# Q4 & 2024 Annual



Market Review
Fourth Quarter 2024



# **Quarterly Market Review**

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.

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# **Quarterly Market Summary**

Returns (USD), as of December 31, 2024

		Sto	cks		Bonds		
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US	
Q4 2024	2.63%	-7.43%	-8.01%	-9.02%	-3.06%	0.74%	
Since January 2001							
Average Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.6%	2.5%	2.2%	0.9%	1.0%	
Best	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%	
Quarter	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Q4	
Worst	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%	
Quarter	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1	

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# **Market Summary**

### 2024 Index returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US		
2024		STO	CKS		ВО	BONDS		
	23.81%	4.70%	7.50%	2.77%	1.25%	4.97%		
Since Jan. 2001								
Average Yearly Return	10.2%	6.5%	11.2%	9.0%	3.7%	3.9%		
Best	33.6%	39.4%	78.5%	37.4%	10.3%	8.8%		
Year	2013	2003	2009	2006	2002	2014		
Worst	-37.3%	-43.6%	-53.3%	-45.7%	-13.0%	-9.8%		
Year	2008	2008	2008	2008	2022	2022		



# Long-Term Market Summary

Returns (USD), as of December 31, 2024

		Sto	cks		Bonds		
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US	
1 Year	23.81%	4.70%	7.50%	2.77%	1.25%	4.97%	
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5 Years	13.86%	5.10%	1.70%	0.46%	-0.33%	1.01%	
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10 Years	12.55%	5.26%	3.64%	2.98%	1.35%	2.43%	
	1	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	
15 Years	13.56%	5.25%	3.01%	6.28%	2.37%	3.18%	
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20 Years	10.22%	4.95%	6.01%	4.38%	3.01%	3.54%	
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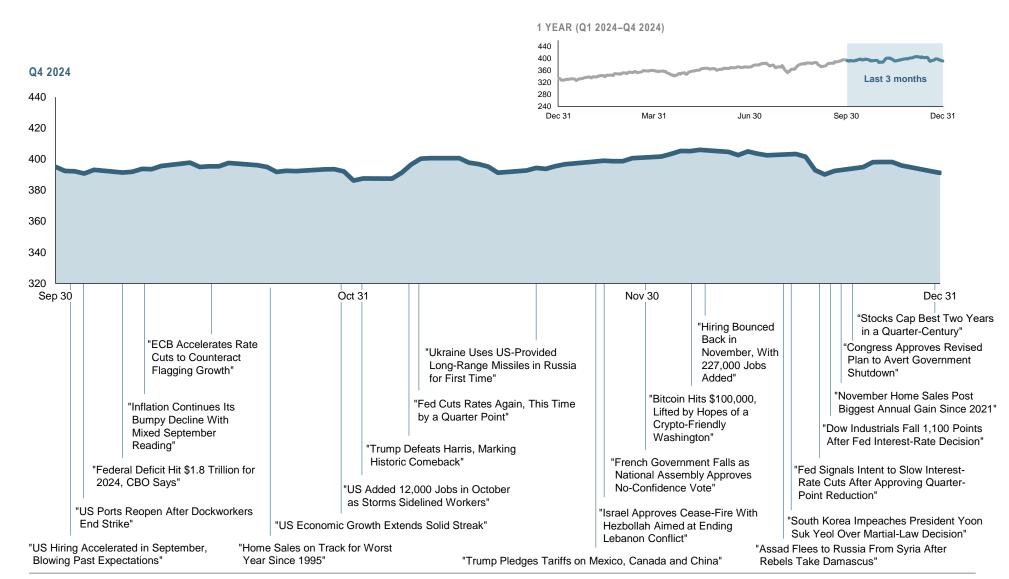
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### World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q4 2024

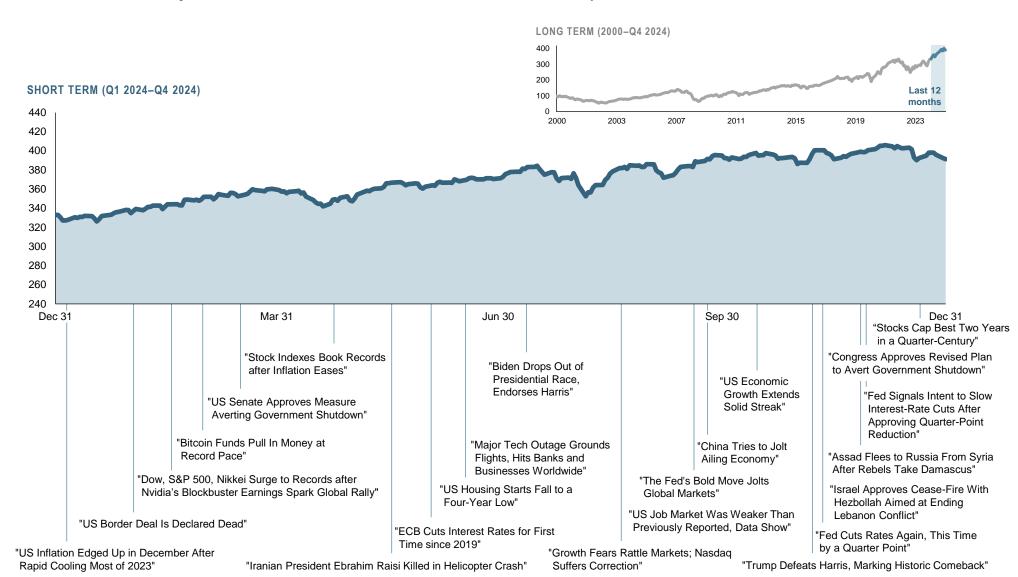


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# World Stock Market Performance

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



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# **US Stocks**

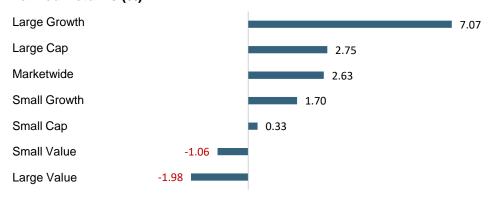
### Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

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

### **World Market Capitalization**



#### Ranked Returns (%)



### Periodic Returns (%)

		ANNUALIZED							
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years		
Large Growth	7.07	33.36	10.47	18.96	16.78	16.45	12.56		
Large Cap	2.75	24.51	8.41	14.28	12.87	13.79	10.39		
Marketwide	2.63	23.81	8.01	13.86	12.55	13.56	10.22		
Small Growth	1.70	15.15	0.21	6.86	8.09	10.92	8.32		
Small Cap	0.33	11.54	1.24	7.40	7.82	10.33	7.79		
Small Value	-1.06	8.05	1.94	7.29	7.14	9.46	7.01		
Large Value	-1.98	14.37	5.63	8.68	8.49	10.75	7.89		

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# **US Stocks**

### 2024 index returns

The US equity market posted positive returns for the year and outperformed both non-US developed and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth.

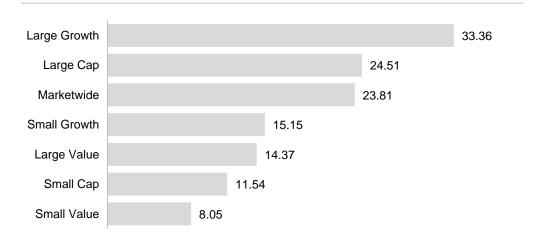
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

#### World Market Capitalization—US



#### Ranked Returns (%)



#### Period Returns (%)

		Annualized								
Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years				
Large Growth	33.36	10.47	18.96	16.78	16.45	12.56				
Large Cap	24.51	8.41	14.28	12.87	13.79	10.39				
Marketwide	23.81	8.01	13.86	12.55	13.56	10.22				
Small Growth	15.15	0.21	6.86	8.09	10.92	8.32				
Large Value	14.37	5.63	8.68	8.49	10.75	7.89				
Small Cap	11.54	1.24	7.40	7.82	10.33	7.79				
Small Value	8.05	1.94	7.29	7.14	9.46	7.01				

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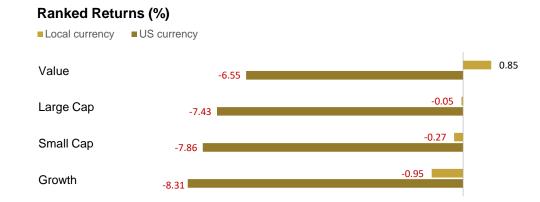
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# International Developed Stocks

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

- Developed markets outside of the US posted negative returns for the quarter and underperformed the US market, but outperformed emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.



### **World Market Capitalization**



### Periodic Returns (%)

		ANNUALIZED								
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years			
Value	-6.55	6.65	6.04	5.50	4.54	4.53	4.36			
Large Cap	-7.43	4.70	1.91	5.10	5.26	5.25	4.95			
Small Cap	-7.86	2.76	-2.77	2.87	5.49	6.29	5.68			
Growth	-8.31	2.82	-2.26	4.29	5.72	5.77	5.38			

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# International Developed Stocks

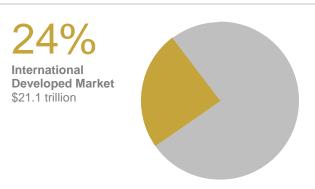
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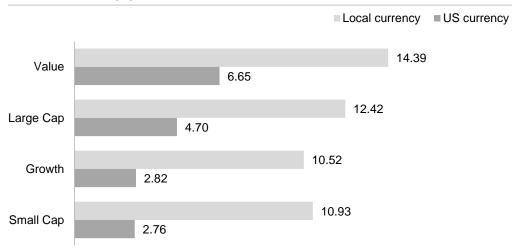
Value outperformed growth.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

#### World Market Capitalization—International Developed



#### Ranked Returns (%)



#### Period Returns (%)

		Annualized							
Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years			
Value	6.65	6.04	5.50	4.54	4.53	4.36			
Large Cap	4.70	1.91	5.10	5.26	5.25	4.95			
Growth	2.82	-2.26	4.29	5.72	5.77	5.38			
Small Cap	2.76	-2.77	2.87	5.49	6.29	5.68			

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# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

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

#### Ranked Returns (%)

■ Local currency ■ US currency



### **World Market Capitalization**



### Periodic Returns (%)

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Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Growth	-6.91	10.30	-3.90	1.32	4.34	3.89	6.26
Small Cap	-7.19	4.79	2.11	8.56	5.73	4.79	7.66
Large Cap	-8.01	7.50	-1.92	1.70	3.64	3.01	6.01
Value	-9.21	4.51	0.16	1.96	2.81	2.04	5.66

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# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

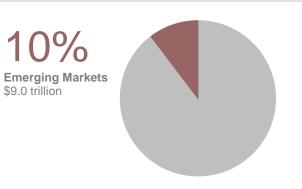
### 2024 index returns

Emerging markets posted positive returns for the year and underperformed the US market, but outperformed non-US developed markets.

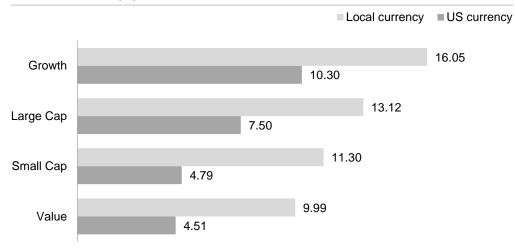
Value underperformed growth.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

#### **World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets**



#### Ranked Returns (%)



#### Period Returns (%)

		Annualized								
Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years				
Growth	10.30	-3.90	1.32	4.34	3.89	6.26				
Large Cap	7.50	-1.92	1.70	3.64	3.01	6.01				
Small Cap	4.79	2.11	8.56	5.73	4.79	7.66				
Value	4.51	0.16	1.96	2.81	2.04	5.66				

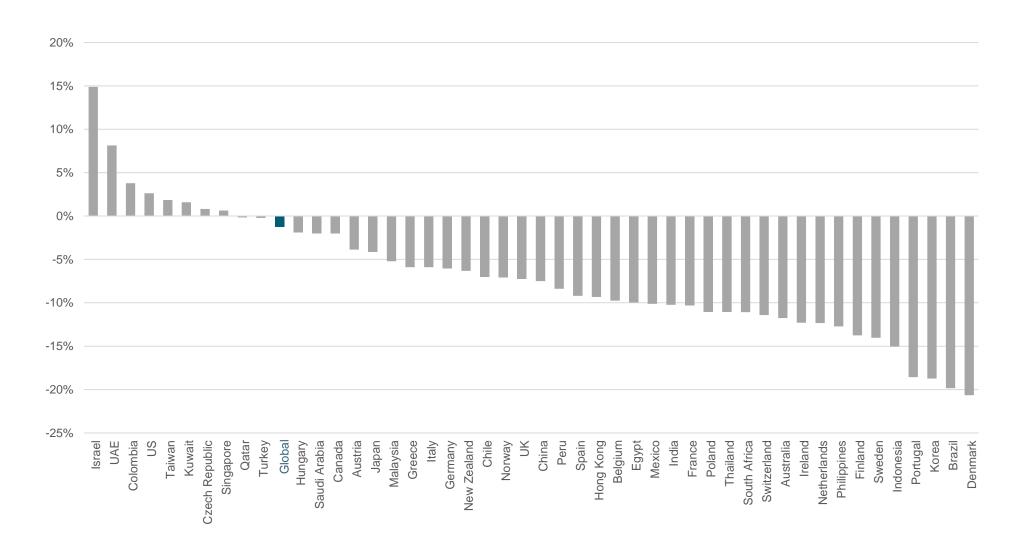
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# Country Returns

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024



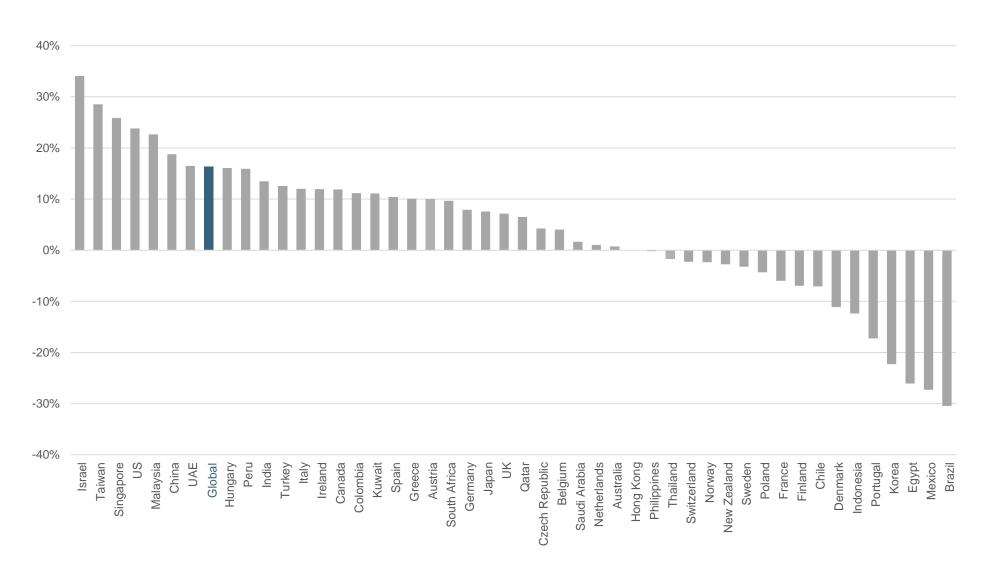
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# Country Returns

### 2024 index returns



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# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

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

#### Ranked Returns (%)



#### **Total Value of REIT Stocks**



**US** \$1,037 billion 103 REITs

Global ex US \$409 billion 268 REITs (25 other countries)

### Periodic Returns (%)

		ANNUALIZED						
Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	
US REITS	-5.93	8.10	-3.02	3.40	4.89	8.78	6.49	
Global ex US REITS	-15.37	-7.83	-9.00	-5.25	0.05	3.22	2.15	

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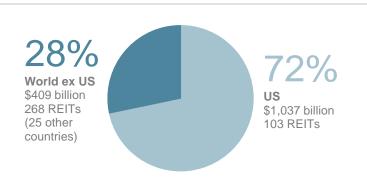
# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

2024 index returns

US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the year.



#### **Total Value of REIT Stocks**



#### Period Returns (%)

		Annualized						
Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years		
US REITS	8.10	-3.02	3.40	4.89	8.78	6.49		
Global ex US REITS	-7.83	-9.00	-5.25	0.05	3.22	2.15		

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### Commodities

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned -0.45% for the fourth quarter of 2024.

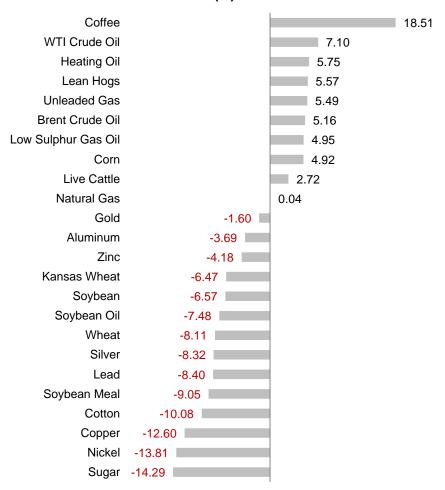
Sugar and Nickel were the worst performers, returning -14.29% and -13.81% during the quarter, respectively. Coffee and WTI Crude Oil were the best performers, returning +18.51% and +7.10% during the quarter, respectively.

#### **Commodities Periodic Returns (%)**

#### ANNUALIZED

QTR	1	3	5	10	15	20
	Year	Years	Years	Years	Years	Years
-0.45	5.38	4.05	6.77	1.28	-1.04	-0.30

#### **Commodities Ranked Returns (%)**





# Commodities

### 2024 index returns

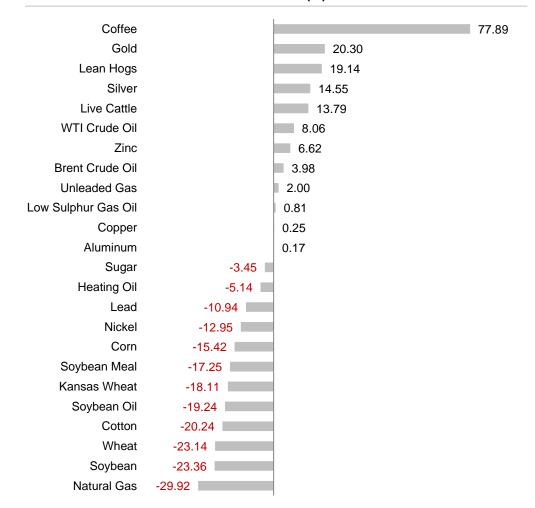
The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned +5.38% for the year.

Natural Gas and Soybean were the worst performers, returning -29.92% and -23.36% during the year, respectively. Coffee and Gold were the best performers, returning +77.89% and +20.30% during the year, respectively.

#### Period Returns (%)

		Annualized					
Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	
Commodities	5.38	4.05	6.77	1.28	-1.04	-0.30	

#### Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)





### Fixed Income

### Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

Within the US Treasury market, interest rates generally increased during the quarter.

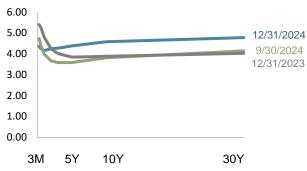
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield decreased 53 basis points (bps) to 4.40%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield increased 18 bps to 4.16%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note increased 59 bps to 4.25%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note increased 80 bps to 4.38%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 77 bps to 4.58%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 64 bps to 4.78%.

In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned -0.83% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned -1.70%. Short-term corporate bonds returned -0.40% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned -1.40%.1

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were -0.40% and -1.30%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned -1.18% while revenue bonds returned -1.25%.<sup>2</sup>

### US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



#### **Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)**



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#### Periodic Returns (%)

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Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years		
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.17	5.25	3.89	2.46	1.77	1.20	1.66		
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.70	4.75	2.78	2.01	1.63	1.22	1.82		
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	0.17	8.19	2.92	4.21	5.17	6.44	6.45		
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.15	4.31	1.59	1.43	1.67	1.71	2.39		
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-1.22	1.05	-0.55	0.99	2.25	3.21	3.49		
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	-2.88	1.84	-2.30	1.87	2.24	2.86	3.30		
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-3.06	1.25	-2.41	-0.33	1.35	2.37	3.01		
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-3.38	0.11	-1.44	-0.52	0.11	-0.05	1.00		
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-8.60	-6.37	-11.91	-5.17	-0.61	2.76	3.35		

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<sup>1.</sup> Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

<sup>2.</sup> Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.



### Fixed Income

### 2024 index returns

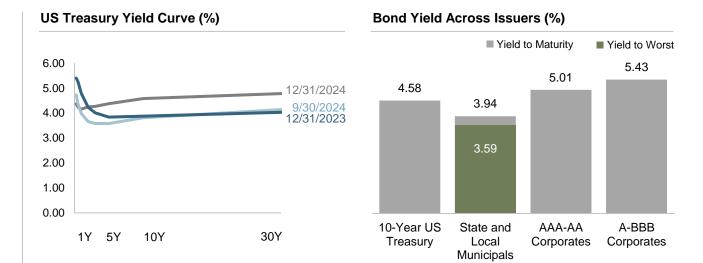
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The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note increased 54 bps to 4.38%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 70 bps to 4.58%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 75 bps to 4.78%.

In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +3.30% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +2.42%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +4.95% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned +4.22%.

The total returns for short- and intermediateterm municipal bonds were +2.07% and +0.29%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned +0.55% while revenue bonds returned +1.22%.<sup>2</sup>



#### Period Returns (%)

	Annualized					
Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	8.19	2.92	4.21	5.17	6.44	6.45
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	5.25	3.89	2.46	1.77	1.20	1.66
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	4.75	2.78	2.01	1.63	1.22	1.82
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	4.31	1.59	1.43	1.67	1.71	2.39
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	1.84	-2.30	1.87	2.24	2.86	3.30
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.25	-2.41	-0.33	1.35	2.37	3.01
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	1.05	-0.55	0.99	2.25	3.21	3.49
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	0.11	-1.44	-0.52	0.11	-0.05	1.00
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-6.37	-11.91	-5.17	-0.61	2.76	3.35

<sup>1.</sup> Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices

<sup>2.</sup> Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index

One basis point (bps) equals 0.01%. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Yield curve data from Federal Reserve. State and local bonds, and the Yield to Worst are from the S&P National AMT-Free Municipal Bond Index. AAA-AA Corporates represent the ICE BofA US Corporates, AA-AAA rated. A-BBB Corporates represent the ICE BofA Corporates, BBB-A rated. Bloomberg data provided by Bloomberg. US long-term bonds, bills, inflation, and fixed income factor data © Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation (SBBI) Yearbook TM, Ibbotson Associates, Chicago (annually updated work by Roger G. Ibbotson and Rex A. Sinquefield). FTSE fixed income indices © 2025 FTSE Fixed Income LLC, all rights reserved. ICE BofA index data © 2025 ICE Data Indices, LLC. S&P data © 2025 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.



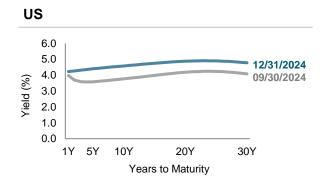
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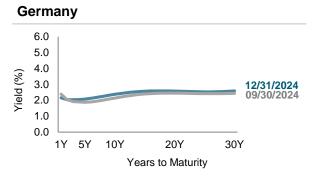
### Yield curves, 4th Quarter 2024

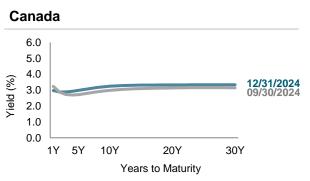
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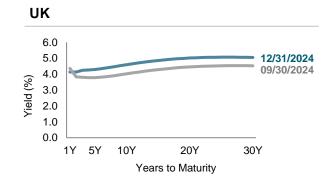
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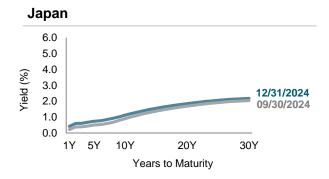
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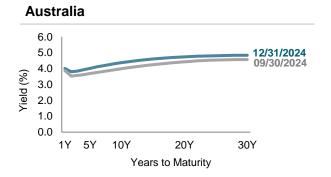












#### Changes in Yield (bps) Since 09/30/2024

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	24.9	81.7	80.8	69.5	70.1
UK	-23.5	51.2	57.5	55.8	52.2
Germany	-23.0	20.2	23.5	12.8	14.7
Japan	20.2	22.6	22.0	16.1	14.1
Canada	-26.4	26.6	25.8	19.1	19.0
Australia	14.7	32.9	38.0	30.9	27.1



### Global Fixed Income

### 2024 yield curves

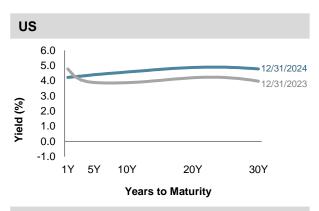
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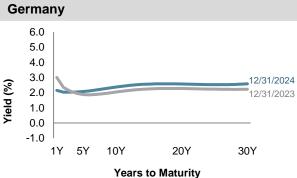
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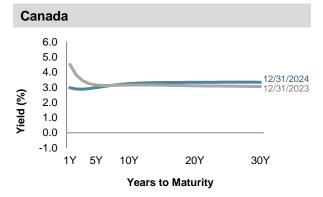
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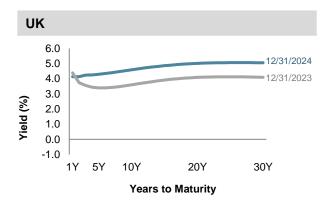
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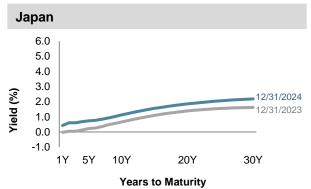
1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
-56.3	51.3	70.0	67.5	80.6
-25.3	89.8	99.3	92.3	95.9
-85.4	19.5	32.9	30.6	35.9
45.3	51.4	45.9	46.4	55.2
-154.4	-16.8	9.2	22.6	28.4
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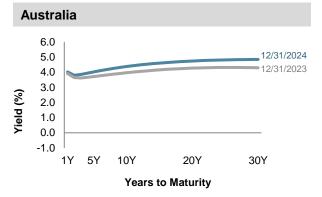














# How to Feel About Consumer Feelings

4th quarter 2024

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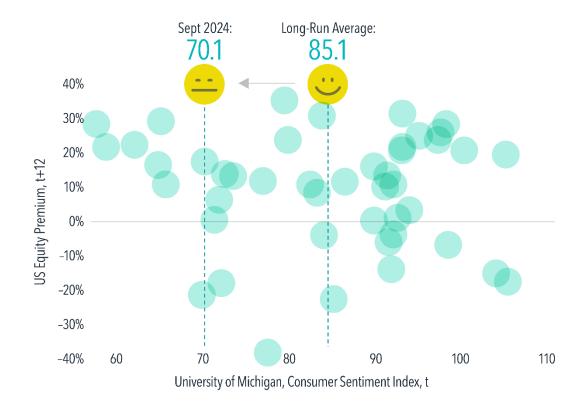
Does your neighbor know where the economy is headed in the next 12 months? Since the 1960s, the University of Michigan has published the popular Consumer Sentiment Index, which asks everyday folk questions like: "Are you better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?" or "Do you think that a year from now you will be better off financially, worse off financially, or just about the same as now?" This index is sometimes viewed as a beacon of how investors feel about the direction of the economy.

As of September 30, 2024, the index sat at 70.1, pessimistic relative to its long-run average of 85.1.2 Investors interpreting this as an ominous sign for markets may not have anything to fear though, as the data show this index has not been great at predicting future returns. Plotting the level of the Consumer Sentiment Index against subsequent 12-month stock market returns shows no discernible pattern, except that stocks tend to go up more often than they go down. Out of the 226 months where the sentiment index was below the long-run average, the average equity premium over the next year was 10.6%.

If your neighbor is feeling sour, that doesn't necessarily mean *you* should be changing your outlook or your investment portfolio. Markets tend to price in the latest views on the economy, including consumer optimism.

# NEXT 12-MONTH US EQUITY PREMIUM AGAINST UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDEX

December 1978-December 2023



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<sup>2.</sup> Current index level as of September 30, 2024. The date range for the long-run monthly average is December 1978–December 2023.



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Fama/French Total US Market Research Index: July 1926-present: Fama/French Total US Market Research Factor + One-Month US Treasury Bills. Source: Ken French website.

Results shown during periods prior to each index's inception date do not represent actual returns of the respective index. Other periods selected may have different results, including losses. Backtested index performance is hypothetical and is provided for informational purposes only to indicate historical performance had the index been calculated over the relevant time periods. Backtested performance results assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

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