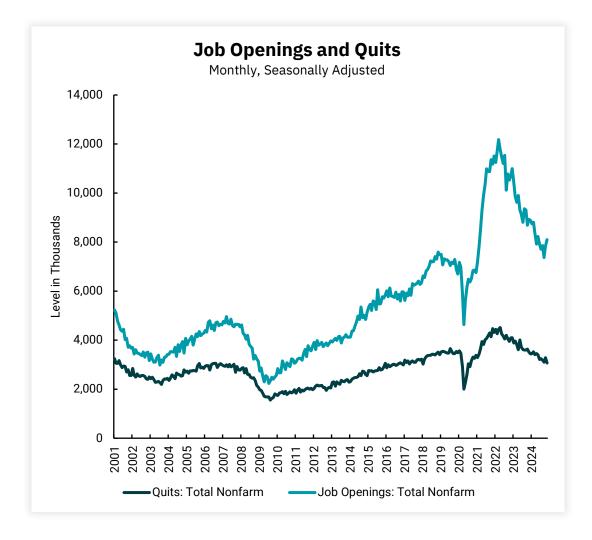
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Weekly market update

Chart of the week (Jan. 10, 2025)





The first full week of January 2025 was capped off by a <u>December employment report</u> that exceeded almost every expectation. The measure of new jobs, nonfarm payrolls, was expected to be around 175,000 yet was reported at 256,000. There were very slight downward revisions to the last two months' numbers but, net those, the number of new jobs was still significantly higher than expectations. Along with the steady labor force participation rate, the increase in jobs led to a decline in the headline unemployment rate (U-3) to 4.1%. While more volatile, the U-6 unemployment rate also fell, coming down 0.3% to 7.5% from 7.8%. The only part of the report that did not exceed expectations, thankfully, was average hourly earnings (AHE), which were reported up 0.3%, a 3.9% annualized rate, after a series of reports at 4%.

This week's chart shows another part of the jobs data we get the first week of each month. In this case we are looking at the <u>Job Opening and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)</u> and highlighting the number of job openings as well as the number of job quits. In both regards, we see a job market that is becoming more balanced. Normally as the number of open jobs declines, the quit rate slows, and companies see slower turnover rates. This is also tied to an environment where wage pressures tend to recede, allowing that part of inflation to fall.

Yet a close review of the open jobs numbers in this week's chart reveals a bit of a reversal as open jobs jumped higher. When taken in conjunction with the stronger labor report from the Department of Labor, the markets are now wondering how much, if any, the Federal Reserve really needs to lower rates from here. We have mentioned before that even as the Fed has begun lowering short-term rates, longer-term rates have been floating higher.

After the jobs data release Friday morning, we have seen longer-term rates move up again, and stock prices are declining. Does this mean the employment data was bad for the economy? In short, no. In fact, the chances of a recession are lower now than before the report, as a strong job market is vitally important to supporting the U.S. consumer. However, the math of asset valuation is another story. And the high multiples on domestic stocks are at risk from higher interest rates.

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Commentary (Jan. 10, 2025)

Domestic Equities

- U.S. stocks fell for the week as hopes for future interest rate cuts dimmed on strong economic data. A better-than-expected jobs report out Friday nearly eliminated expectations for a January rate cut. Stocks fell sharply on the news, with interest rate-sensitive small caps hit the hardest.
- Insurance stocks have been hit hard on reports the Los Angeles wildfires could be the costliest disaster in U.S. history.
- There were some bright spots in the market from earnings reports. Delta
 Airlines reported record profits, driving airline stocks higher. The Walgreens
 Boots Alliance gained 20% after reporting a smaller-than-expected quarterly
 earnings drop.
- Constellation Energy struck a deal to buy Calpine, which would combine
 two of the biggest power generators amid surging demand for
 electricity. Power producers have soared over the past year, with Al driving
 rising power demand.

Bonds

- U.S. Treasury yields moved higher on stronger employment data and rising prices, as indicated by the December ISM Non-Manufacturing survey. Fed minutes from the December FOMC meeting also painted a more hawkish outlook for further rate cuts, putting additional upward pressure on yields. As of the end of the week, market expectations for additional rate cuts dropped to 1.1 cuts through end of 2025.
- Inflation expectations, as indicated by U.S. inflation breakevens, made multi-month highs. In particular, the two-year U.S. breakeven inflation rate exceeded 2.7%.
- In international markets, developed market rates moved higher, led by weakness at the long-end of the curve. Most notably, long-term U.K. and Japanese sovereign yields made multi-year new highs.

International Equities

- Foreign stocks faltered during the week as persistent inflation concerns and uncertainty around the impact of U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's plans for tariffs continue to weigh on investor sentiment.
- Developed markets were mixed this week with pockets of strength, but
 weakness in Japanese stocks hurt overall returns. New eurozone inflation
 data showed that prices rose 2.4% higher over the last year, above the
 European Central Bank's (ECB) target. However, the market still expects the
 ECB to maintain its policy easing bias in 2025 to support the region's
 weakening economic outlook.
- Emerging markets stumbled during the week and have fallen over 10% since reaching a high in October 2024. Asian stocks struggled this week as Chinese socks continue to languish amid lingering concerns about its economy. Sentiment suffered as the Biden administration announced additional restrictions on exporting AI chips to China.

Economics

- On Wednesday, jobless claims came in at 201,000, below expectations for 216,000. This followed last week's reading of 211,000, also below consensus estimates.
- On Friday, the employment release for December showed 256,000 jobs were added for the month. As a result, the unemployment rate fell to 4.1%. This was the second month-over-month increase following October's muted reading. Markets saw this report as being strong enough to reduce the number of interest rate cuts by the Fed in 2025.
- This week, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be released on Wednesday.
 Investors will be watching this for potential clues on the path of interest rates. Some components of the CPI report have been "sticky" and could make it harder for the Fed to lower rates.



Weekly Market Update

For Week Ending January 10, 2025

Markets		Εqι	ity Styl	le							Economic Data					
			Change From		. 7	00										
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Capital Markets	44 000 45	4.00/	4 40/	40.00/	6,2						-	- ~~	2	Inflation	0.70/	0.40/
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	41,938.45	-1.8%	-1.4%	13.3%	5,7				سهمسد	~~	~~~	~\ ·		CPI Headline Inflation	2.7%	3.1%
S&P 500 Index	5,827.04	-1.9%	-0.9%	23.5%	5,2	00 -		~~~		(-/				CPI Core Inflation	3.3%	4.0%
NASDAQ Composite	19,161.63	-2.3%	-0.8%	28.9%	4,7	00 🕌	240							Personal Consumption Exp (PCE) Core	2.8%	3.2%
S&P 400 Midcap Index	3,099.47	-1.7%	-0.7%	15.0%	4,2											
S&P 600 Smallcap Index	1,381.94	-2.8%	-1.8%	9.7%										Jobs		
MSCI EAFE	8,023.00	-0.4%	-0.7%	4.3%	3,7									Unemployment Rate (U3)	4.1%	3.8%
MSCI Emerging Markets	564.52	-1.5%	-1.6%	9.4%	3,2	00 -								Broader Unemployment Rate (U6)	7.5%	7.2%
Bloomberg US Agg	2,167.06	-0.9%	-1.0%	1.2%	2,7	00 -								JOLT Survey (in millions)	8.10	8.93
Bloomberg Municipal 5 Yr	493.93	-0.3%	-0.1%	1.3%	2,2	00 —	+ +			-	+ +	+ +		Jobless Claims (000's)	201	198
Bloomberg US Corporate	3,253.32	-1.0%	-1.1%	2.0%	_ ′	Jan-24	Mar-24	4 May-24	1 Jul-24	Se	ep-24	Nov-24	Jan-25	Change in Non-Farm Payroll (000's)	256	290
Bloomberg Glb Agg ex US Hdg	588.47	-0.6%	-0.7%	4.8%										Average Hourly Earnings (Y/Y % Change)	3.9%	4.3%
Bloomberg High Yield	2,684.09	-0.3%	0.0%	8.7%			4 Manth	*			v	t- D-	· - *			
MSCI US REIT Index	2,225.93	-4.1%	-3.7%	3.8%	1 Month*				Year to Date			ear to Da	te"	Consumer & Spending		
Bloomberg Commodity Index	247.92	4.1%	3.9%	10.6%		Value	Core	Growth			Value	Core	Growth	Consumer Confidence (Conf Board)	104.7	108.0
,					an an					an an				Consumer Spending (\$ Bil)	20,195	19.151
	Last Price/Yield	Prior Week	Year End	Year Ago	Large	-5.37	-3.35	-1.85	> 10%	Large	-1.41	-0.89	-0.24	Consumer Credit (\$ Bil)	5,102	5,017
Key Rates	240111100/11014	1 1.101 1100K			Ľ	0.0.	0.00		1070	Ľ		0.00	V	Retail Sales (\$ Bil)	725	698
Fed Funds Target	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	5.50%			1					i		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	720	000
3-Month Treasury	4.32%	4.29%	4.31%	5.37%	Mid	-5.55	-5.70	-5.83	0% - 10%	Mid	-1.15	-0.66	-0.18	Housing		
1-Year Treasury	4.32%	4.17%	4.14%	4.82%	Σ	-3.33	-3.70	-3.03	0% - 10%	Σ	-1.13	-0.00	-0.10	Housing Starts (000's)	1.289	1.510
2-Year Treasury	4.38%	4.28%	4.24%	4.36%			+					-		Case-Shiller Home Price Index	324.22	312.96
5-Year Treasury	4.57%	4.20%	4.24%	3.97%	Small	-8.02	-7.85	-7.72	00/	Small	-2.62	-1.84	-1.09	Case-Sillier Home Frice Index	324.22	312.90
7-Year Treasury	4.67%	4.51%	4.48%	4.00%	S	-0.02	-7.05	-1.12	<0%	S	-2.02	-1.04	-1.09	U.S. Productivity		
						*S&P Indice								•	00.400	00.704
10-Year Treasury	4.76%	4.60%	4.57%	4.03%		S&F IIIUICE	23							Real Gross Domestic Product (\$ Bil)	23,400	22,781
30-Year Treasury	4.95%	4.81%	4.78%	4.20%	Eine.		me Stvle							Quarter over Quarter Change	3.1%	4.4%
					LIX	eu inco	me Style							Year Over Year Change	2.7%	3.2%
Consumer Rates					5.5	50% ¬			Yield Curve	4				ISM Manufacturing	49.30	47.10
30-Year Mortgage	7.08%	7.26%	7.28%	5.83%		25%			ricia Garre	•				Capacity Utilization	76.80	78.42
Prime Rate	8.25%	8.25%	8.25%	9.25%										Markit US Composite PMI	55.40	50.90
SOFR	4.30%	4.31%	4.49%	5.31%		00% -							_			
					4.7	75% -	`							U.S. General		
Commodities					4.5	50% -		\						Leading Economic Indicators	99.7	103.3
Gold (spot)	2,689.76	2,640.22	2,624.50	2,024.41	4.2	25% -		_					_	Trade Weighted Dollar Index	129.7	120.0
Crude Oil WTI	76.57	73.96	71.72	71.37		00%			_					EUR / USD	1.02	1.10
Gasoline	3.06	3.06	3.06	3.08								Current		JPY / USD	157.73	145.76
Natural Gas	3.99	3.35	3.63	3.04		75% -					•	Julient		CAD / USD	0.69	0.75
Copper	4.30	4.07	4.03	3.78	3.5	50% -					—1	1 Year Ago	0	AUD / USD	0.61	0.67
					3.2	25% -										
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	P/E	P/E	Price to	Current Div			3 Mo	2 Yr	5 Yr	7 Y	′r 1	0 Yr	30 Yr	S&P 500 Sector Returns		
	Forward	Trailing	Book	Yield			00		0			•	00 11		1 Month	YTD
Index Characteristics				_			1 Month	*			Y	ear to Da	te*	Energy	-1.67%	2.86%
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	19.61	21.40	5.10	1.66		Short	Interm.	Long			Short	Interm.	Long	Health Care	-2.59%	1.55%
S&P 500	21.43	24.44	5.06	1.33										Communication Services	-0.95%	0.86%
S&P 500 Value	17.83	17.91	2.81	2.02	Govt	-0.07	-1.14	-7.11	> 10%	Govt	-0.13	-0.51	-2.30	Utilities	-2.37%	-0.10%
S&P 500 Growth	27.33	33.78	11.89	0.66	Ō					Ō				Industrials	-4.99%	-0.10%
NASDAQ	28.19	36.27	7.05	0.68										Materials	-7.89%	-0.23%
S&P Midcap 400	16.09	17.32	2.55	1.71	Corp	-0.13	-1.57	-6.31	0% - 10%	Corp	-0.10	-0.63	-2.07	Consumer Discretionary	-4.32%	-1.23%
S&P Smallcap 600	15.99	17.32	1.89	2.36	ပိ	0.13	1.57	0.51	0% - 10%	റ്	0.10	0.00	2.01	•		
•														Information Technology	-2.14%	-1.71%
MSCI EAFE	14.24	13.76	1.77	3.18	>	0.10	0.77	2.50		>	0.24	0.03	0.17	Financials	-4.32%	-2.04%
MSCI Emerging Markets	11.77	13.21	1.67	2.85	Ŧ	0.10	-0.77	-2.58	<0%	È	0.21	0.03	0.17	Consumer Staples	-6.42%	-2.20%
					I									Real Estate	-8.24%	-3.70%
Source: Bloomberg						1-3 Yrs	1-10 Yrs	+10 Yrs			1-3 Yrs	1-10 Yrs	+10 Yrs			

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