

Global Market Overview



Third Quarter 2025: Al Keeps the Rally Alive as Fed Opens the Door to Cuts

As of September 30, 2025

Equities posted strong gains in the third quarter, even as investors wrestled with familiar headwinds: a softening job market, persistently high valuations, and political uncertainty. In a now common refrain for investors, artificial intelligence propelled the major U.S. equity indexes this quarter, which saw the S&P 500 rise over 8%. Unlike in years past, however, small-cap stocks outdid their larger counterparts, with the Russell 2000 up more than 12%. Speculative activity reminiscent of the 2021 memestock era reappeared. Even so, equity performance was underpinned by resilient consumer spending and steady earnings growth. Healthcare lagged as new drug tariffs were announced, while consumer staples were the lone S&P sector to lose money in the quarter.

Signs of a weakening labor market helped spur the Federal Reserve to cut rates in September for the first time this year. Two additional cuts in 2025 are anticipated. Fixed income posted modest gains this guarter, with the Bloomberg Aggregate up 2%.

While still down roughly 10% for the year, the dollar stabilized this quarter. Meanwhile, gold surged above \$3,800/oz, up more than 40% year-to-date on its best run since 1979, as investors sought safe havens amid geopolitical tensions. In contrast, the VIX ended the quarter near 16, indicating relatively low volatility expectations, especially compared to its spike over 45 in early April when the first tariff hikes were announced.

Inflation remained above target but stable. Tariffs, while disruptive, have not (yet) triggered a recession nor meaningfully elevated inflation. Chair Powell summarized the balancing act the Fed is attempting to walk: "There is no risk-free policy path." In other words, cutting rates risks inflation, while holding steady risks perpetuating labor market weakness. Investors will be forced to navigate this policy uncertainty as well going into the final quarter of 2025.

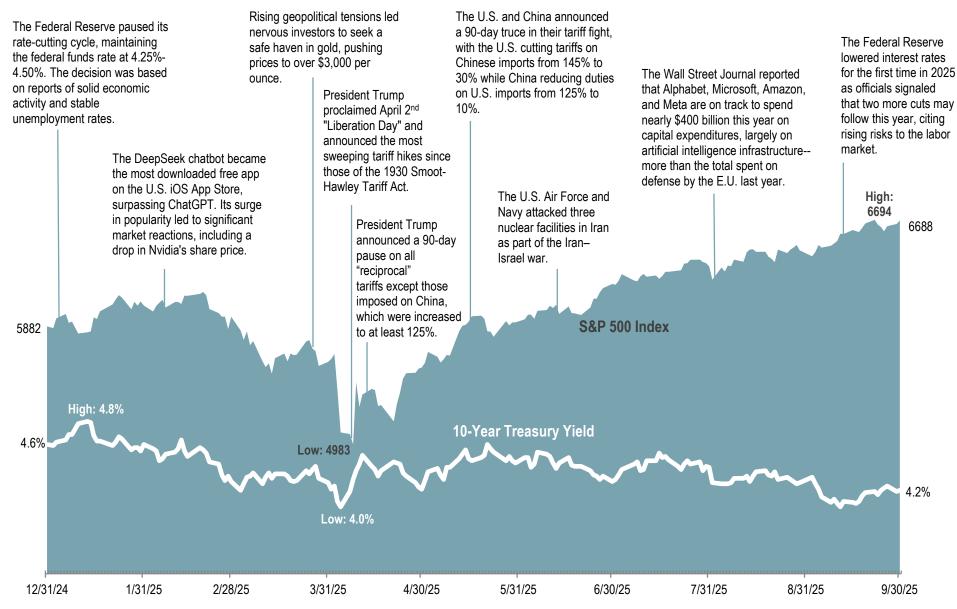
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	20 Years
Global Stocks	7.7%	18.3%	16.8%	22.5%	13.3%	8.2%
US Large-Cap Stocks	8.0%	14.6%	17.7%	24.6%	16.0%	10.9%
US Large-Cap Value	5.3%	11.7%	9.4%	17.0%	13.9%	8.2%
US Large-Cap Growth	10.5%	17.2%	25.5%	31.6%	17.6%	13.3%
US Small-Cap Stocks	12.4%	10.4%	10.8%	15.2%	11.6%	8.1%
US Small-Cap Value	12.6%	9.0%	7.9%	13.6%	14.6%	7.3%
US Small-Cap Growth	12.2%	11.7%	13.6%	16.7%	8.4%	8.8%
Non-US Developed Markets (USD)	4.8%	25.1%	15.0%	21.7%	11.2%	5.5%
Non-US Developed Markets (Local)	5.4%	13.6%	12.9%	16.9%	12.5%	5.9%
Emerging Markets (USD)	10.6%	27.5%	17.3%	18.2%	7.0%	6.1%
Emerging Markets (Local)	12.2%	24.3%	18.8%	18.1%	8.6%	7.9%
US Investment-Grade Bonds	2.1%	6.1%	2.9%	4.9%	(0.5%)	3.2%
US Long-Term Treasurys	2.5%	5.9%	(3.1%)	0.7%	(7.4%)	3.4%
US Short-Term TIPS	1.6%	6.2%	5.7%	5.4%	3.5%	3.0%
Global Real Estate (REITs)	4.3%	11.3%	0.7%	10.5%	6.5%	5.1%
Cash	1.1%	3.2%	4.4%	4.8%	3.0%	1.7%

Returns for periods longer than 1 year are annualized.

Sources: Sellwood Investment Partners LLC, Morningstar, Federal Reserve Economic Data, MSCI, FTSE Russell, ICE BofA, Credit Suisse

Year-to-Date Market Review

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Global Economic Overview As of September 30, 2025 **Federal Funds Rate** 4500 16 130 6.0% 125 5 4000 60 120 3500 5.0% 12 Federal Funds Rate 50 115 3 3000 Projected Federal Funds Rate (CME) 110 10 2 2500 4.0% 105 **FOMC Dot Plot Median** 2000 30 8 100 3.0% 1500 0 95 6 1000 -1 90 2.0% 10 -2 500 85 0 2 80 1.0% US Trade-Inflation **Treasury Curve Market Volatility Adjusted Gold** Unemployment Weighted US CBOE Volatility Steepness **Dollar Broad** Rate 0.0% Price per Oz. 10vr Yield - 2vr Index: VIX Index Yield Since 1968 Since 1948 Since 1990 Since 2006 Since 1976 **US Treasury Yield Curve** 9/2025 6/2025 9/2024 9/2022 9/2020 6.0% Market Inflation Expectations 5.0% 2.4 2.3 2.1 2.1 5 Year 1.5 10 Year 2.4 2.3 2.2 2.2 1.6 4.0% 20 Year 2.5 2.5 2.4 2.4 1.8 3.0% 8.2 2.4 CPI Year-over-Year 2.7 1.4 2.0% West Texas Crude Oil 62.2 66.3 68.8 79.9 40.1 1.0% Consumer Sentiment Index 55.1 60.7 58.6 78.9 70.1 0.0% S&P 500 Op 12mo EPS 249.5* 241.9 226.1 203.3 123.4 3 Year 5 Year 7 Year 10 Year 20 Year 30 year Real GDP Growth YoY 3.8 3.3 2.9 34.9 6/25 4.09 4.33 Federal Funds Rate 5.13 2.56 0.09 **-**9/25 9/24 9/22 9/20

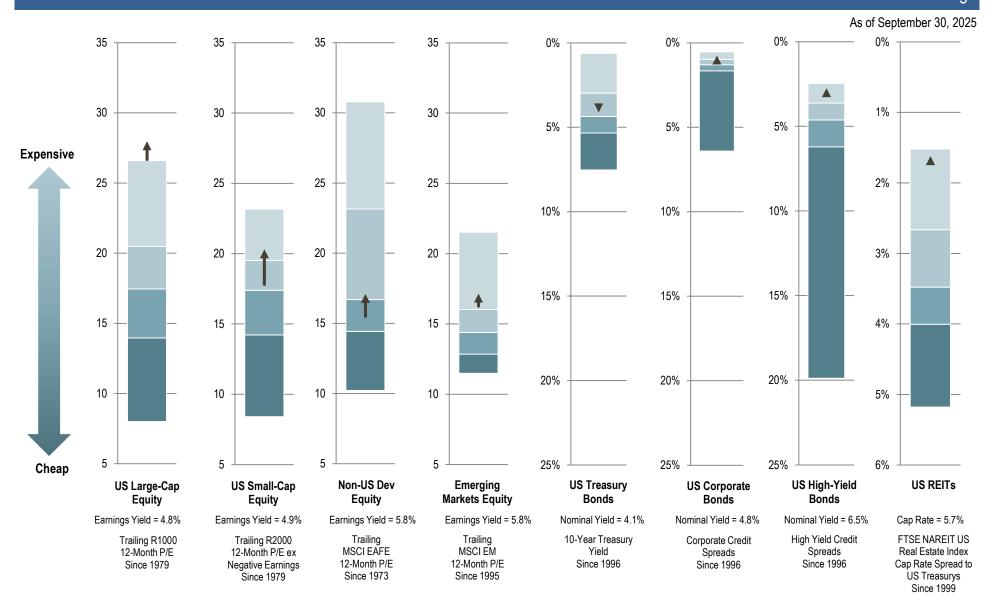
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Arrows in the top-right charts represent year on year change.

^{*}Estimate, provided by S&P Dow Jones Indices.



Global Market Valuations - One Year Change

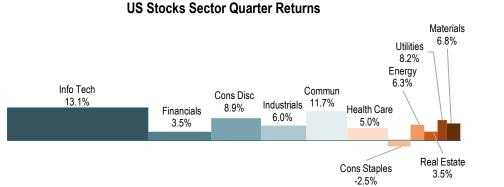


Arrows represent year on year change. Trailing 12 month P/E and cap rate metrics exclude the top and bottom 5%. P/E metrics calculated by Investment Metrics and Morningstar may use different methodology. Sources: Sellwood Investment Partners LLC, Robert Shiller Data, S&P Dow Jones Indices, FTSE Russell, MCSI, Federal Reserve Economic Data, NAREIT

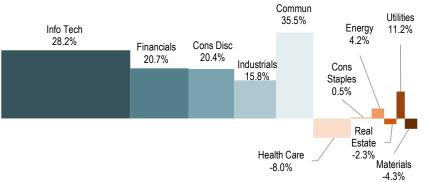


Sector and Region Returns

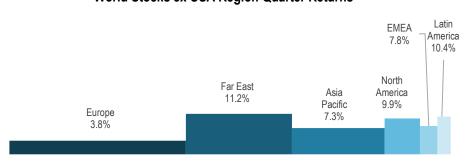
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US Stocks Sector 1-Year Returns

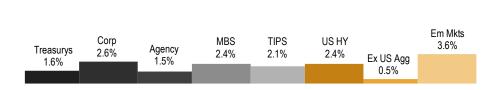








Fixed Income Sectors Quarter Returns



Fixed Income Sectors 1-Year Returns

