Market Snapshot September 30, 2025

Economic Overview

- The FOMC made its first policy rate change of 2025 when it lowered the Federal Funds target rate by 25 bps to a range of 4.00% 4.25%
- The labor market showed further signs of slowdown as nonfarm payrolls increased by just 22,000 for the month and unemployment rose to 4.3%
- US GDP grew faster in Q2 than previously thought, as updated data indicated a 3.8% annualized growth rate, well above the initial 3.0% estimate

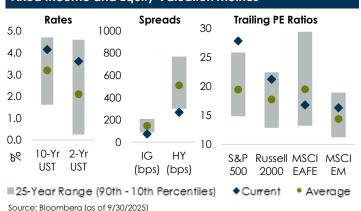
Market Returns (%)

- Asset returns positive across the board with Fed easing policy
- Strong returns from China supported EM equity performance



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 9/30/2025)

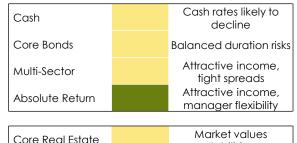
Fixed Income and Equity Valuation Metrics



Asset Class Valuations - Rebalancing Rationale

- US Large Caps remain expensive despite year-todate underperformance
- Upside for duration appears limited with additional Fed cuts 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, improving growth Balanced upside/downside risks
Emerging Mkt		





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Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- US trade policy uncertainty, supply disruptions
- Potential short-term uptick in inflation
- Earnings pressure (tariffs, weaker demand)
- Consumer headwinds (higher prices, depleted savings)
- Rising US debt/deficit impact on rates
- Escalation of geopolitical tensions

Shutdowns Usually a Non-Issue for Equity Markets

S&P 500 Performance Around Recent Government Shutdowns





Shutdown Ends

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