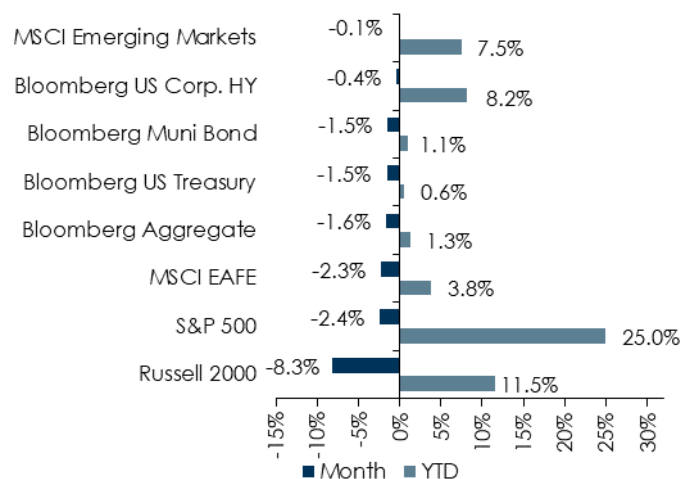


Economic Overview

- The FOMC cut rates by 25 bps to 4.25% - 4.50%, as expected, however the committee's economic projections signaled hawkish policy in 2025
- Non-farm payroll growth rebounded in November to a solid 227,000, while the unemployment rate ticked higher from 4.1% to 4.2%
- Inflation remains stuck above the Fed's target, with both core CPI and core PCE unchanged from the prior month at 3.3% and 2.8%, respectively

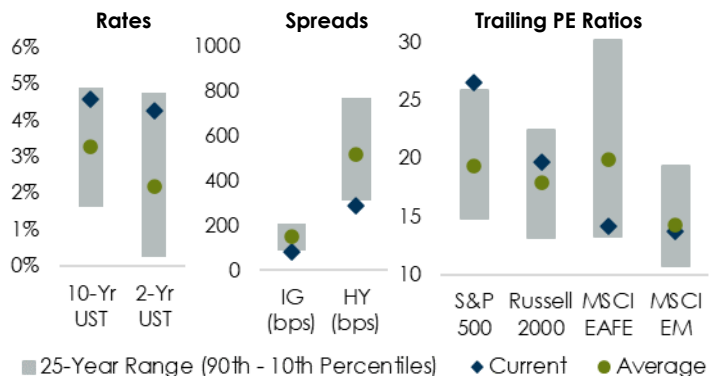
Market Returns

- Asset prices fell in Dec. as higher rates weighed on sentiment
- 2024 was positive overall for most assets, led by US equities



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 12/31/2024)

Fixed Income and Equity Valuation Metrics



Source: Bloomberg (as of 12/31/2024)

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	Overvalued	Expensive valuations
US Small Cap	Fairly Valued	Balanced upside/downside risks
Int'l Developed	Fairly Valued	Fair valuations, mixed growth across regions
Emerging Mkt	Fairly Valued	Balanced upside/downside risks

Cash	Fairly Valued	Cash rates likely to decline
Core Bonds	Fairly Valued	Balanced duration risks
Multi-Sector	Fairly Valued	Attractive income; tight spreads
Unconstrained	Fairly Valued	Duration, spreads balanced

Core Real Estate	Fairly Valued	Market values stabilizing
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Overvalued	Fairly Valued	Undervalued
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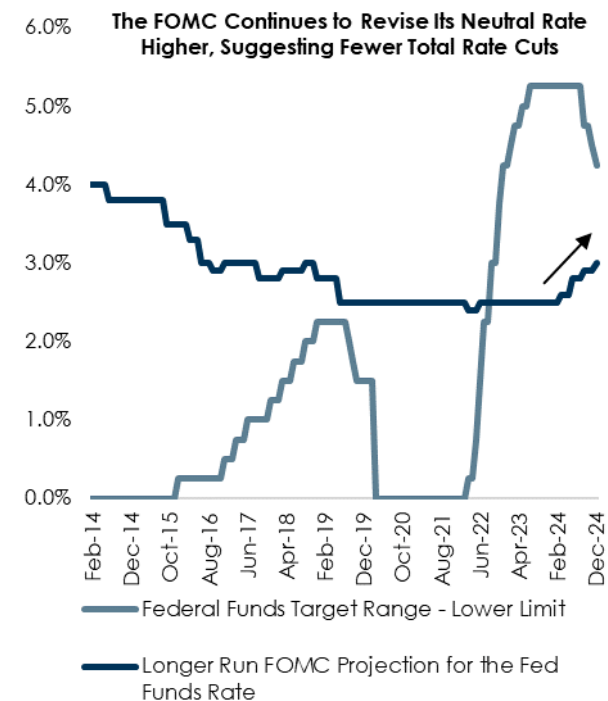
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Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- 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

US Fed Cuts but Signals Higher for Longer Rates



Source: Federal Reserve (as of 12/31/2024)

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