



## Weekly market overview

### Week ahead

- Large healthcare and financial sector companies are scheduled to publish their earnings this week.
- The UK is set to release Employment Change on Tuesday and GfK Consumer Confidence on Friday. Meanwhile, The EU will publish Economic Sentiment on Tuesday. The US will report Initial Jobless Claims on Thursday.

\*For exact dates please check page 6 of the document

### Commentary

#### US stocks rose, driven by strong bank earnings and value stocks.

Major banks like JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs reported robust Q4 profits, while rising oil prices boosted the energy sector. December's core inflation rose just 0.2% m/m, the smallest increase since July, slowing to 3.2% y/y. While the Fed is unlikely to cut rates in January, the data signaled progress on inflation, raising hopes for potential cuts later in 2025. Retail sales grew 0.4% in December, missing forecasts, while jobless claims rose slightly to 217,000 but remained steady. Bond yields fell after the inflation report, boosting demand for Treasury, municipal, and corporate bonds.

#### European stocks climbed as cooling inflation raised hopes for further rate cuts.

The STOXX Europe 600 gained 2.37%, with France's CAC 40 up 3.75%, Germany's DAX rising 3.41%, and the UK's FTSE 100 adding 3.11%. UK inflation slowed to 2.5% in December, increasing chances of a February rate cut, though GDP growth remained weak at 0.1%, and retail sales fell 0.3% in December. Germany's economy contracted 0.2% in 2024 for the second consecutive year due to falling investments, despite a rebound in consumption. The European Central Bank (ECB) signaled cautious rate cuts, with a reduction to 2.75% expected in January, citing risks from global trade, geopolitical tensions, and eurozone fiscal policies.

EQUITIES	Level	W/W % change	M/M % change	YTD % change
<b>United States</b>				
S&P 500	5,997	2.9	-0.9	2.0
Nasdaq 100	21,441	2.8	-2.5	2.0
Dow Jones 30	43,488	3.7	0.1	2.2
Russell 2000	2,276	4.0	-2.5	2.1
<b>Global</b>				
S&P Europe	2,128	2.3	1.9	3.2
S&P China	2,469	2.8	-2.5	-2.9
S&P Japan	2,511	-1.4	-1.8	-2.8
S&P Global	4,127	2.5	-1.0	1.6

FIXED INCOME	Yield, %	1-week ago	1-month ago	31-Dec-2025
<b>United States</b>				
2y US Treasury	4.27	4.40	4.24	4.24
10y US Treasury	4.61	4.77	4.39	4.57
US IG Credit	5.34	5.47	5.18	5.31
US HY Credit	7.36	7.53	7.32	7.50
<b>Europe</b>				
2y German Bund	2.23	2.28	2.05	2.09
10y German Bund	2.51	2.57	2.23	2.36
Europe HY Credit	5.33	5.40	5.04	5.20

#### W/W performance of US stocks by style, %

Large-cap	3.8	2.9	2.0
	4.6	4.6	4.5
	5.1	4.0	3.7
	<b>Value</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Growth</b>

Source: Bloomberg

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## S&P 500 sector highlights









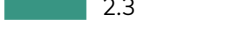
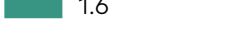


Analysts expect Communications and Financial sectors to outperform market in the following twelve months. Meanwhile, Consumer Discretionary is expected to underperform the broader market.

In Communications, Omnicom Group (OMC), Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc (WBD), and Comcast Corporation (CMCSA) are expected to deliver the best results. In Financials, Arch Capital (ACGL), Global Payments Inc (GPN) and Intercontinental Exchange, Inc (ICE) are considered potential outperformers.

In Consumer Discretionary, the worst performance is expected from Garmin (GRMN), eBay, Inc (EBAY), and Tesla (TSLA).

\*For detailed information on sectors please check page 7 of this document

### S&P 500 sector review: last week performance

Sector	ETF Ticker	Price, \$	W/W, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12 months outlook
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>SPY</b>	<b>597.6</b>	 2.9	<b>2.0</b>	<b>476.5</b>	<b>609.1</b>	<b>Positive</b>
Energy	XLE	94.0	 6.3	9.7	79.5	99.0	Neutral
Financials	XLF	50.2	 6.1	3.9	37.4	51.6	Positive
Materials	XLB	88.3	 6.0	5.0	80.7	97.9	Neutral
Industrials	XLI	137.8	 4.9	4.5	111.1	144.5	Neutral
Real Estate	XLRE	41.1	 4.8	1.0	35.6	45.6	Neutral
Utilities	XLU	78.8	 4.3	4.2	59.1	83.4	Neutral
Discretionary	XLY	229.2	 3.8	2.2	166.5	240.3	Negative
Technology	XLK	234.1	 2.3	0.7	190.7	241.9	Neutral
Communications	XLC	97.4	 1.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	Positive
Staples	XLP	77.2	 1.2	-1.7	71.6	84.5	Neutral
Health Care	XLV	140.2	 0.4	1.9	135.9	159.6	Neutral

Source: Galt & Taggart Research, Bloomberg, Tipranks, Charles Schwab  
 \*Percentage price changes given in parentheses indicate w/w changes

## Global equities

### Last week's strongest performers in S&P 500

#	Ticker	Name	Price, \$	W/W, %	M/M, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12M price target, \$*	12M upside potential, %
1	QRVO	Qorvo, Inc.	84.2	17.5	18.7	20.4	64.5	131.0	91.8	9.0
2	BLDR	Builders FirstSource, Inc.	164.1	17.3	2.5	14.8	130.8	214.7	200.8	22.4
3	URI	United Rentals, Inc.	771.0	14.9	1.7	9.4	555.3	897.0	847.3	9.9
4	SLB	Schlumberger Limited	43.6	12.8	11.9	13.7	36.5	55.7	53.5	22.8
5	ALB	Albemarle Corporation	97.5	12.7	-0.1	13.3	72.0	143.2	117.1	20.1

### Last week's weakest performers in S&P 500

#	Ticker	Name	Price, \$	W/W, %	M/M, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12M price target, \$*	12M upside potential, %*
1	MRNA	Moderna, Inc.	34.1	-19.4	-16.4	-18.1	31.9	170.5	68.0	99.7
2	CRL	Charles River Laboratories	163.5	-12.2	-13.6	-11.4	160.8	275.0	205.3	25.6
3	LLY	Eli Lilly and Company	725.7	-9.3	-6.8	-6.0	614.8	972.5	977.5	34.7
4	LVS	Las Vegas Sands Corp.	44.4	-6.0	-17.2	-13.6	36.6	56.6	59.6	34.2
5	TGT	Target Corporation	133.6	-5.7	1.5	-1.2	120.2	181.9	142.6	6.7

### Last week's 10 most traded stocks globally

#	Ticker	Name	Price, \$	W/W, %	M/M, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12M price target, \$*	12M upside potential, %
1	NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	137.7	1.3	5.6	2.5	57.2	153.1	173.1	25.7
2	INTC	Intel Corporation	21.5	12.2	5.1	7.2	18.5	50.3	24.2	12.4
3	TSLA	Tesla, Inc.	426.5	8.0	-11.1	5.6	138.8	488.5	309.0	-27.5
4	AAPL	Apple Inc.	230.0	-2.9	-9.3	-8.2	164.1	260.1	247.6	7.7
5	BAC	Bank of America Corporation	46.5	3.1	3.3	5.9	31.6	48.1	51.4	10.4
6	AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	225.9	3.2	-2.3	3.0	151.6	233.0	245.4	8.6
7	AMD	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	121.5	4.7	-2.8	0.6	114.4	227.3	173.4	42.8
8	AVGO	Broadcom Inc.	237.4	5.9	-1.2	2.4	115.6	251.9	242.1	2.0
9	GOOGL	Alphabet Inc.	196.0	2.1	0.3	3.5	130.7	201.4	213.2	8.8
10	C	Citigroup Inc.	80.0	12.0	12.5	13.6	50.6	80.5	88.6	10.8

\*Price targets represent the average price forecasts made during past three months by the highest ranked analysts (primarily from Wall Street). A positive 12 month return target implies an overall "Buy" recommendation by analysts

\*Upside potentials for stocks with negative short-term performance may be biased. This is because analysts may take time to reflect in their forecasts any unfavorable information regarding the stock.

Source: Bloomberg, Tipranks

## Georgian corporate bonds

Issuer	Currency	Amount, mn	Coupon	Issue date	Maturity date	Ratings (Fitch/S&P/Moody/Scope)	Mid price	Mid yield, %
<b>USD</b>								
Bakhvi Hydro Power	USD	1.2	9.40%	Nov-17	Nov-27	-/-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Geo. Renewable Power Oper.	USD	80	7.00%	Oct-22	Oct-27	-/-/-/-	100.00	7.00%
Geosteel	USD	15	9.00%	Apr-23	Apr-25	-/-/-/-	99.99	9.00%
Silk Real Estate	USD	20	9.00%	Apr-23	Apr-26	-/-/-/-	99.99	9.00%
Tegeta Motors	USD	20	8.50%	Apr-23	Apr-25	-/-/-/BB-	99.77	8.75%
Energy Development Georgia	USD	10	8.50%	Jun-23	Jun-25	-/-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Georgia Capital	USD	150	8.50%	Aug-23	Aug-28	-/BB-/-/-	101.08	8.13%
Silk Real Estate	USD	20	9.25%	Sep-23	Sep-26	-/-/-/-	100.91	8.63%
Prime Concrete	USD	7.5	10.50%	Sep-23	Sep-27	-/-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Austrian-Georgian Development	USD	15	9.00%	Oct-23	Oct-25	-/-/-/-	n/a	n/a
MFO EuroCredit	USD	10	9.50%	Dec-23	Dec-27	-/-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Geosteel	USD	5	8.50%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/-/-	99.63	8.75%
IG Development	USD	20	8.50%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/-/-	99.61	8.75%
Tegeta Motors	USD	5	8.50%	Jun-24	Jun-26	-/-/-/BB-	n/a	8.63%
Tegeta Motors	USD	3.3	8.50%	Jun-24	Jun-26	-/-/-/BB-	n/a	8.63%
IG Development	USD	19.5	8.50%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/-/-	n/a	8.63%
Tegeta Motors	USD	5	8.50%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MP Development	USD	5	8.75%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/-/-	n/a	8.75%
JSC BasisBank	USD	20	7.00%	Aug-24	Aug-27	-/-/-/-	n/a	7.00%
Georgia Real Estate	USD	25	8.50%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/-/-	n/a	8.50%
Chavchavadze 64B	USD	10	8.75%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/-/-	n/a	8.75%
Tegeta Motors	USD	5	8.25%	Dec-24	Dec-26	-/-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a

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 Source: Bloomberg, Galt & Taggart

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<b>EUR</b>								
Tegeta Motors	EUR	5	7.00%	Apr-23	Apr-25	-/-/BB-	99.77	7.25%
Tegeta Motors	EUR	4	7.00%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	99.63	7.25%
Tegeta Motors	EUR	7	6.75%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	100.37	6.15%
IG Development	EUR	5	7.00%	Jan-24	Jan-26	-/-/BB-	99.60	6.15%
Tegeta Motors	EUR	10	6.75%	May-24	May-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MP Development	EUR	3	7.75%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	7.75%
Silk Real Estate	EUR	7	7.00%	Aug-24	Aug-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	7.00%
Chavchavadze 64B	EUR	3	7.75%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	7.75%
<b>GEL</b>								
Nikora	GEL	35	TIBR3M + 3.50%	Nov-22	Nov-25	-/-/BB-	100.00	11.58%
Tegeta Motors	GEL	150	TIBR3M + 3.50%	Dec-22	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MFO Crystal	GEL	25	TIBR6M + 4.75%	Feb-23	Feb-25	B-/BB-	100.00	13.22%
MFO Rico Express	GEL	130	TIBR1D + 2.00%	Mar-23	Mar-26	-/-/BB+	n/a	n/a
TBC Leasing	GEL	100	TIBR3M + 3.00%	Mar-23	Mar-26	BB-/BB-	n/a	n/a
TBC Leasing	GEL	15	TIBR3M + 2.75%	Jun-23	Jun-26	BB-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Tegeta Motors	GEL	20	TIBR6M + 3.50%	Jun-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Tegeta Motors	GEL	20	14.5%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Cellfie	GEL	65	TIBR6M + 3.50%	Dec-23	Dec-26	-/-/BB-	100.00	12.33%
Tegeta Motors	GEL	10	13.50%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Tegeta Motors	GEL	15	13.50%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/BB-	100.00	13.50%
Nikora Trade	GEL	60	TIBR3M + 3.25%	Oct-24	Oct-29	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MFO MBC	GEL	30	TIBR3M + 4.25%	Dec-24	Dec-26	-/-/BB+	n/a	n/a

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## Week ahead calendar

### Macroeconomic releases

### Company earnings

	Time (GMT +4)	Country	Event	Company	Ticker	Time
<b>Monday</b> 20 January	05:15	CN	PBoC Interest Rate Decision			
<b>Tuesday</b> 21 January	11:00	UK	Employment Change	Netflix	NFLX	After Market
	24 h	EU	Eurogroup Meeting, Dec	Charles Schwab	SCHW	Premarket
	14:00	EU	Economic Sentiment, Jan	Prologis	PLD	Premarket
<b>Wednesday</b> 22 January				Interactive Brokers	IBKR	After Market
	03:00	CH	World Economic Forum	Procter & Gamble	PG	Premarket
				Johnson & Johnson	GS	Premarket
				Abbott Laboratories	ABT	Premarket
<b>Thursday</b> 23 January				Hdfc Bank	HDB	N/A
	17:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims, Jan	Intuitive Surgical	ISRG	After Market
	19:00	EU	Consumer Confidence, Jan	GE Aerospace	GE	Premarket
				Texas Instruments	TXN	After Market
<b>Friday</b> 24 January				Union Pacific	UNP	Premarket
	N/A	JP	BoJ Interest Rate Decision	American Express	AXP	Premarket
	04:00	UK	GfK Consumer Confidence, Jan	Verizon	VZ	Premarket
				NextEra Energy	NEE	Premarket
				HCA Healthcare	HCA	Premarket

1. Central bank interest rates have significant impact on equity valuations. Higher rates result in lower discounted values of future earnings, which naturally bring down the stock prices.
2. Inflation is currently a very closely watched macroeconomic statistic, as central banks respond to high inflation by raising interest rates. Generally, developed economies target a 2% annual inflation rate, which is less than current inflation levels in both the US and Eurozone.

## Descriptions of key sectors

<b>Communications</b>	Includes companies that produce communication technologies and services. Major industries are internet content & information, telecom services, entertainment, electronic gaming & multimedia, advertising agencies, broadcasting, and publishing. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Alphabet, Meta Platforms, Netflix, T-Mobile, and Walt Disney.
<b>Technology</b>	Includes companies that produce technological goods or services. Major industries are software, semiconductors, consumer electronics, IT services, computer hardware, electronic components, and scientific & technical instruments. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Apple, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Cisco, and IBM.
<b>Discretionary</b>	Includes companies that produce non-essential or luxury goods and services (aka Consumer Discretionary or Consumer Cyclical). Major industries are general and internet retail, auto manufacturing & dealership, apparel, restaurants, travel services & resorts, and gambling. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Amazon, Tesla, Nike, Alibaba, and McDonald's.
<b>Staples</b>	Includes companies that produce goods essential to life (aka Consumer Staples or Consumer Defensive). Major industries are discount stores, household & personal products, beverages, tobacco, packaged foods, confectioneries, farm products, and grocery stores. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Walmart, Procter & Gamble, Coca-Cola, Philip Morris, and Costco.
<b>Health Care</b>	Includes companies that produce health-related products and services. Major industries are drug manufacturing, biotechnology, healthcare plans, medical devices, instruments & supplies, diagnostics & research, and medical care facilities. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Eli Lilly, UnitedHealth Group, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, and Pfizer.
<b>Financials</b>	Includes companies related to finance and investing. Major industries are banks, insurance, credit services, asset management, capital markets, and financial data & stock exchanges. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Berkshire Hathaway, Visa, JPMorgan, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs.
<b>Industrials</b>	Includes companies that mainly produce capital goods for manufacturing and construction. Major industries are aerospace & defense, industrial machinery, railroads, farm & heavy construction machinery, freight & logistics, and building products & equipment. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Union Pacific, United Parcel Services, FedEx, General Electric, and Boeing.
<b>Materials</b>	Includes companies that produce raw materials mostly for manufacturing purposes. Major industries are chemicals, industrial metals & mining, precious metals & mining, building materials, agricultural inputs, paper & paper products, and lumber & wood products. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Linde, BHP Group, Rio Tinto, and Dow.
<b>Energy</b>	Includes companies relating to oil, gas, and consumable fuels. Major industries of the sector are oil & gas: exploration & production, midstream, equipment & services, refining & marketing, drilling, uranium, and thermal coal. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Shell, Occidental Petroleum, and BP.
<b>Utilities</b>	Includes companies that provide basic utilities, such as gas, water, and electricity. Major industries include regulated electric, renewables, regulated gas, regulated water, and independent power producers. Examples of leading companies in this sector are NextEra Energy, Southern Company, and Duke Energy.
<b>Real Estate</b>	Mainly includes Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Major industries are REIT: specialty, industrial, residential, retail, healthcare facilities, diversified, office, mortgage, hotel & motel, and real estate services. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Prologis, American Tower, and Equinix.

Source: S&P Capital IQ, Corporate Finance Institute

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