

# Investment Weekly

For the week ended Oct 31, 2025

## Commentary

**Weekly summary: The Fed lowered rates but expectations of a December cut were tempered.**

### Markets review

- **U.S. equities were mixed.** Large cap growth was higher, led technology and consumer discretionary. But large cap value and smaller caps moved lower. Overseas, Asia and emerging markets rose while Europe and developed markets fell.
- **Treasury yields increased and the curve flattened.** The Bloomberg U.S. Agg fell for the week.
- The **dollar advanced while gold declined**; Bitcoin futures were down too.
- **WTI crude oil declined** for the fourth out of the past five weeks.

### Economic review

- Interest rates: **The Fed cut lowered rates by 25 bp.** Markets are pricing in a 62% chance of a December cut, down from 90% before the FOMC meeting, and ~70 bp of cuts in 2026.
- Trade: **The U.S. and China postponed some tariffs**, although several key issues remain unresolved.
- Consumer: **Earnings reports highlighted weaker consumer trends**, made worse by the government shutdown which affects SNAP benefits. In addition, the labor market continued to soften, underpinned by some high-profile layoff announcements. However, an ADP update showed job growth of ~57K over the past four weeks, better than the September 32K decline. Lastly, the labor market differential improved in the Consumer Confidence reading.
- **The government shutdown is expected to continue into November.**

### Earnings review

- **3Q25 earnings has begun: 63% of S&P 500 companies reported. The blended earnings growth rate was 13.8% and the revenue growth rate was 7.5%.** So far, 83% of S&P 500 companies beat consensus EPS expectations.

## Market data

Index prices (\$)	10/31/25	12/31/24
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,563	42,544
S&P 500	6,840	5,882

Returns (%)	1wk	QTD	YTD	3mo
<b>Equities</b>				
S&P 500	0.71	2.34	17.52	8.23
S&P Mid Cap 400	-1.59	-0.47	5.27	3.38
S&P Small Cap 600	-2.84	-0.88	3.33	7.17
Russell 1000	0.57	2.16	17.07	7.92
Russell MidCap	-1.52	-0.83	9.51	2.55
Russell 2000	-1.36	1.81	12.39	12.48
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.75	2.59	13.34	8.23
NASDAQ Composite	2.24	4.72	23.50	12.49

<b>Fixed income</b>				
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	-0.57	0.62	6.80	2.94
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	-0.45	-0.25	7.64	1.86
Bloomberg High Yield Bond	-0.08	0.16	7.39	2.24
S&P / LSTA Senior Loan	0.32	0.46	5.79	1.67
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond	0.07	1.74	11.53	4.09

<b>S&amp;P 500 sectors</b>				
Technology	2.99	6.23	29.93	14.32
Materials	-3.72	-5.04	3.80	-1.66
Consumer discretionary	2.77	2.37	7.80	9.26
Health care	-1.23	3.58	6.29	11.10
Utilities	-2.53	2.10	20.17	4.66
Consumer staples	-3.63	-2.32	1.49	-2.31
Energy	0.01	-1.13	5.83	2.03
Financials	-1.46	-2.84	9.55	0.34
Industrials	0.09	0.47	18.94	2.44
Communication services	0.57	1.86	26.82	11.41
Real Estate	-3.89	-2.63	3.40	-0.02

<b>Equity style performance</b>				
Large cap value	-0.86	0.44	12.15	5.19
Large cap growth	1.79	3.63	21.50	10.36
Mid cap value	-1.54	-1.00	8.40	3.26
Mid cap growth	-1.44	-0.28	12.52	0.45
Small cap value	-2.44	0.25	9.32	10.93
Small cap growth	-0.37	3.24	15.27	13.88

<b>International equities</b>				
MSCI EAFE	-0.45	1.19	27.21	7.58
MSCI U.K.	-0.42	1.68	28.40	6.74
MSCI Europe ex-U.K.	-1.57	0.50	29.44	6.20
MSCI Japan	1.85	3.39	25.22	13.44
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan	1.01	4.50	33.24	13.10
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.89	4.19	33.59	13.31
MSCI ACWI	0.50	2.26	21.54	8.66

Source: FactSet.

**Economic calendar**

Date	Country/Region	Event
11/03/25	Germany	S&P Global PMI Manufacturing (Oct)
	E.U.	S&P Global PMI Manufacturing (Oct)
	U.K.	S&P Global CIPS Manufacturing PMI (Oct)
	U.S.	S&P Global PMI Manufacturing (Oct)
	U.S.	ISM Manufacturing (Oct)
11/04/25	Japan	S&P Global/JMMA PMI Manufacturing (Oct)
	U.S.	Factory Orders (Sep)
11/05/25	U.S.	JOLTS Job Openings (Sep)
	Germany	Manufacturing Orders (Sep)
	Germany	S&P Global PMI Services (Oct)
	E.U.	S&P Global PMI Composite (Oct)
	U.K.	S&P Global CIPS Services PMI (Oct)
	E.U.	PPI (Sep)
	U.S.	ADP Employment Survey (Oct)
	U.S.	S&P Global PMI Services (Oct)
	U.S.	ISM Services PMI (Oct)
	Japan	S&P Global PMI Services (Oct)
	11/06/25	Germany
11/07/25	Germany	S&P Global PMI Construction (Oct)
	U.K.	S&P Global CIPS Construction PMI (Oct)
	E.U.	Retail Sales (Sep)
	U.K.	BoE Official Bank Rate
	U.S.	Initial Claims (11/01)
11/07/25	Japan	Real Household Consumption Expenditure (Sep)
	China	Export/ Import (Oct)
	China	Trade Balance (Oct)
	U.S.	Nonfarm Payrolls (Oct)
	U.S.	Unemployment Rate (Oct)
U.S.	Michigan Sentiment (Nov)	

Source: FactSet.

**Market data, cont'd**

As of:	Last close	Prior week	Year end	3 mos ago
<b>U.S. bond rates (%)</b>				
U.S. federal funds target rate	4.00	4.25	4.50	4.50
U.S. 2yr Treasury	3.60	3.48	4.25	3.94
U.S. 10yr Treasury	4.09	3.99	4.58	4.36
U.S. 20yr Treasury	4.64	4.53	4.86	4.88
U.S. 30yr Treasury	4.66	4.56	4.79	4.89
High yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	6.49	6.40	6.97	6.64
<b>Consumer rates (%)</b>				
30yr mortgage rate		6.29	7.28	6.78
Prime rate	7.00	7.25	7.50	7.50
<b>Commodities</b>				
Gold (USD/oz)	\$3,997	\$4,020	\$2,641	\$3,349
Crude oil (USD/bbl)	\$60.98	\$61.31	\$71.72	\$69.26
Copper (LME \$/mt)	\$10,902	\$10,987	\$8,706	\$9,606
Gasoline (USD/gal)	\$3.28	\$3.28	\$3.22	\$3.34
<b>Exchange rates</b>				
\$ per €	1.15	1.16	1.04	1.14
\$ per £	1.31	1.33	1.25	1.32
¥ per \$	154.06	153.10	157.16	150.50
U.S. Dollar Index	99.80	98.78	108.49	99.97

Source: FactSet.

**Earnings calendar**

Monday, 11/03	Tuesday, 11/04	Wednesday, 11/05	Thursday, 11/06	Friday, 11/07
Palantir Technologies	Advanced Micro Devices	Toyota Motor	AstraZeneca	Constellation Energy Corporation
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	Shopify	Novo Nordisk	ConocoPhillips	KKR & Co.
The Williams Companies	Uber Technologies	McDonald's	ParkerHannifin	Enbridge
Simon Property Group	Arista Networks	AppLovin	National Australia Bank	Duke Energy
Realty Income	Amgen	Qualcomm	Mnchener...	Mitsubishi
IDEXX Laboratories	Eaton	ARM Holdings PLC Sponsored ADR	Airbnb	Brookfield Asset Management Ltd.
	Pfizer	Robinhood Markets	Petroleo Brasileiro	Mitsui & Co.
	Spotify Technology	Sampo	Transdigm Group	KDDI
	Nintendo	Byd Co.	Petroleo Brasileiro	
	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	DoorDash	Canadian Natural Resources Limited	
	Ferrari	McKesson	Monster Beverage	
	BP	Itochu	Vistra	
	Bouygues	CRH	Osram Licht	
	Itau Unibanco	Emerson Electric Co.	EOG Resources	
	Marriott International	Johnson Controls International		
	Apollo Global Management	Cencora, Inc.		
	Thomson Reuters	Fortinet		
	Zoetis	Sempra Energy		
	Cummins	Energy Transfer		
	Marathon Petroleum			

Source: Zacks.

### Index definitions

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg High Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the U.S., adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world, capturing large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the U.K..

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the U.K..

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Midcap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Midcap Value: Russell MidCap Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Growth: Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Value: Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

S&P 500 Index is a widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, including 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

The S&P MidCap 400 includes 400 companies and represents almost 6% of the U.S. markets. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 3.3 billion to USD 11.8 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

The S&P SmallCap 600 includes 600 companies and represents almost 3% of the U.S. market. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 750 million to USD 3.3 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

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