

# Before the Bell

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# Starting the Day

- U.S. equity futures point to a mixed open.
- European markets are mostly higher at midday.
- Markets across the Asia /Pacific were mixed overnight.
- Jobless claims remain low, in line with estimates.
- Overnight earnings mostly market friendly.
- 10-year Treasury yield at 4.64%.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil is trading at \$75.65.
- Gold is trading at \$2,749.40

# Market Perspectives Brian Erickson, CFA - Chief Fixed Income Strategist

Year-end 2025 Fixed Income Targets: Markets likely focus on the latest financial data and contemplate the level of policy rates that neither stimulates nor slows activity. While only visible in the rearview mirror, this 'neutral rate' is likely the Fed's primary focus this year. The risk to this expectation could be an inflation updraft, or trade-induced supply chain disruption that keeps Fed policy in restrictive territory. In the early days of the new administration, markets seem to have somewhat less clarity on how tariffs may be implemented compared to expectations post election. On the other hand, rising slack in labor markets and quickly decelerating inflation may lead the Fed to lower policy rates more quickly to extend the economic expansion.

Our view aligns with a more historical perspective that neutral is likely between 2.5% and 3.0%. The Fed's policy-making committee members offered views in its Summary of Economic Projections that accompanied the September policy meeting. The summary included individual forecasts that ranged from 2.375% to 3.75%. Neutral policy may only be apparent in hindsight by identifying how policies impacted the economy over time. However, some investors have come to believe that the neutral pace may be higher than 3.0% suggesting Fed policy should proceed more cautiously, which is what we have seen over the past few weeks. Fed futures point to a strong chance of a quarter-point rate cut late in the first half, compared to solid prospects for a first half quarter point cut at the start of the year.

Our scenarios encompass how much latitude growth and inflation permit the Fed to lower policy rates toward a more neutral level. See page 5 of our *Committee Perspectives – 2025 Investment Themes* report, dated December 18, 2024, for details on the three scenarios in the chart on the chart below.

#### Ten-year Treasury yield forecast for year-end:

As the Fed looked likely to cut less aggressively after the Fed's initial cut last year. Since then, the 3-month to 2-year segment of the Treasury curve flattened, a trend that continued over the past week.

Ameriprise 2025 Year-End Forecasts (See scenarios on page 5 of 2025 Investment Themes,					
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Favorable	Base	Adverse
Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
Fed Funds	Fed Funds	Fed Funds
Target Range	Target Range	Target Range
4.25% - 4.50%	3.75% - 4.00%	3.25% - 3.50%
10-Year Treasury	10-Year Treasury	10-Year Treasury
5.00%	4.25%	3.00%

Source: American Enterprise Investment Services, Inc.

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In our Base Scenario, we forecast 10-year yields to end 2025 at 4.25%, modestly below where they closed out last year at 4.57%. Inflation of around 2%, significant net new Treasury issuance and potential growth support a natural upward slope for the 2-year to 10-year segment of the curve. In the Favorable Scenario, Fed cuts are off the table, and the steepening in the 2-year/10-year relationship leaves 10-year yields near 5.0% as the market builds in a higher real return for buying Treasuries. Conversely, to the extent growth softens and results in additional Fed rate cuts, we anticipate 10-year yields likely settle to 3.0% as inflation loses ground.

**Fed funds policy forecast**: In our Base Scenario, the Fed reduces policy rates by half a percent next year as occasional soft patches in data enable the Fed to ease restrictive policy to extend the expansion. In the Favorable Scenario, the strong growth through 2025 and firm labor markets lead the Fed to stay on the sidelines through the year, having already cut rates by a whole percentage point in 2024. The Adverse Scenario sees periods of slower growth that permit the Fed to lower its rate policy by a full percent.

2025 is a year hinged the pace of U.S. economic growth. We see the new administration's policies playing a key role as well as the response from global partners.

#### U.S. Premarket Indicators / Overnight International Market Activity

#### **United States:**

The S&P 500 Index reached a new record high intraday on Wednesday before closing at 6086, already up 3.5% on the year driven by continued gains in the tech sector and the strength of earnings reports. The S&P500 closed higher last Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, marking three consecutive sessions of gains. Markets were closed for the MLK holiday on Monday.

- U.S. equity futures lost ground relative to their closing levels Wednesday but may open modestly higher this morning. The S&P 500 Index closed Wednesday up 37 points or 0.6%, the Nasdaq up 252 points at 2000, back through the 20000 level for the first time since December 24.
- CEO Jamie Dimon commented in an interview at Davos threw cold water on the level of concern in the market around the inflationary effects of potential tariffs.
- On the economic data front, initial jobless claims are expected to come in a bit higher than last week at 220k with a minimal uptick in the pace of continuing claims of 1866k according to Bloomberg estimates of economists' views.
- Finally, U.S. Treasury yields rose overnight and stand at higher levels than just a week ago. The curve has twisted over the past week with yields across the belly of the curve (2-year to 10-year) rising three to seven basis points as investors adjust positioning around early executive decisions of President Trump's administration.

#### **Europe:**

Europe's stocks hold near record levels mid-day and ahead of the open to U.S. stock markets today. The days since President Trump was sworn in offer a hopeful outlook on where tariffs may come into place. If they were announced right away, markets expected higher tariff levels than is the new administration takes a more measured approach.

- The FTSE 100 was up -0.1%, the CAC 40 up -0.3%, the DAX up 0.2% and the lbex 35 rising 0.3%.
- The telecommunications and banking sectors seemed to perform well while technology and mining lagged in trading this morning.

#### **Asia-Pacific:**

U.S. Dollar strength continues to be a headwind for stocks in Asia and across emerging markets.

- In China, efforts to boost stock markets by encouraging mutual funds and insurers to buy stocks has failed to measure
  up.
- Indonesia and South Korea both sought to support for the rupiah and won in today's session by buying local currencies with reserves.
- The Nikkei rose 312 to 39958, up 0.7% today, while the CSI 300 rose a modest 0.1% and the Hang Seng dipped 0.4%.

#### **WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS**

British Pound (£/\$)

1/23/2025	As of: 8	3:30 AM	ET								
Americas	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Europe (Intra-day)	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Asia/Pacific (Last Night)	% chg.	%YTD	Value
S&P 500	0.6%	3.5%	6,086.4	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	-0.1%	6.4%	5,200.9	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	0.8%	0.2%	39,958.9
Dow Jones	0.3%	3.9%	44,156.7	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	0.1%	4.8%	8,556.9	Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	-0.4%	-1.4%	19,700.6
NASDAQ Composite	1.3%	3.6%	20,009.3	DAX Index (Germany)	0.3%	7.1%	21,315.1	Korea Kospi 100	-1.2%	4.8%	2,515.5
Russell 2000	-0.6%	3.3%	2,303.7	CAC 40 (France)	0.4%	6.7%	7,868.0	Singapore STI	0.7%	0.5%	3,806.6
Brazil Bovespa	-0.3%	2.2%	122,972	FTSE MIB (Italy)	0.4%	5.2%	35,980.0	Shanghai Comp. (China)	0.5%	-3.6%	3,230.2
S&P/TSX Comp. (Canada)	0.1%	2.5%	25,311.5	IBEX 35 (Spain)	0.4%	3.3%	11,924.7	Bombay Sensex (India)	0.2%	-2.0%	76,520.4
Russell 3000	0.5%	3.8%	3,482.9	MOEX Index (Russia)	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#N/A N/A	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	-0.6%	2.7%	8,378.7
Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	<b>Developed International</b>	% chg.	%YTD	Value	<b>Emerging International</b>	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	0.5%	3.3%	868.5	MSCI EAFE	0.4%	3.2%	2,333.3	MSCI Emerging Mkts	0.1%	0.8%	1,082.4
Note: International market returns	shown on a	local curren	cy basis. The	equity index data shown abov	e Is on a <u>t</u>	total retu	rn basis, incl	isive of dividends.			
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Japanese Yen (\$/¥)

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### **Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC)**

U.S. Equity Sector - Tactical Views									
	S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical <u>Overlay</u>	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>		S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical Overlay	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>
Financials	13.5%	Overweight	2.0%	15.5%	Energy	3.0%	Equalweight	-	3.0%
Consumer Staples	5.5%	Equalweight	-	5.5%	Utilities	2.3%	Equalweight	-	2.3%
Information Technology	32.8%	Equalweight	-	32.8%	Materials	1.9%	Equalweight	-	1.9%
Industrials	8.1%	Equalweight	-	8.1%	Real Estate	2.0%	Equalweight	-	2.0%
<b>Communication Services</b>	9.4%	Equalweight	-	9.4%	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	11.5%	Equalweight	-	11.5%
As of: January 2, 2025					Health Care	10.0%	Underweight	-2.0%	8.0%

0.1%

-0.1%

0.6%

1.3%

156.33

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Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)

Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)

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Index weightings represent the respective market capitalization of each sector in the S&P 500 as of 12/19/2024. The GAAC Tactical Overlay, as well as Recommended Tactical Weights, is derived from the Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC). Views are expressed relative to the Index and are provided to represent investment conviction in each region. Tactical Allocations are designed to augment Index returns over a 6-12 month time horizon. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Global Equity Regions - Tactical Views									
	MSCI All-Country			GAAC		MSCI All-Country	y	GAAC	GAAC
	World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended
	Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	<u>Weight</u>		Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	Weight
<b>United States</b>	66.1%	Overweight	3.2%	69.3%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	3.0%	Equalweight	-	3.0%
Europe ex U.K.	11.3%	Equalweight	-	11.3%	Asia-Pacific ex Japan	10.2%	Underweight	<b>-1.0</b> %	9.2%
Latin America	0.8%	Equalweight	-	0.8%	Canada	2.7%	Underweight	<b>-1.0</b> %	1.7%
Japan	4.7%	Equalweight	-	4.7%	Middle East / Africa	1.2%	Underweight	<b>-1.2</b> %	0.0%
as of: January 2, 2025		•					•		

Index weightings are based on the regional market capitalizations of the MSCI All-Country World Index as of 12/26/2024. The GAAC Tactical Overlay, as well as the Recommended Tactical Weights, are derived from the Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC). Views are expressed relative to the Index and are provided to represent investment conviction in each region. Tactical Allocations are designed to augment Index returns over a 6-12 month time horizon. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

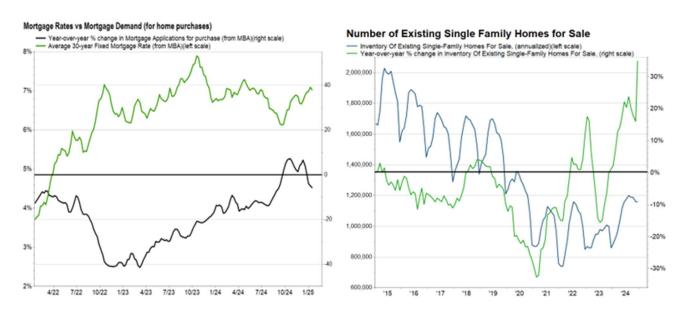
# Economic News and Views:

# Russell T. Price, CFA - Chief Economist

Releases	for Thurso	day, January 23, 2025	All times Eastern. Co	All times Eastern. Consensus estimates via Bloomberg					
<u>Time</u>	<u>Period</u>	Release	<u>Consensus Est.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior</u>	Revised to			
8:30 AM	Jan. 18	Initial Jobless Claims	220k	223k	217k				
8:30 AM	Jan. 17	Continuing Claims	1866k	1899k	1859k				

#### **Commentary:**

- Consumers conforming to the new mortgage rate reality. Thirty-year fixed mortgage rates have consistently been above 6% for nearly four years now, and currently, they're close to 7%. Rates have not been this high since 2008, and they're a far cry from the sub-3% levels experienced through most of 2022.
- That short, golden period of 3% mortgage rates is clearly over, to the dismay of many, but potential home buyers seem to be slowly coming to terms with the market's new reality.
- As seen in the chart at left below, mortgage application volumes have steadily improved over the last two years despite the higher rates. No doubt, an improvement in the number of homes for sale is also benefitting transaction volumes. At 1.16 million, December's inventory of homes available for sale was 35% above comparable year-ago levels, although, as seen in the chart below at right, availability is still tight relative to long-term standards.
- Existing home sales dropped to 30-year lows over the last two years given the sharply higher mortgage rates and lack of availability. We believe recent trends, however, support prospects for home sales in 2025.
- 2025 Housing market outlook: The National Association of Realtors (NAR) is predicting 2025 Existing Home Sales to be about 7% to 12% higher year-over-year (y/y) on a 2% increase in median prices. The organization further predicts New Home Sales to be a solid 11% higher. The 30-year mortgage rate is projected to drop to about 6%, but this number could be at risk due to the potential inflationary influence of tariffs. *The charts below are sourced from FactSet*.



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Ameriprise Economic Projections											
Forecast:		Full-	year			Quarterly					
	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Est.
	2022	2023	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025
Real GDP (annualized)	2.5%	2.9%	2.8%	2.0%	3.2%	1.6%	3.0%	2.8%	2.7%	1.8%	2.3%
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	3.7%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%
CPI (YoY)	8.0%	3.4%	2.5%	2.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.4%	2.2%
Core PCE (YoY)	5.2%	2.9%	2.7%	2.0%	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.3%	2.2%

Sources: Historical data via FactSet. Estimates (Est.) via American Enterprise Investment Services Inc.

YoY = Year-over-year, Unemployment numbers are period ending. GDP: Gross Domestic Product; CPI: Consumer Price Index

PCE: Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index. Core excludes food and energy.

All estimates other than GDP are period ending.

# Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee Targets and Views

Targets			
	Favorable	Base-Case	Adverse
2025 Year-end Targets:	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
S&P 500 Index:	7,000	6,500	5,500
10-Year U.S. Treasury Yield:	5.00%	4.25%	3.00%
Fed Funds Target Range:	4.25% to 4.50%	3.75% to 4.00%	3.25% to 3.50%

Estimates (Est.) via American Enterprise Investment Services Inc.

Please see latest Quarterly Capital Market Digest for more information.

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# Global Asset Allocation Committee Views

## AMERIPRISE GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TACTICAL ASSET CLASS VIEWS

2025 Year-end S&P 500 Target: 6,500 2025 Year-End 10-year Treasury Target: 4.25%

as of 12/30/2024

_	Overweight	Equalweight	Underweight
Equity	U.S. Large Cap Growth U.S. Large Cap Value	<ul> <li>U.S. Mid Cap Value</li> <li>U.S. Mid Cap Growth</li> <li>U.S. Small Cap Value</li> <li>U.S. Small Cap Growth</li> </ul>	Developed Foreign Equity     Emerging Foreign Equity
S&P 500 Sectors	• Financials	Communication Services Consumer Discretionary Consumer Staples Energy Industrials Information Technology Materials Real Estate Utilities	Health Care
Global Equity Regions	United States	<ul><li>Europe ex U.K.</li><li>Japan</li><li>Latin America</li><li>United Kingdom</li></ul>	<ul><li>Middle East/Africa</li><li>Asia-Pacific ex Japan</li><li>Canada</li></ul>
Fixed Income	U.S. High Yield Bonds	U.S. Government     U.S. Inv. Grade Corporates     Developed Foreign Bonds	Emerging Foreign Bonds     Municipal Bonds
Alternatives		Real Assets     Alternative Strategies	
Cash		Cash     Cash Investments	

Note: Our Tactical Allocations are designed to augment a Strategic portfolio over a 6-12-month time horizon. Asset Allocation and diversification do not ensure or guarantee better performance and do not eliminate the risk of investment losses. Investors should note that rising interest rates could have a detrimental effect on bond prices. Please consult with your financial advisor. Cash generally refers to assets, securities and/or products low in risk and highly liquid. For asset allocation purposes, instruments can include Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, money market funds and high quality bonds whose maturities are less than 3 months. Outside of asset allocation purposes, cash investments can also include illiquid cash held in a mutual fund or pledged as collateral for derivatives. You can only access this cash by redeeming the fund using it, subject to fees or time constraints associated with redemptions.

As of December 31, 2024		Rolling	Returns	
Major Market Indices	QTD	1-year	3-years	5-years
Russell 3000® Index (U.S. Equity)	2.63%	23.81%	8.01%	13.86%
MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index - net (Foreign Equity)	-7.60%	5.53%	0.82%	4.10%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index (Fixed Income)	-2.73%	2.04%	-1.95%	0.06%
Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index (Alternatives)	-1.87%	4.33%	1.50%	2.48%
FTSE Three-Month Treasury Bill Index (Cash)	1.23%	5.45%	4.05%	2.54%

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Performance calculations use FactSet data and are as of Date.

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