy Draft

AND WITH THE FIRST PICK UP THE 2025 DRAFT, WE SELECT EQUITIES

US EQUITIES POSSESS THE BEST LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR BUILDING WEALTH



But You Have to Withstand the Interim Bumps

FUNDAMENTAL IMPACT FROM TARIFFS ON EARNINGS



POTENTIAL MARKET SCENARIOS

TARIFFS WILL LIKELY HAVE A HEIGHTENED IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY AND EQUITY MARKET COMPARED TO PREVIOUS EXPECTATIONS

Forecasts at Start of Year

Updated Forecasts

BULL ~7,000 (30% probability) \$280 EPS **Economic** Reacceleration **Margin Expansion** Above Expectations **Sentiment Keeps Multiple Elevated** Favorable **Regulatory/Tax** Landscape

BASE ~6,375 (50% probability) *270 EPS **Economic** Soft Landing 2 Fed **Rate Cuts** Slight **Margin Expansion Disinflation** Continues



Inflation Reaccelerates Growth Weakens Hawkish Policy Response Tariffs Weigh on Margins Weakening Credit Markets Strengthening Dollar

Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025.

BULL ~6,375 (20% probability) \$270 EPS

BASE ~5,800 (50% probability) \$255 EPS



Successful **Tariff Negotiations** Favorable **Regulatory/Tax** Landscape **Fundamentals** Remain Intact **Disinflation** Continues

Positive Economic Growth 3 Fed Rate Cuts Margins Compress Slightly Disinflation Continues

Elevated Tariffs Remain in Place Significant **Margin Erosion Confidence** Remains Weak **Recession** in US and Abroad Weakening **Credit Markets**

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK KEY FOR EQUITIES

DETERMINING A RECESSION IS CRITICAL FOR THE EQUITY MARKET

0% -5% -10% -15% -14% -17% -20% -25% -24% -30% -35% -37% -40% Severe (GDP Mild (GDP Loss Current Decline Average Max Intra-Loss>2.5%) <2.5%) Year Decline ■ Average S&P 500 Decline in Scenario

Market Pricing in a ~75% Chance of a Mild Recession

Source: Bloomberg, data as of 4/4/2025.





Source: FactSet, data dates back to 1975.

US EQUITY MARKET COULD HAVE IMMEDIATE POSITIVE IMPACT

AFTER THE RECENT DECLINE, S&P 500 HAS POTENTIALLY ROBUST UPSIDE

Market Typically Rallies After Slow Start

	Performance Through April 4 th (declines of >10%)	Rest of Year Return
2020	-23.0%	50.9%
2001	-16.4%	4.1%
1939	-16.1%	13.1%
1933	-14.7%	69.0%
2025	-13.7%	??
1932	-13.1%	-2.0%
1938	-12.4%	42.2%
Average Return Through Year End		29.5%

Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025.

Other Signs of Capitulation	
Record Put Volumes	
VIX>40	
RSI in Oversold Territory	
Near Record Bearish Investors	

Markets in Turmoil a Contrarian Indicator



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025 and dates back to 2010.

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NO SECTOR OR REGIONAL 'TRADES' IN OUR POSITIONING

THE BEST WAY TO BUILD A TEAM (AND PORTFOLIO) IS TO RETAIN YOUR GOOD PLAYERS



Follow the Fundamentals – Strong Earnings Growth

Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025.

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DESPITE RECENT UNDERPERFORMANCE, TECH FUNDAMENTALS REMAIN HEALTHY



Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025. MAGMAN refers to Microsoft, Apple, Google, Meta, Amazon, and NVIDIA—six of the current largest technology companies listed on the NASDAQ. The foregoing is not a recommendation to buy or sell those stocks.

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HEALTH CARE THE BEST DEFENSIVE PERFORMER



Health Care Trading at a Discount





Health Care a 'Two-Way' Player May be the 'Sleeper Pick'

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FUNDAMENTALS SUPPORT THE US OVER OTHER DEVELOPED MARKETS



Irreversible Trends US Positioned For Long Term

Education

21 of the top 30 global universities are located in the United States. Four in Europe.

Taxes

The top ten countries with the highest tax rates are in Europe; the US ranks 29th (~30%).

Trade and Tariff Exposure

~60% of the top 100 global companies are found in the US.

Investment in US

~50% of global venture capital is Invested within the United States.

AI Momentum

US has granted 12x more AI-related patents than Europe.

MR. NOT SO IRRELEVANT-THE BOND MARKET

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UPDATED MARKET SCENARIOS

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Pre-Tariffs Bond Scenarios



Growth Reaccelerates >3% No Fed Rate Cuts Inflation Reaccelerates > 3% Worsening Budget Deficit/Weak Auctions

BASE 60% Probability Growth Remains ~2.4%
Two Fed Rate Cuts
Disinflation Continues/ Modest Tariffs
Status Quo Deficit/Healthy Bond Auctions

<4.0%
Growth Falls Below 2%
Fed Cuts More Than Two Times
Inflation Falls Below 2% on Lighter Tariffs
Improved Debt Issuance/Lower Deficit

BEAR >4.75%

20% Probability

Updated Bond Scenarios

Growth Reaccelerates >3% No Fed Rate Cuts Inflation Reaccelerates > 3% Worsening Budget Deficit/Weak Auctions

BASE 4.25%

60% Probability

Growth Falls Sub-Trend, No Recession At Least **Three** Fed Rate Cuts Inflation Increase Seen As **Temporary Status Quo** Deficit/**Healthy** Bond Auctions

BULL <3.7

<3.75%
Economy Falls Into A Mild Recession
Fed Cuts More Aggressively
Weak Demand Trumps Inflation Uptick
Unemployment Rises Above 4.5%

Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025.

20% Probability

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Treasury Yields Still Range Bound

Bid/Cover Ratio Healthy



High Quality Yields Remain Attractive



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GRADING YOUR DRAFT AND PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE IS WHAT COUNTS, NOT THE GLITZ AND EXCITEMENT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Proving It On The Field

Tom Brady

199th Draft Pick (2000) Future HoF, 5-Time SB MVP



JaMarcus Russell

Not In The Selection

1st Draft Pick (2007) Released in 2009



Nikola Jokic

41st Draft Pick (2014) Future HoF, 3-Time MVP



Anthony Bennett

1st Draft Pick (2013) Released from NBA in 2017



Nolan Ryan

205th Draft Pick (1965) HoF, 8-Time MLB All-Star



Matt Bush

1st Draft Pick (2004) Made MLB Debut in 2016



Nicklas Lidstrom

53rd Draft Pick (1989) HoF, Four NHL Championships



Andre Veilleux

1st Draft Pick (1965) Never played an NHL game

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Source: ESPN.com

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Performance Missing the Best Days

Shift in Sentiment is Supportive



■ Avg Performance Following % Expecting a Decrease in Stock Prices Rises to 95th Percentile

■ Avg Performance Following % Expecting a Increase in Stock Prices Rises to 95th Percentile Source: FactSet, Data dated back to 1985.

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Source: FactSet, Data as of 4/4/2025.



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WEST TEXAS INTERMEDIATE | West Texas Intermediate can refer to a grade or a mix of crude oil, and/or the spot price, the futures price, or the assessed price for that oil; colloquially WTI usually refers to the price of the New York Mercantile Exchange WTI Crude Oil futures contract or the contract itself.

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.

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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.

CAPEX | CAPEX Capital Expenditures are funds used by a company to acquire, upgrade, and maintain physical assets such as property, plants, buildings, technology, or equipment. CapEx is often used to undertake new projects or investments by a company.

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.

HIGH YIELD | Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index: The index measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below.

CREDIT | Bloomberg US Credit Total Return Index: The index measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government related bond markets. It is composed of the US Corporate Index and a non-corporate component that includes foreign agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities.

INVESTMENT GRADE | Bloomberg US Corporate IG Bond Index: The index is designed to be a rules-based index that aims to track the Bloomberg US Corporate Bond Index"), based on liquidity criteria.

US DOLLAR | The U.S. Dollar Index is an index (or measure) of the value of the United States dollar relative to a basket of foreign currencies, often referred to as a basket of U.S. trade partners' currencies. The Index goes up when the U.S. dollar gains "strength" (value) when compared to other currencies.

200 DAY MOVING AVERAGE | The 200-day moving average is a popular technical indicator which investors use to analyze price trends. It is simply a security's average closing price over the last 200 days

US INDEXES AND EQUITY SECTORS DEFINITION

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. There is over USD 7.8 trillion benchmarked to the index, with index assets comprising approximately USD 2.2 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization.

RUSSELL 2000 | 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.

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.

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.

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.

GERMAN BUND | A bund is a debt security issued by Germany's federal government, and it is the German equivalent of a U.S. Treasury bond.

SMALL CAP | Investing in small-cap stocks generally involves greater risks, and therefore, may not be appropriate for every investor. The prices of small company stocks may be subject to more volatility than those of large company stocks.

LARGE-CAP STOCK | also known as big caps are shares that trade for corporations with a market capitalization of \$10 billion or more. Large-cap stocks tend to be less volatile during rough markets as investors fly to quality and stability and become more risk-averse

MSCI AC WORLD EX-US | The MSCI AC ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the US) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries*. With 2,215 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the US.

LATAM | 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.

ASIA 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.

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BLOOMBERG COMMODITY INDEX | Bloomberg Commodity Index is a commodity group sub index of the Bloomberg CITR. The index is composed of futures contracts on crude oil, heating oil, unleaded gasoline and natural gas. It reflects the return on fully collateralized futures positions and is quoted in USD.

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BLOOMBERG EMERGING MARKETS AGGREGATE BOND INDEX | The Bloomberg s Emerging Markets Aggregate Bond Index is a flagship hard currency Emerging Markets debt benchmark that includes USDdenominated debt from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers.

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