

Economic and Market Update

Fourth Quarter 2025



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What the Data is Telling Us

- Stocks at all time highs.
- The bigger stocks keep getting bigger. The top ten stocks in the S&P now represent 40% of the returns. Take out those ten stocks, and the returns are significantly less.
- Those big stocks are overvalued compared to other market segments.
- Year-to-date all market styles are up over 10% except mid/small value. All styles have P/Es above the historical average (all overvalued).
- S&P 500 is up 14% year-to-date, but has been down as much as -19% earlier in the year.
- AI is still the big story. Lots of money is being poured into R&D. Too soon to see results.
 - With crackdown on immigration, companies may need to rely on AI to pick up loss of workforce.
 - Lots of concern about infrastructure to support AI: nuclear; other sources may not be able to keep up with demand. Also concern about cyberterror to grid.

What the Data is Telling Us

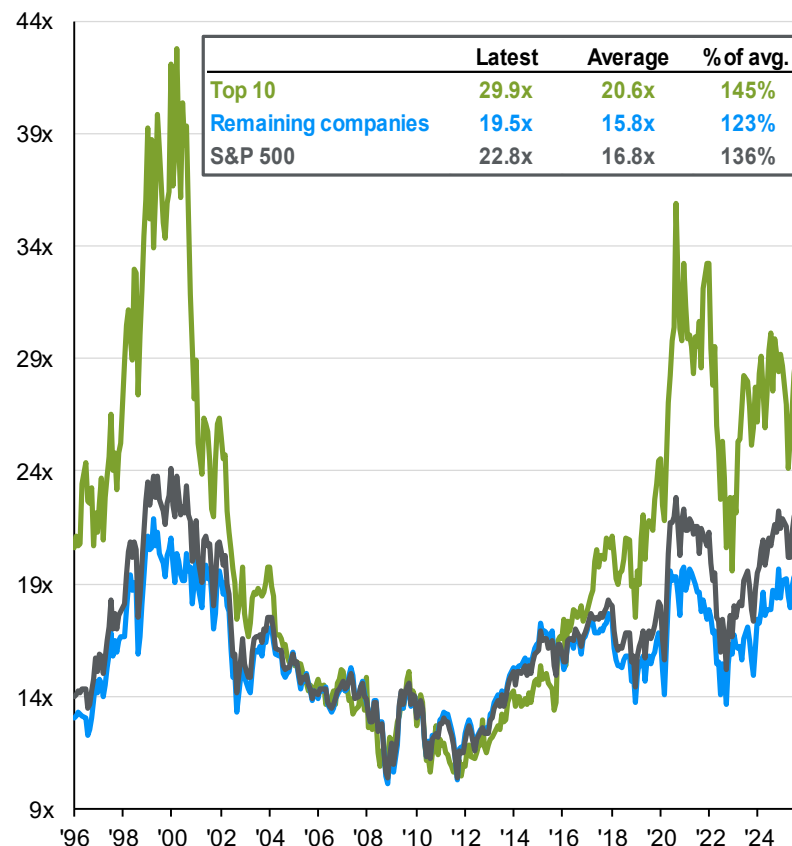
- Foreign stocks beating U.S. stocks. Lower dollar partly to blame.
- Effective tariff rate went from 2 to 11% year-to-date. May cause drag to economy.
 - Tariff effect still not fully seen in economic data.
 - U.S. government shutdown poses larger drag to 4th quarter GDP especially the longer it continues.
- Fed has started to lower interest rates. Expected to drop 1% over next year.
- Not much different between 3-month Treasury bill and 10-year Treasury bond: 4%. Risk in going longer term in duration.
- For upper tax brackets, munis providing significant tax-equivalent yield.

S&P 500: Index concentration

Equities

P/E of top 10 and remaining companies in S&P 500

Next 12 months



Weight of the top 10 companies in the S&P 500

% of market capitalization, % of last 12 months' earnings



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Forward P/E ratio is the most recent price divided by consensus estimates for earnings in the next 12 months, provided by IBES since January 1996 and FactSet since January 2022. The remaining stocks represent the rest of the 490 companies in the S&P 500, and their P/E ratio is calculated by backing out the nominal earnings and market cap of the top 10 from that of the S&P 500.

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Returns and valuations by style

Equities

10-year annualized				YTD			
	Value	Blend	Growth		Value	Blend	Growth
Large	10.7%	15.3%	18.8%	Large	11.7%	14.8%	17.2%
Mid	10.0%	11.4%	13.4%	Mid	9.5%	10.4%	12.8%
Small	9.2%	9.8%	9.9%	Small	9.0%	10.4%	11.7%
Since market peak (January 2022)				Since market low (October 2022)			
	Value	Blend	Growth		Value	Blend	Growth
Large	31.1%	47.5%	56.9%	Large	58.9%	95.4%	130.1%
Mid	22.7%	23.9%	28.3%	Mid	52.9%	62.1%	85.3%
Small	14.1%	13.2%	11.1%	Small	43.5%	50.8%	57.6%

Forward P/E vs. 20-year avg. P/E			
	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	17.2 / 13.9	22.8 / 16.1	31.0 / 19.7
Mid	16.0 / 14.5	18.0 / 16.4	29.0 / 21.2
Small	18.2 / 16.9	24.7 / 23.1	36.7 / 31.8
Forward P/E as % of 20-year avg. P/E			
	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	124.0%	141.4%	157.6%
Mid	110.0%	109.3%	137.0%
Small	107.6%	107.0%	115.3%

Source: FactSet, FTSE Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

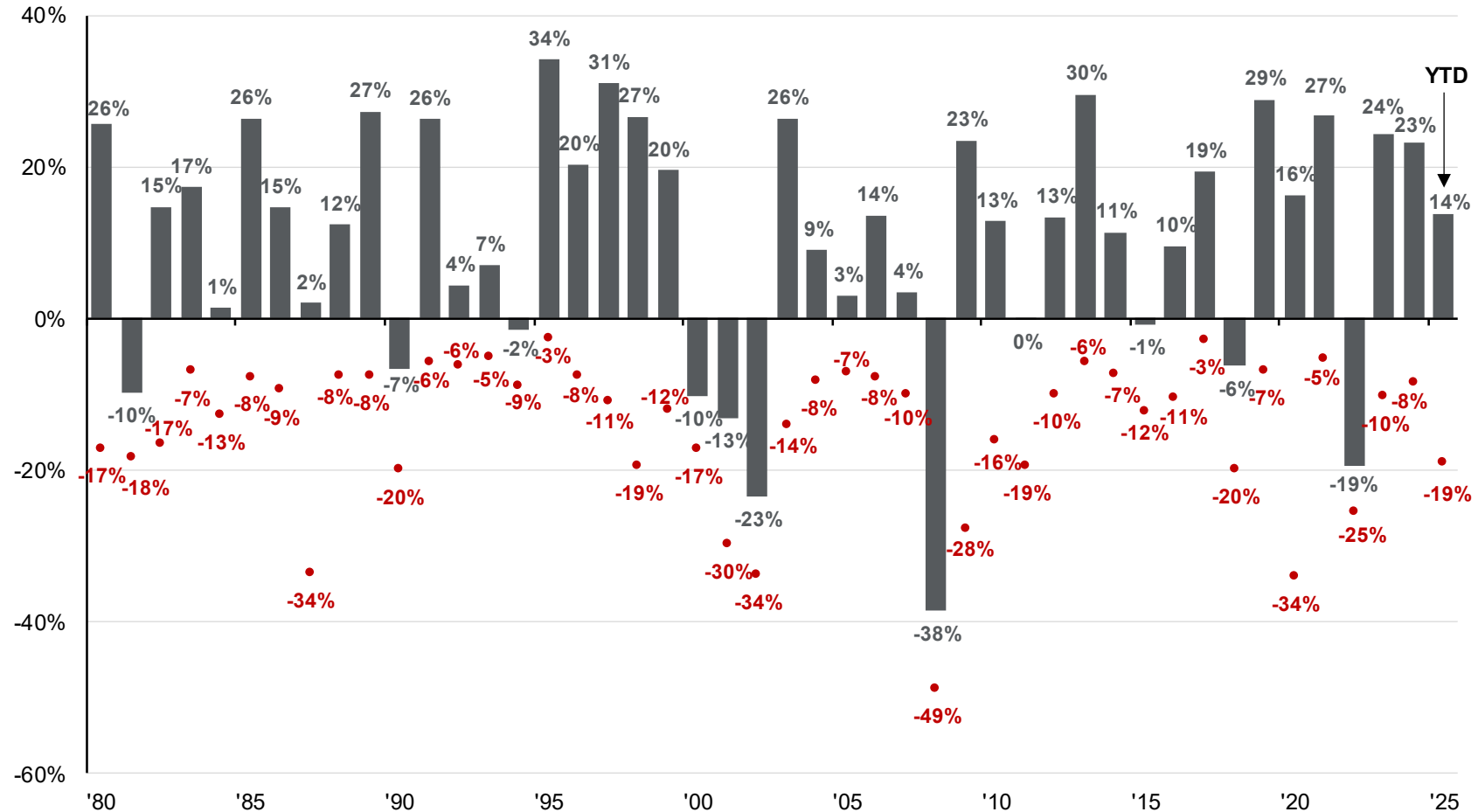
All calculations are cumulative total return, including dividends reinvested for the stated period. Returns are not annualized. Since market peak represents the period from 1/3/2022 to the present. Since market low represents the period from 10/12/2022 to the present. For all time periods, total return is based on Russell style indices except for the large blend category, which is based on the S&P 500 index. Forward P/E ratio is the most recent S&P 500 index price divided by consensus analyst estimates for earnings in the next 12 months, provided by FactSet. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Annual returns and intra-year declines

S&P 500 intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.1%, annual returns were positive in 34 of 45 years

Equities



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refers to the largest peak-to-trough decline during the year. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2024, over which the average annual return was 10.6%. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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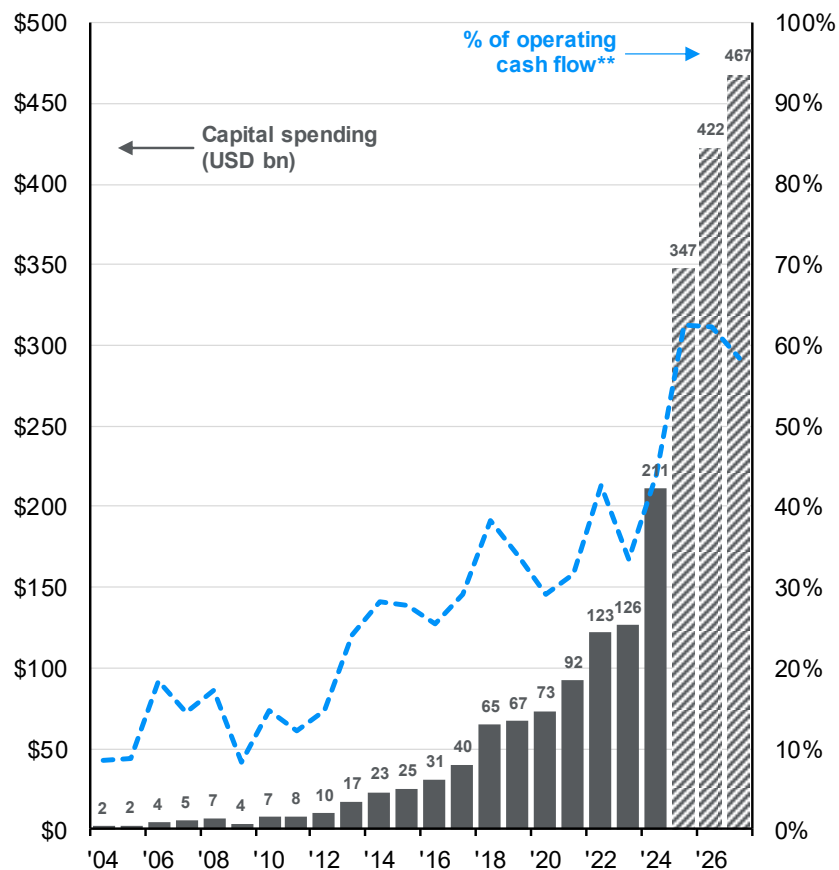
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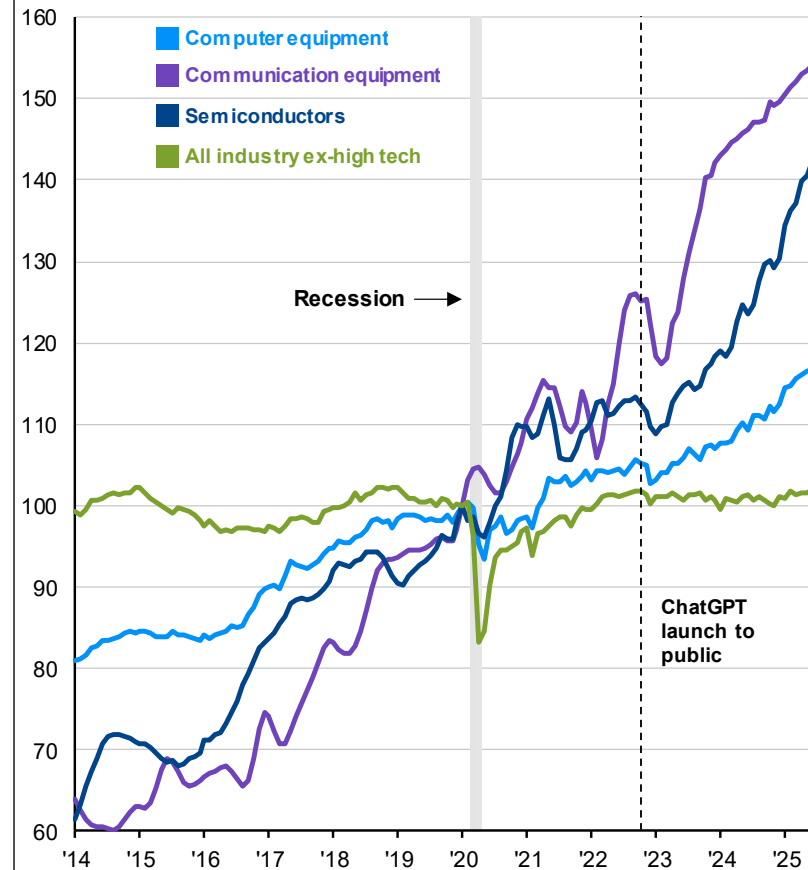
Capex from the major AI hyperscalers*

USD billions; Alphabet, Amazon (AWS), Meta, Microsoft, Oracle



U.S. industrial production of high tech industries

Indexed to 100 in Jan 2020



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Bloomberg; (Right) Federal Reserve Board.

Data for 2025, 2026 and 2027 reflect consensus estimates. Capex shown is company total, except for Amazon, which reflects an estimate for AWS spend (2004 to 2012 are J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates and 2012 to current are Bloomberg consensus estimates). *Hyperscalers are the large cloud computing companies that own and operate data centers with horizontally linked servers that, along with cooling and data storage capabilities, enable them to house and operate AI workloads. **Reflects cash flow before capital expenditures in contrast to free cash flow, which subtracts out capital expenditures.

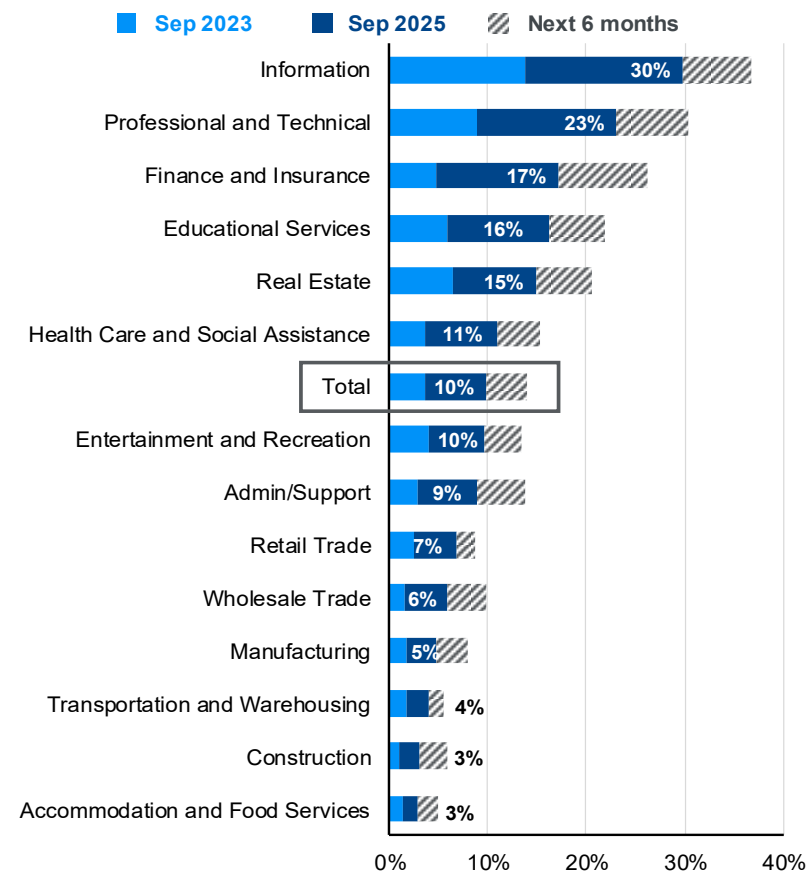
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Businesses using AI to produce goods and services

% of all firms reporting use of AI applications



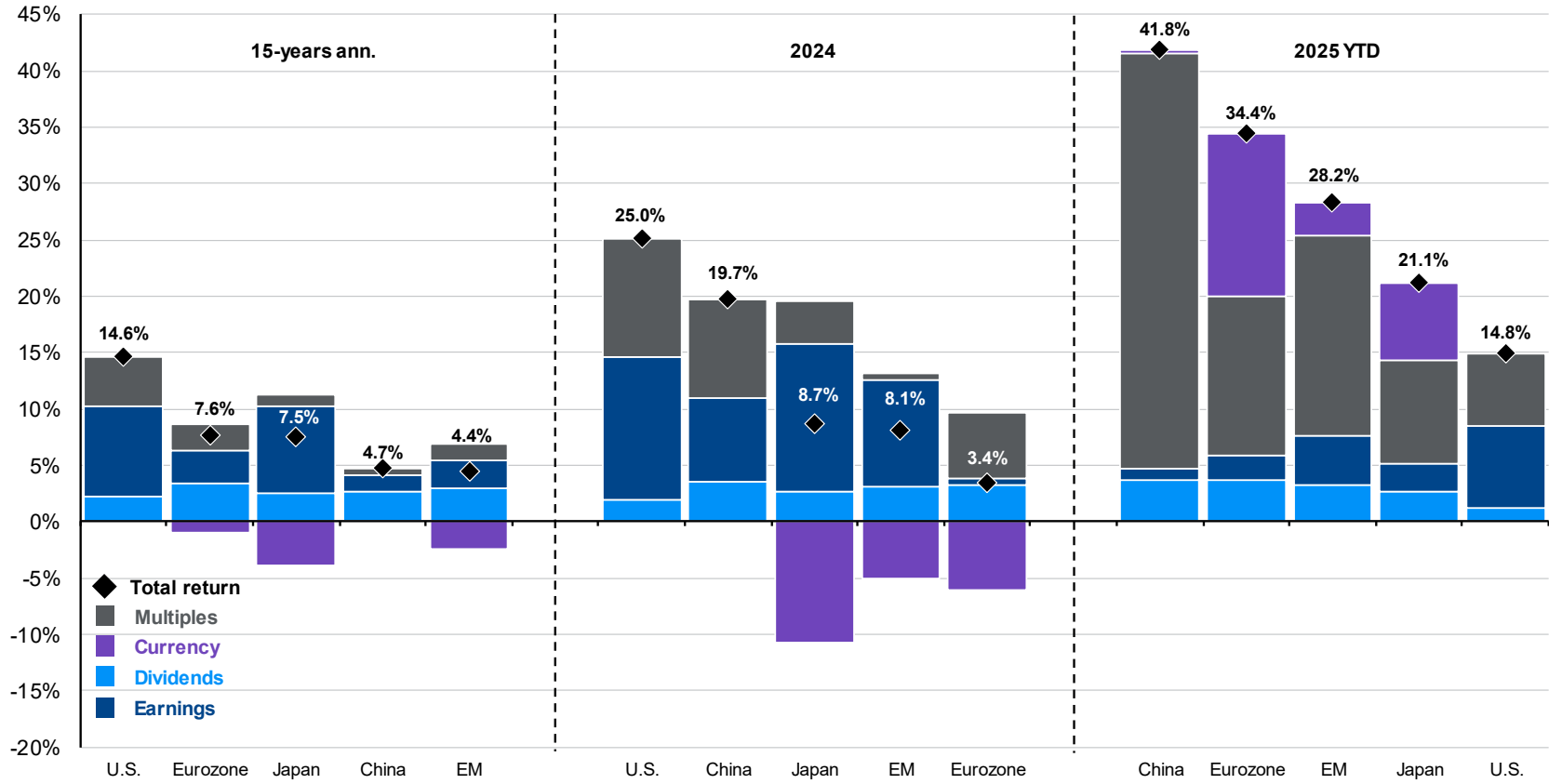
Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) BLS, NBER; (Right) Census Business Trends and Outlook Survey (AI Supplement).
Data from 1888 to 1957 reflect productivity data for the total private economy from John Kendrick, "Productivity Trends in the United States," NBER. Data from 1958 to 2024 reflect nonfarm productivity data from the BLS.
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Global equity return composition

International

Sources of global equity returns*

Total return, USD

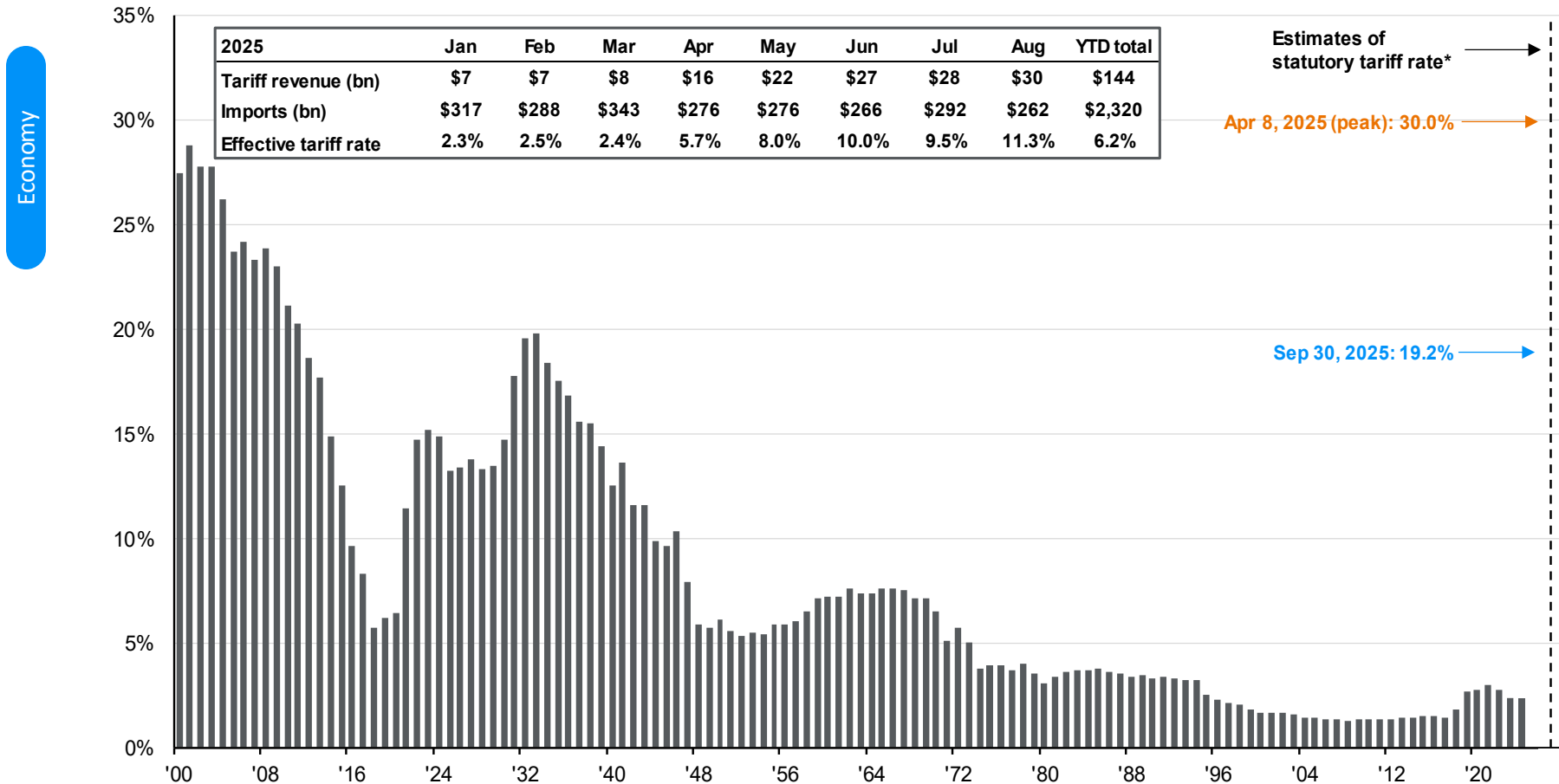


Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
 15-years ann. is a rolling 15-year period ending with the previous month-end. All return values are MSCI Gross Index data, except the U.S., which is the S&P 500. *Multiple expansion is based on the forward P/E ratio, and EPS growth outlook is based on NTMA earnings estimates. Chart is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.
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Tariffs on U.S. imports

Average tariff rate on U.S. goods imports for consumption

Duties collected / value of total goods imports for consumption, 1900 - 2024



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. International Trade Commission, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
 For illustrative purposes only. The estimated weighted average statutory U.S. tariff rate includes all tariffs that are currently in effect, not announced. Imports for consumption: goods brought into a country for direct use or sale in the domestic market. *Figures are based on 2024 import levels and assume no change in demand due to tariff increases. Tariff revenue shown are figures from the Monthly Treasury Statement. Import figures included in the table are from the U.S. Census Bureau.. Estimates, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

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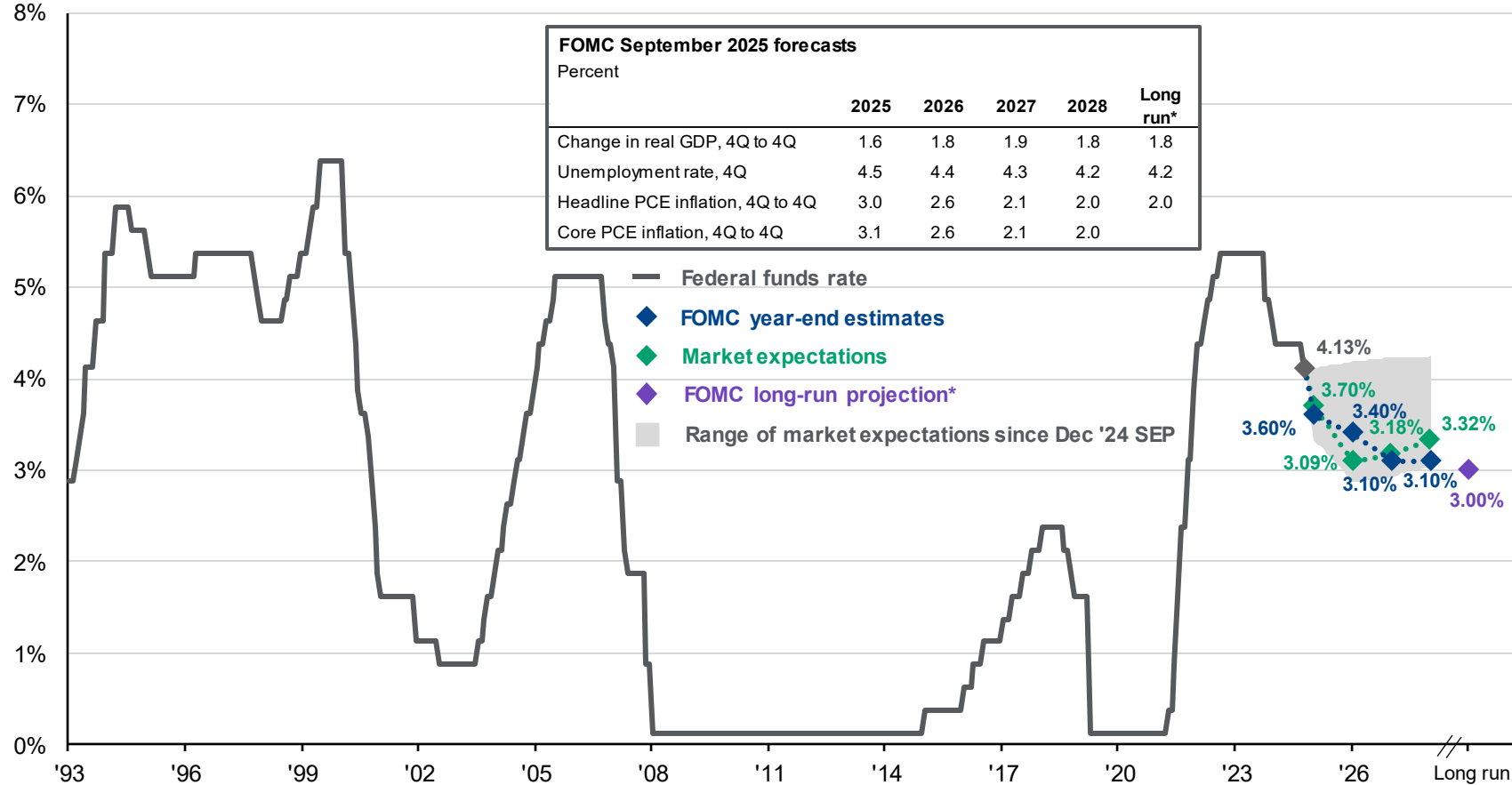
The Fed and interest rates

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Fixed Income

Federal funds rate expectations

FOMC and market expectations for the federal funds rate



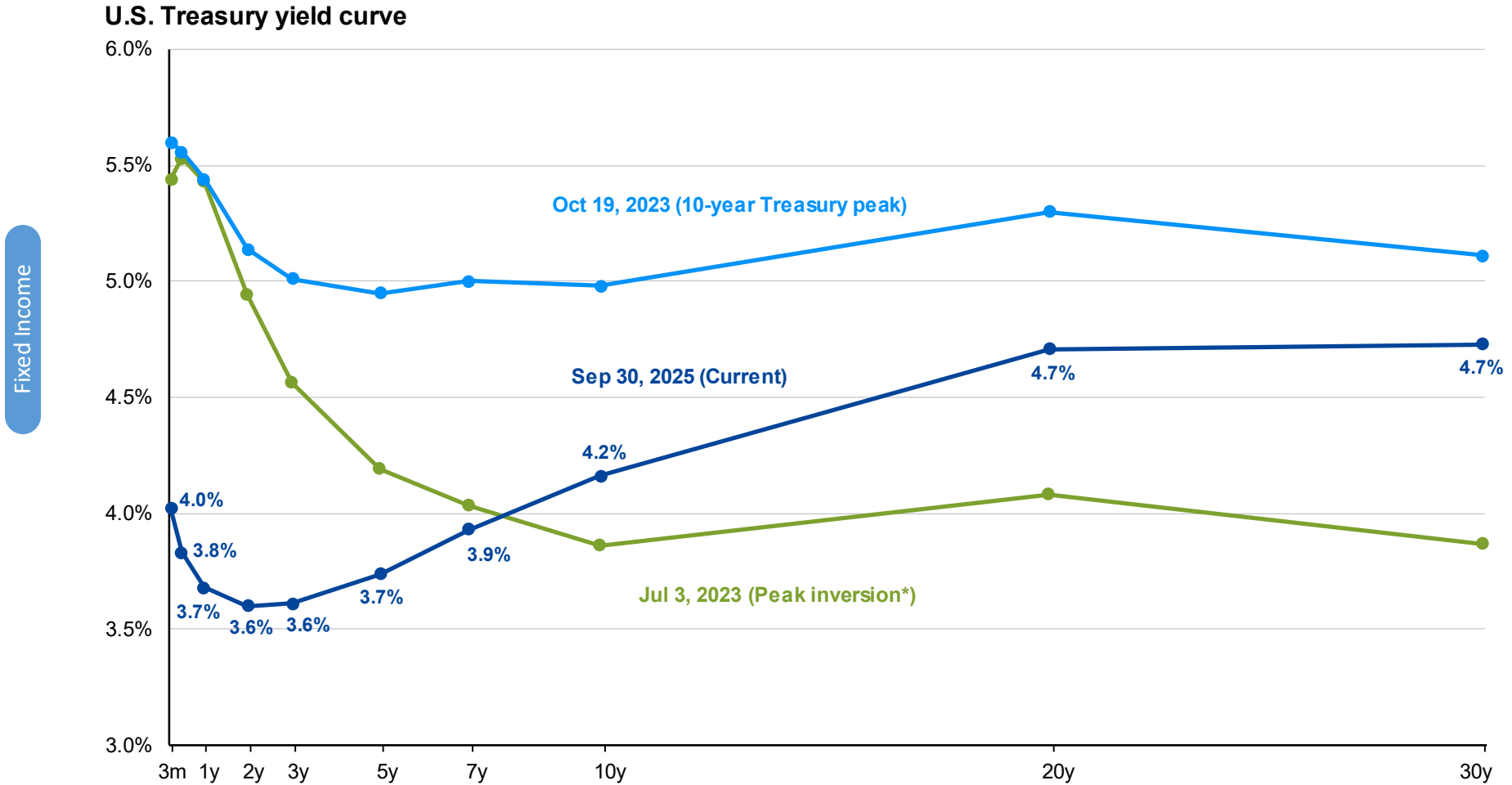
Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Market expectations are based off of USD Overnight Index Swaps. *Long-run projections are the rates of growth, unemployment and inflation to which a policymaker expects the economy to converge over the next five to six years in absence of further shocks and under appropriate monetary policy. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

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Yield curve

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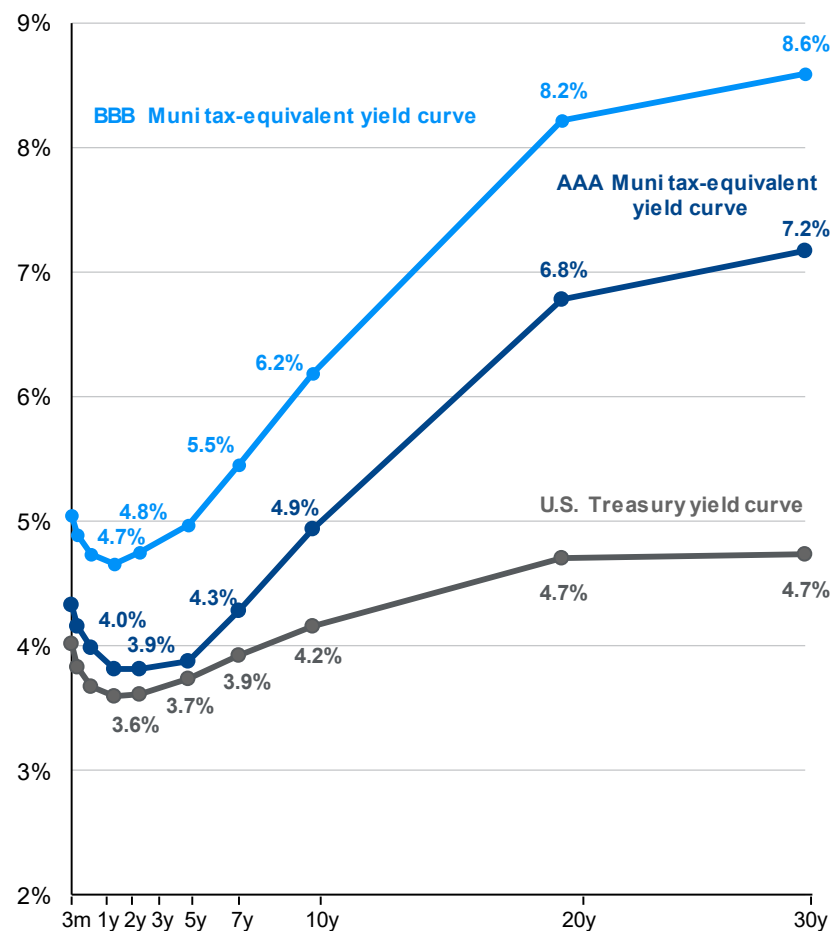


Source: FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Analysis references data back to 2020. *Peak inversion is measured by the spread between the yield on a 10-year Treasury and 2-year Treasury.
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Municipal finance

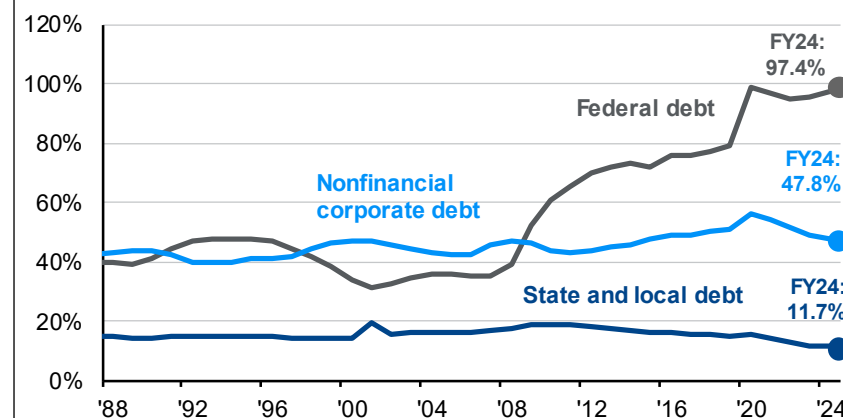
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Muni tax-equivalent and Treasury yield curves



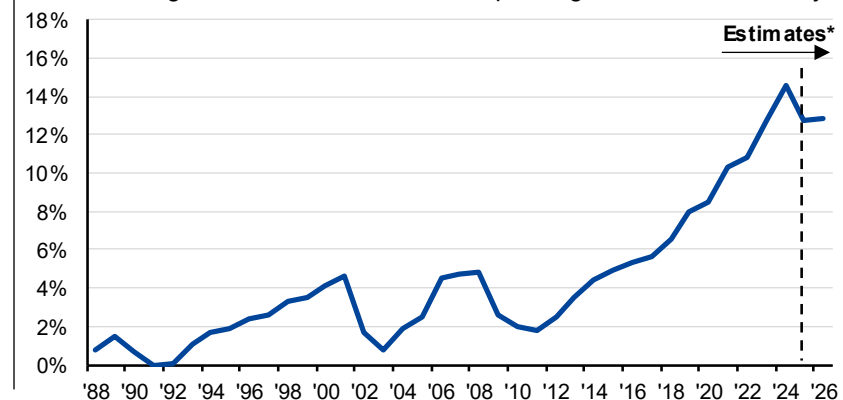
State and local, federal and corporate debt

% of GDP, 1988 - 2024, end of fiscal year



State Rainy Day Fund balances

Median savings balances as a % of total spending, 1988 - 2026, fiscal year



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, S&P Global; (Top right) Census Bureau, Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Federal Reserve; (Bottom right) NASBO Fiscal Survey of States. Municipal tax-equivalent yields are calculated based on municipal bond curves for each credit rating according to S&P Global and assume a top income tax bracket rate of 37% plus a Medicare tax rate of 3.8% for a total tax rate of 40.8%. State and local debt are based on the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances. A rainy day fund, also known as a budget stabilization fund or reserve fund, is a collection of funds that local governments use to prepare for financial emergencies and future stability. *Estimates are sourced from NASBO's Fiscal Survey of States. Figures for FY 2025 are estimates while figures for FY 2026 are projected based on governors' recommended budgets.

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Asset class returns

2010 - 2024		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Ann.	Vol.																
Large Cap 13.9%	Small Cap 20.6%	REITs 27.9%	REITs 8.3%	REITs 19.7%	Small Cap 38.8%	REITs 28.0%	REITs 2.8%	Small Cap 21.3%	EM Equity 37.8%	Cash 1.8%	Large Cap 31.5%	Small Cap 20.0%	REITs 41.3%	Comdty. 16.1%	Large Cap 26.3%	Large Cap 25.0%	EM Equity 28.2%
Small Cap 10.3%	EM Equity 17.9%	Small Cap 26.9%	Fixed Income 7.8%	High Yield 19.6%	Large Cap 32.4%	Large Cap 13.7%	Large Cap 1.4%	High Yield 14.3%	DM Equity 25.6%	Fixed Income 0.0%	REITs 28.7%	EM Equity 18.7%	Large Cap 28.7%	Cash 1.5%	DM Equity 18.9%	Small Cap 11.5%	DM Equity 25.7%
REITs 9.4%	REITs 16.8%	EM Equity 19.2%	High Yield 3.1%	EM Equity 18.6%	DM Equity 23.3%	Fixed Income 6.0%	Fixed Income 0.5%	Large Cap 12.0%	Large Cap 21.8%	REITs -4.0%	Small Cap 25.5%	Large Cap 18.4%	Comdty. 27.1%	High Yield -12.7%	Small Cap 16.9%	Asset Alloc. 10.0%	Large Cap 14.8%
Asset Alloc. 7.2%	DM Equity 16.5%	Comdty. 16.8%	Large Cap 2.1%	DM Equity 17.9%	Asset Alloc. 14.9%	Asset Alloc. 5.2%	Cash 0.0%	Comdty. 11.8%	Small Cap 14.6%	High Yield -4.1%	DM Equity 22.7%	Asset Alloc. 10.6%	Small Cap 14.8%	Fixed Income -13.0%	Asset Alloc. 14.1%	High Yield 9.2%	Asset Alloc. 12.9%
High Yield 5.9%	Comdty. 16.1%	Large Cap 15.1%	Cash 0.1%	Small Cap 16.3%	High Yield 7.3%	Small Cap 4.9%	DM Equity -0.4%	EM Equity 11.6%	Asset Alloc. 14.6%	Large Cap -4.4%	Asset Alloc. 19.5%	DM Equity 8.3%	Asset Alloc. 13.5%	Asset Alloc. -13.9%	High Yield 14.0%	EM Equity 8.1%	Small Cap 10.4%
DM Equity 5.7%	Large Cap 15.1%	High Yield 14.8%	Asset Alloc. -0.7%	Large Cap 16.0%	REITs 2.9%	Cash 0.0%	Asset Alloc. -2.0%	REITs 8.6%	High Yield 10.4%	Asset Alloc. -5.8%	EM Equity 18.9%	Fixed Income 7.5%	DM Equity 11.8%	DM Equity -14.0%	REITs 11.4%	Comdty. 5.4%	High Yield 9.6%
EM Equity 3.4%	Asset Alloc. 10.4%	Asset Alloc. 13.3%	Small Cap -4.2%	Asset Alloc. 12.2%	Cash 0.0%	High Yield 0.0%	High Yield -2.7%	Asset Alloc. 8.3%	REITs 8.7%	Small Cap -11.0%	High Yield 12.6%	High Yield 7.0%	High Yield 1.0%	Large Cap -18.1%	EM Equity 10.3%	Cash 5.3%	Comdty. 9.4%
Fixed Income 2.4%	High Yield 9.4%	DM Equity 8.2%	DM Equity -11.7%	Fixed Income 4.2%	Fixed Income -2.0%	EM Equity -1.8%	Small Cap -4.4%	Fixed Income 2.6%	Fixed Income 3.5%	Comdty. -11.2%	Fixed Income 8.7%	Cash 0.5%	Cash 0.0%	EM Equity -19.7%	Fixed Income 5.5%	REITs 4.9%	Fixed Income 6.1%
Cash 1.2%	Fixed Income 4.7%	Fixed Income 6.5%	Comdty. -13.3%	Cash 0.1%	EM Equity -2.3%	DM Equity -4.5%	EM Equity -14.6%	DM Equity 1.5%	Comdty. 1.7%	DM Equity -13.4%	Comdty. 7.7%	Comdty. -3.1%	Fixed Income -1.5%	Small Cap -20.4%	Cash 5.1%	DM Equity 4.3%	REITs 4.5%
Comdty. -1.0%	Cash 0.9%	Cash 0.1%	EM Equity -18.2%	Comdty. -1.1%	Comdty. -9.5%	Comdty. -17.0%	Comdty. -24.7%	Cash 0.3%	Cash 0.8%	EM Equity -14.2%	Cash 2.2%	REITs -5.1%	EM Equity -2.2%	REITs -24.9%	Comdty. -7.9%	Fixed Income 1.3%	Cash 3.2%

Investing Principles

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Large Cap: S&P 500, Small Cap: Russell 2000, EM Equity: MSCI EME, DM Equity: MSCI EAFE, Comdty: Bloomberg Commodity Index, High Yield: Bloomberg Global HY Index, Fixed Income: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate, REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index, Cash: Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio is for illustrative purposes only and assumes annual rebalancing with the following weights: 25% in the S&P 500, 10% in the Russell 2000, 15% in the MSCI EAFE, 5% in the MSCI EME, 25% in the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate, 5% in the Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury, 5% in the Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, 5% in the Bloomberg Commodity Index and 5% in the NAREIT Equity REIT Index. Annualized (Ann.) return and volatility (Vol.) represents the period from 12/31/2009 to 12/31/2024. Please see the disclosure page at the end for index definitions. All data represent total return for the period. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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