Market Snapshot January 31, 2025

Economic Overview

- US GDP grew at a healthy 2.3% annualized rate in the 4th quarter, slightly less than expected and a slowdown from the 3rd quarter's 3.1% rate
- The FOMC held its benchmark rate at 4.25% 4.50%, as expected, and market expectations are for another pause at the March meeting
- Economic news largely supported the Fed pause, as unemployment fell to 4.1% while core CPI cooled slightly but remains above target at 3.2%

Market Returns

- Tech stocks lagged as a new Chinese AI competitor emerged
- Non-US equity led on low tech exposure and weaker dollar



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 1/31/2025)

Fixed Income and Equity Valuation Metrics



Asset Class Valuations - Rebalancing Rationale

- Equities are discounting a soft landing and continued easing monetary policy
- Upside for duration limited with additional Fed cuts already discounted by markets
- Cash yields set to fall as Fed continues easing

Asset Class	Current Valuation	Rationale
US Large Cap		Expensive valuations
US Small Cap		Balanced upside/downside risks
Int'l Developed		Fair valuations, mixed growth across regions
Emerging Mkt		Balanced upside/downside risks

Cash	Cash rates likely to decline
Core Bonds	Balanced duration risks
Multi-Sector	Attractive income, tight spreads
Unconstrained	Duration, spreads balanced
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Core Real Estate	stabilizing

Overvalued Fairly Valued Undervalued

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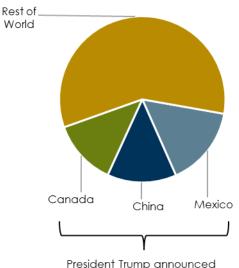
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Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Stronger inflation and labor market data
- Rising headwinds for consumers (higher rates, student loan repayments, depleted savings...)
- Potential Fed policy error
- Headwinds to corporate earnings
- US policy uncertainty and rising geopolitical tensions
- Weaker than expected China recovery

Announced Tariffs Would Have Significant Impact

Total Share of US Imports, Last 12 Months



President Trump announced 25% tariffs on imports from Mexico and Canada and 10% tariffs on Chinese imports

Source: US Census Bureau(as of 1/31/2025)

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