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Quarterly Market Review

Fourth Quarter 2024



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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

	Stocks				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 Quarter	22.0% 2020 Q2	25.9% 2009 Q2	34.7% 2009 Q2	32.3% 2009 Q3	6.8% 2023 Q4	5.4% 2023 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8% 2008 Q4	-23.3% 2020 Q1	-27.6% 2008 Q4	-36.1% 2008 Q4	-5.9% 2022 Q1	-4.1% 2022 Q1

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Long-Term Market Summary

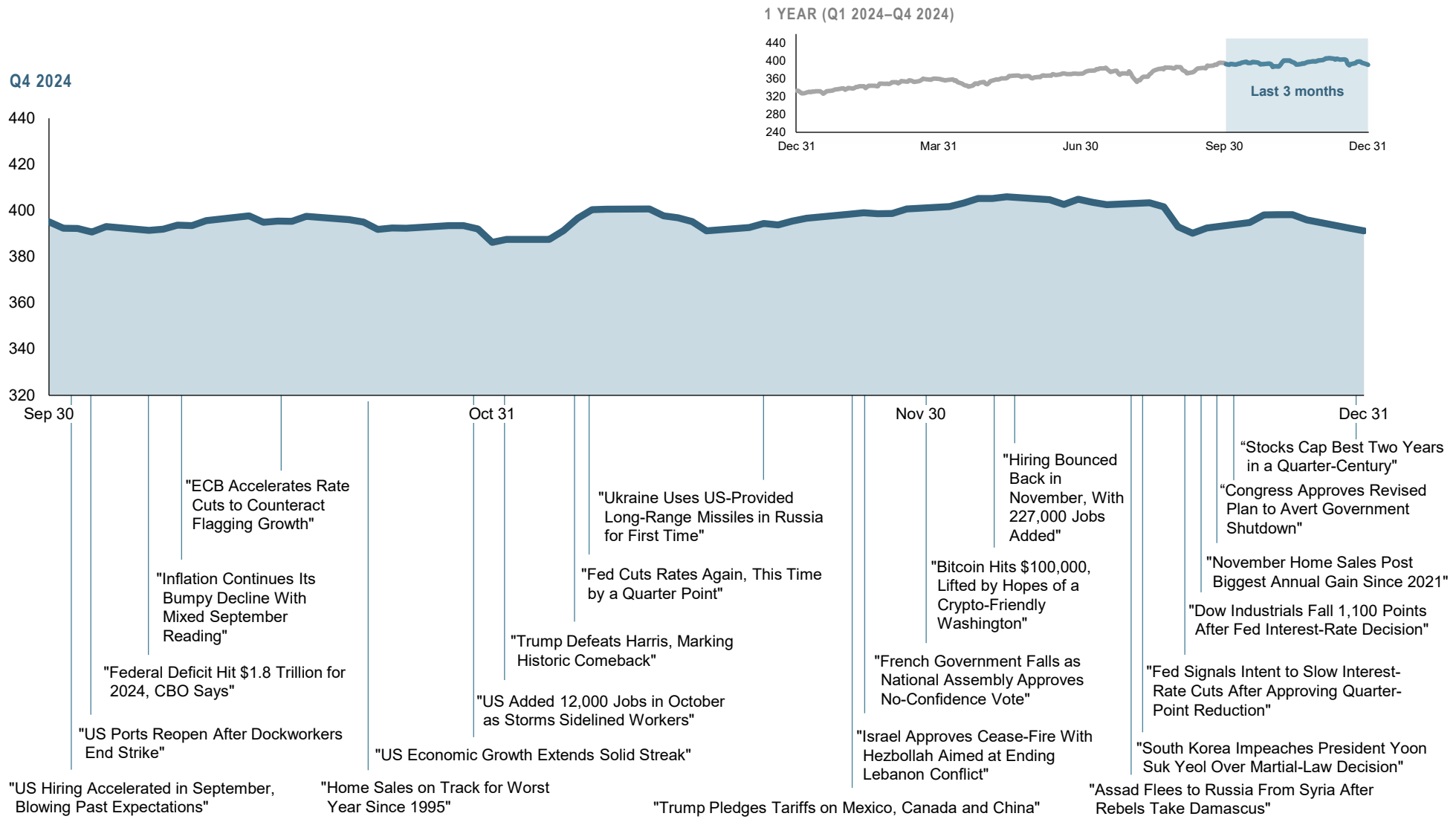
Returns (USD), as of December 31, 2024

	Stocks				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% ↑
5 Years	13.86% ↑	5.10% ↑	1.70% ↑	0.46% ↑	-0.33% ↓	1.01% ↑
10 Years	12.55% ↑	5.26% ↑	3.64% ↑	2.98% ↑	1.35% ↑	2.43% ↑
15 Years	13.56% ↑	5.25% ↑	3.01% ↑	6.28% ↑	2.37% ↑	3.18% ↑
20 Years	10.22% ↑	4.95% ↑	6.01% ↑	4.38% ↑	3.01% ↑	3.54% ↑

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q4 2024



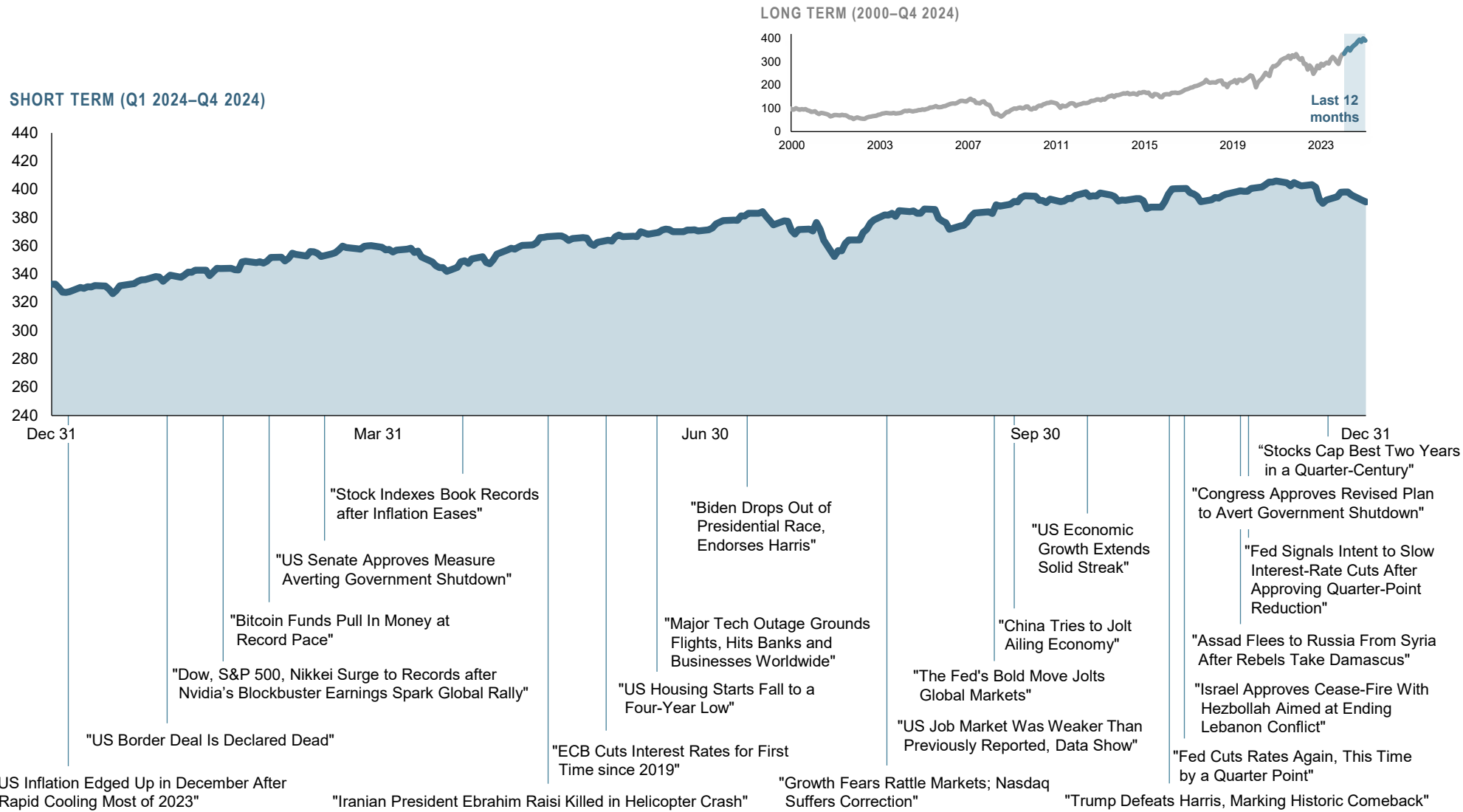
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World Stock Market Performance

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



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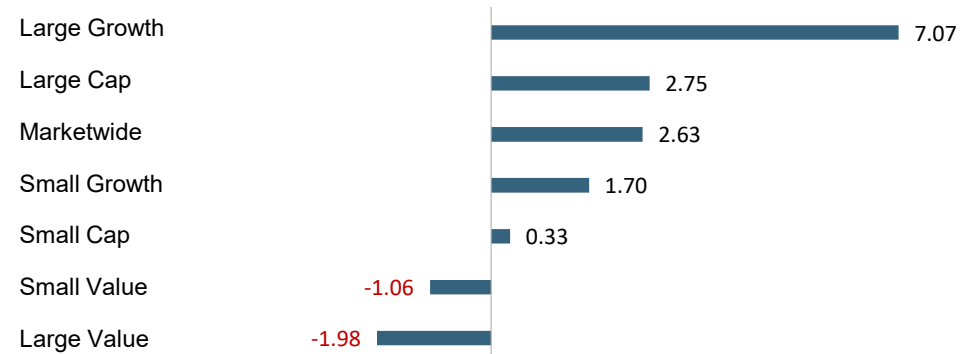
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US Stocks

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.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization



Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		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

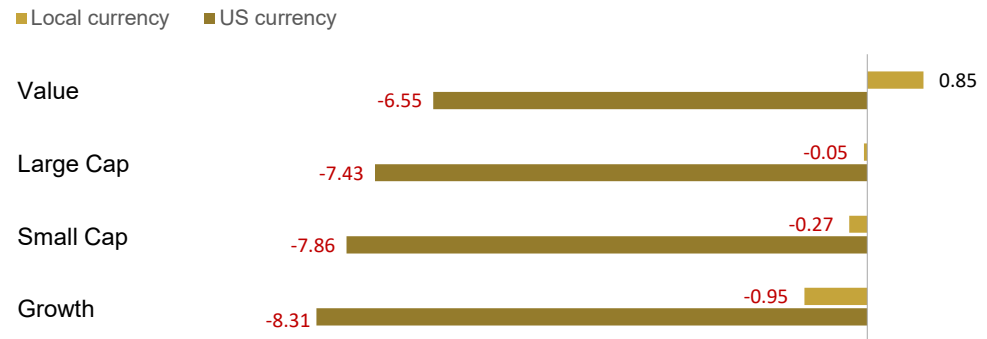
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International Developed Stocks

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.

Ranked Returns (%)



World Market Capitalization



**International
Developed Market**
\$21.1 trillion

Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		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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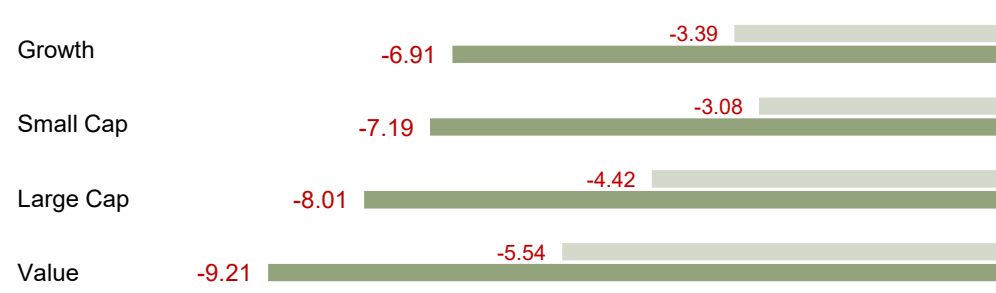
Emerging Markets Stocks

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



Emerging Markets
\$9.0 trillion

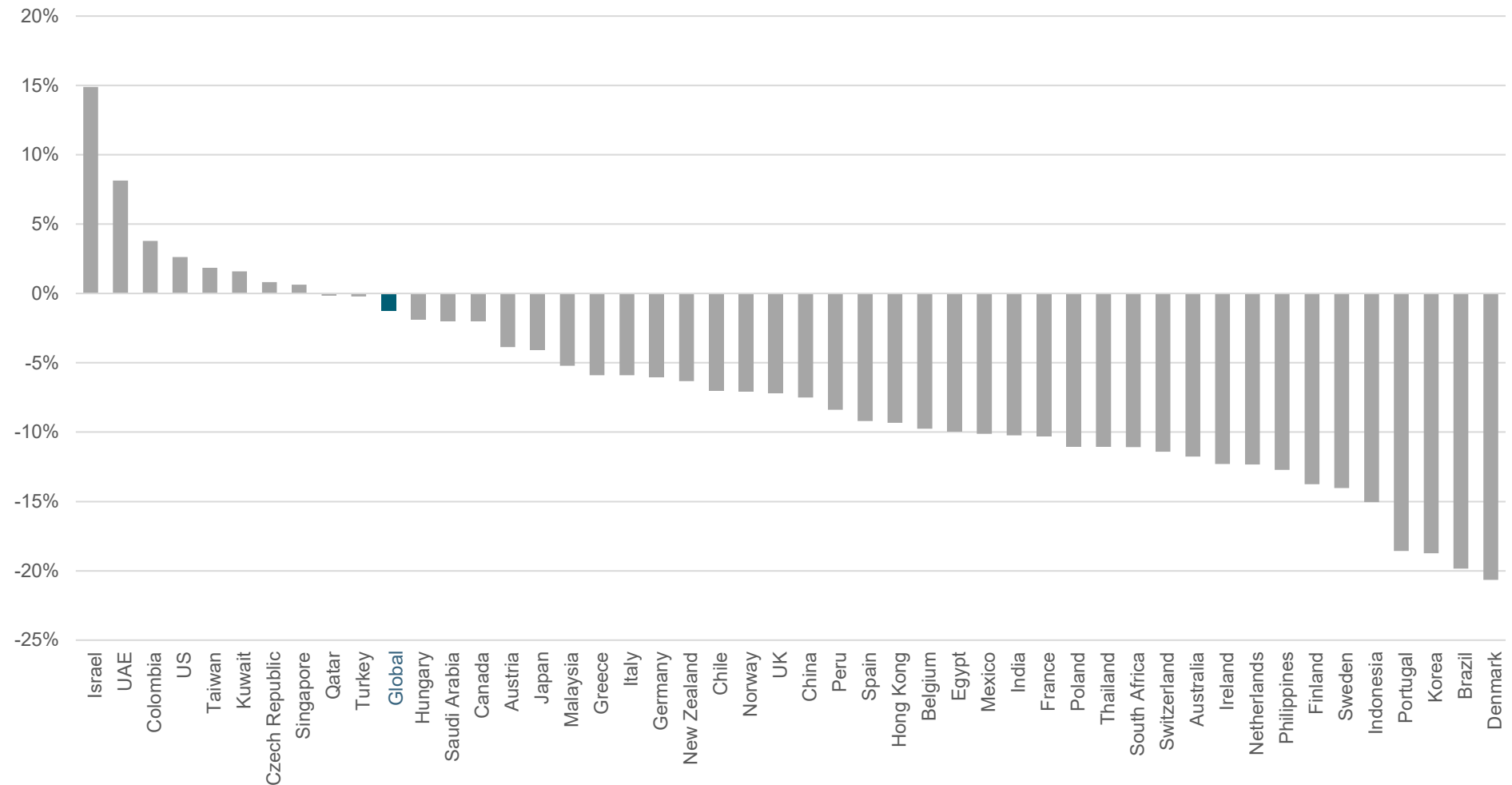
Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		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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Country Returns

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024



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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

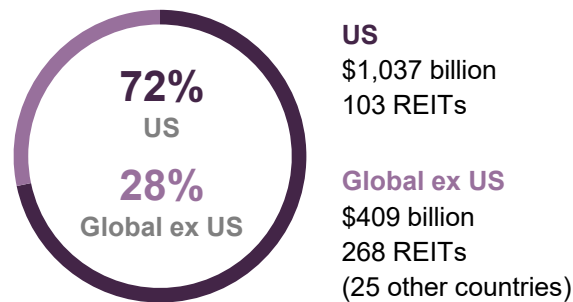
Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

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

Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		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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Commodities

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

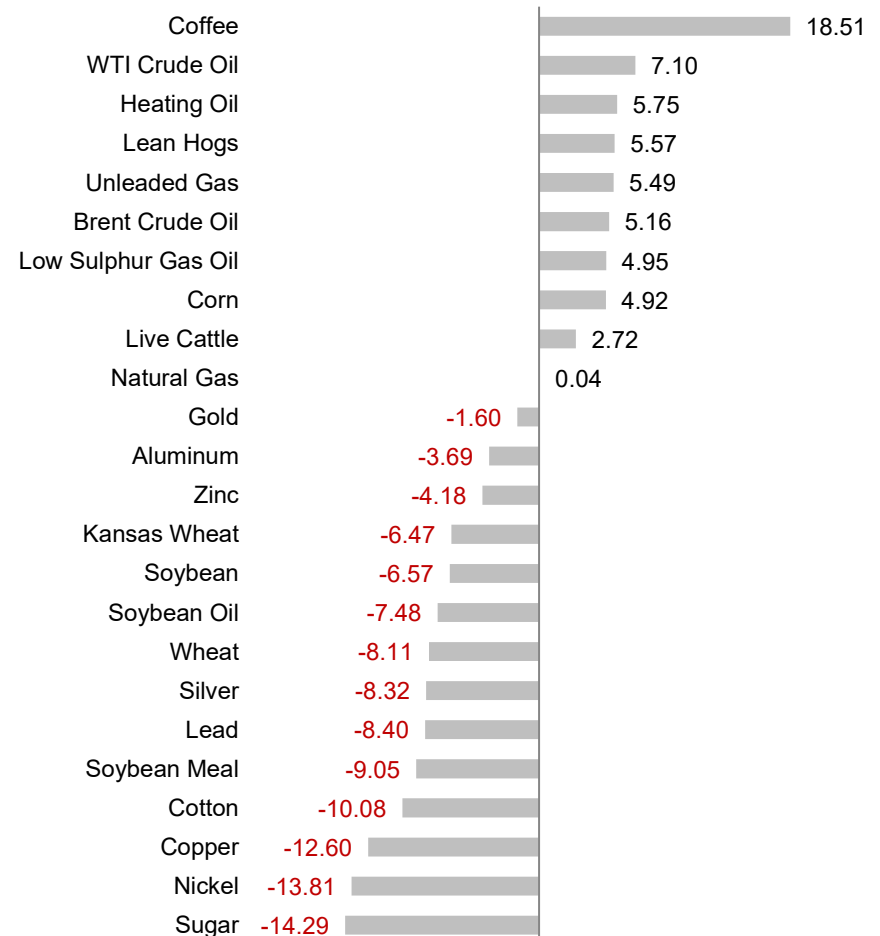
The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned -0.45% for the fourth quarter of 2024.

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 (%)

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

Commodities Ranked Returns (%)



Fixed Income

Returns (USD), 4th Quarter 2024

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

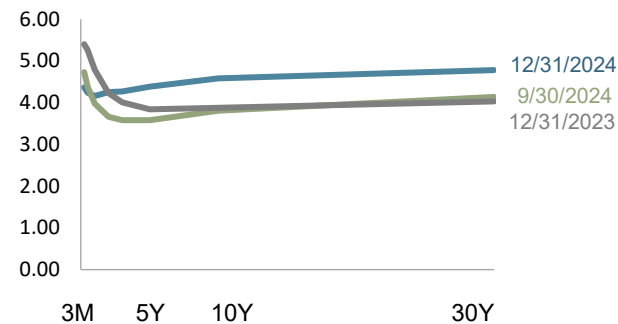
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield decreased 53 basis points (bps) to 4.40%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield increased 18 bps to 4.16%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note increased 59 bps to 4.25%.

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%.

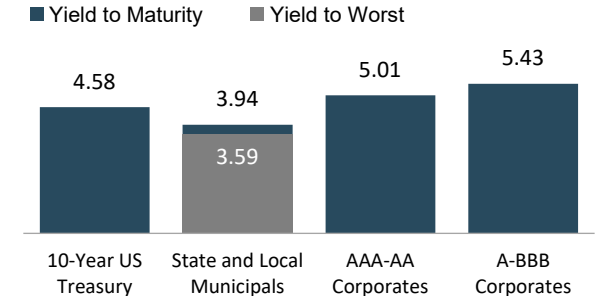
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned -0.83% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned -1.70%. Short-term corporate bonds returned -0.40% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned -1.40%.¹

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%.²

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)



Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		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

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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Global Fixed Income

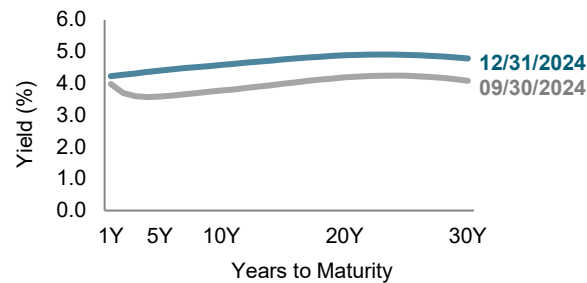
Yield curves, 4th Quarter 2024

Interest rates generally increased across global developed markets for the quarter.

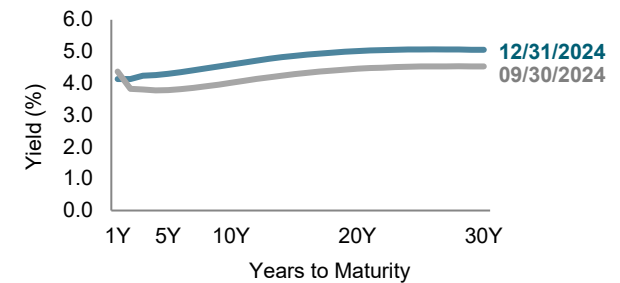
Realized term premiums were generally negative across global developed markets, as longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds.

In the UK, Germany, Canada and Australia, the short-term segment of the yield curve remained inverted.

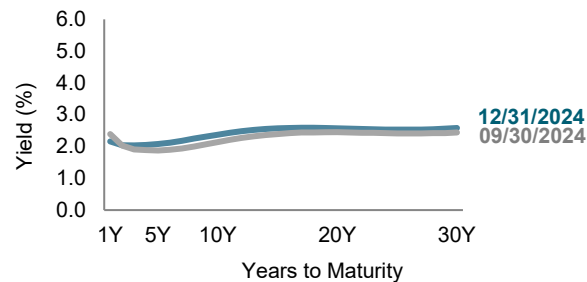
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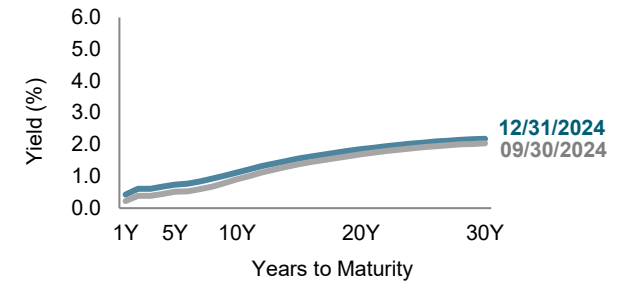
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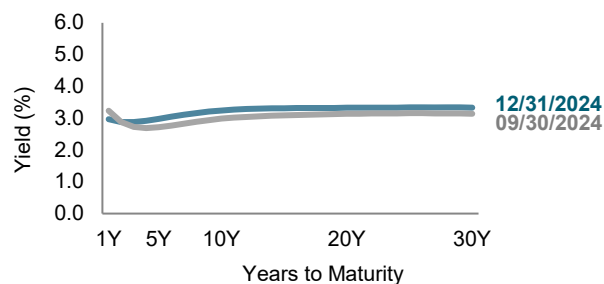
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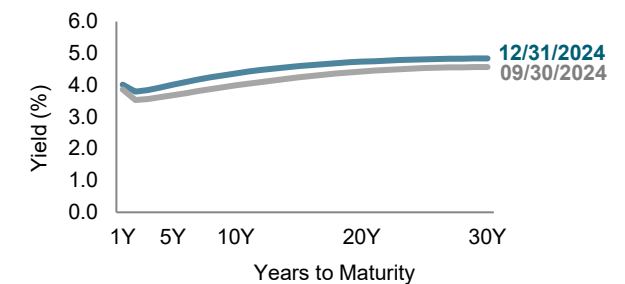
Japan



Canada



Australia



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

How to Feel About Consumer Feelings

4th quarter 2024

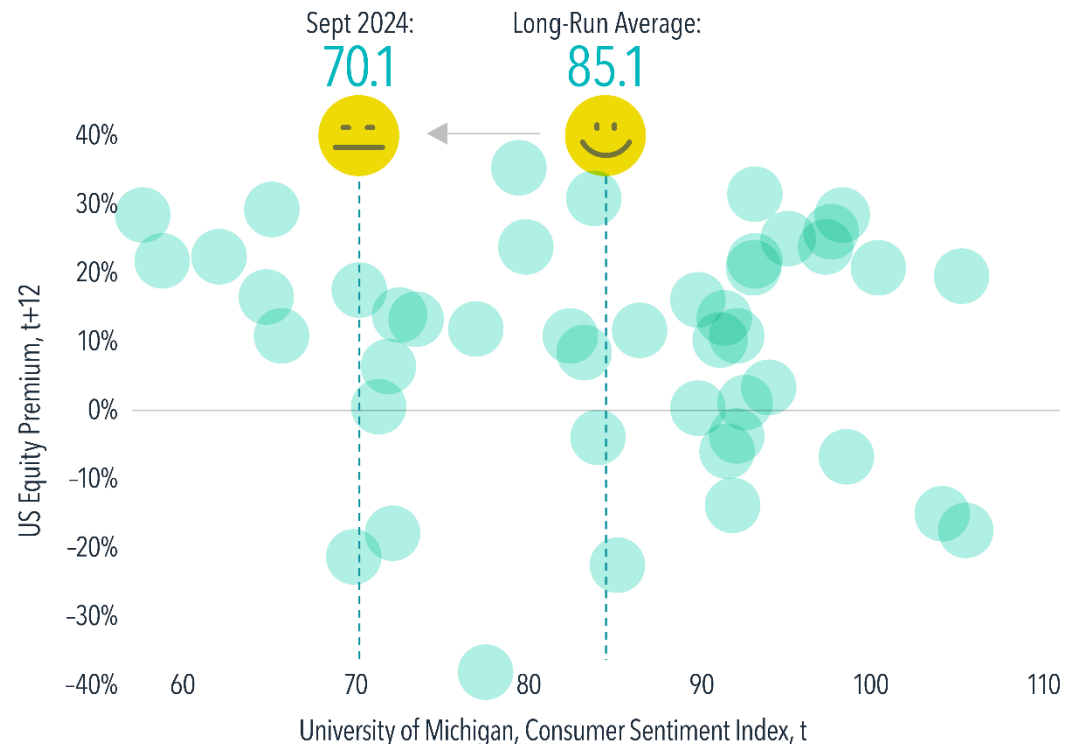
Matt Lipps, CFA, Investment Strategist, Dimensional Fund Advisors

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?”¹ 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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2. Current index level as of September 30, 2024. The date range for the long-run monthly average is December 1978–December 2023.

How to Feel About Consumer Feelings

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Index Descriptions

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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